

Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

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An unexpected visitor

At our annual general meeting on 17 August, we were delighted that our founding member Lorraine Taylor (pictured with our president Jane Rivett-Carnac) was able to join us in our new home. Unfortunately she had missed our birthday celebrations in May.

Patrick Ferry of the National Archives gave us a fascinating insight into files from the ASIO. This included the story about Doris McRae, a teacher from Pakenham, who came to ASIO's attention of the security services after a trip to Russia.

Our group's committee was re-elected, and Wendy Goodwin re-joins us as publicity officer.

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Upcoming events *(see inside)*

- * **Sat, 21 Sep 2024, 2 pm: General Meeting –**
Hidden gems in Family Search – New things and old things you might be missing
- * **Sun, 28 Sep 2024, 10 am: Coffee Catch-up:** Over the Road Café, Emerald
- * **Wed, 16 Oct 2024, 7.30 pm: General Meeting –**
Early Aboriginal involvement in Victoria's military
- * **Sun, 27 Oct 2024, 10 am: Cemetery Walk** at Emerald Cemetery

General meetings are at 110 High Street, Berwick



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Vale Rex McFarlane

With heavy hearts we honour the life and service of one of our own.

Rex joined the group in June 2005 with encouragement from his daughter Eileen. We learned that he had recently moved to our area and liked to collect bottles and stamps. Eileen had successfully nagged him to start collecting relatives too.

Just two years later, Rex was elected as Vice President, filling a long vacant and important role for the family history group. He saw a job that needed to be done and decided to do it.

Rex was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 2017 for sustained,



significant and unique contributions to the family history group over the years.

As Door Officer at meetings and Gate Officer at cemetery tours, Rex was often the first person visitors and guests encountered. There was no one better suited to that job than Rex. It wasn't until this year's AGM last month that ill health forced him to resign from the job he loved so much.

Rex was always there, always contributing, always leading by example.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Eileen and the McFarlane family. Rex was a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.

We are sure that there will be other tributes to Rex in future editions.



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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.

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesday and Saturday 11 am to 2 pm

Casual visitors \$5 per day

Research room phone number: (03) 9768 9973

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 Connected Libraries and the City of Casey.
Genealogical Society of Victoria	
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.	
Royal Historical Society of Victoria	

Meetings

October - April: 7.30 pm

3rd Wednesday of the month

(no meeting in January)

May - September: 2.00 pm

3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership

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

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 \$20 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 Catch-ups



Meet with other members and friends for a social chat and a bite on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am

next catch-up

29 September 2024

Over the Road Café

369-371 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald

27 October 2024: no catch-up.

Join us at the Emerald Cemetery Walk



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

In October 2023 we held our first cemetery walk in the Dandenong Community Cemetery, where we had wonderful support from our local Star Group newspapers. This coming October we will visit graves at Emerald Cemetery, we are currently finalising those stories.

Our Christmas gathering was full of laughter. Santa's elf Kerry, took us on a trip down memory lane with childhood games and toys.

Throughout the year we worked with our local libraries and continue working with our fellow heritage groups, the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group and the South Eastern Historical Association. Together with Heather Arnold we presented monthly talks at Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society. Eileen Durdin gave talks about local schools and about the Wanke family, showcasing resources from our collection.

In April 2024, we participated in the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group Heritage Day, which was held in the Berwick Seniors' Centre. The day was facilitated by the local history librarians Kate from Connected Libraries Cranbourne, and Charlotte from MyLi Pakenham and supported by the City of Casey. We had a busy day.

Our Casey Cardinia Remembers team continue adding to our webpage and we get regular feedback and comments. Our Max Thomson Photographic Collection generates many comments on our Facebook page after we post a new photograph each Monday. Our Projects Team continue to sort and digitise the various collections we have in our custody. For the past twenty years, a dedicated small team of indexers have been adding to our Casey Cardinia Combined Index. This database of names from resources of our region has passed 200,000 entries and is growing each month.

May started with council staff showing our executive committee a number of potential new homes, after we were informed that the admin building at the Casey Complex, which we called home for the last seven years, was going to be decommissioned shortly. In early June it was decided that our new home would be at 110 High Street, Berwick.

We celebrated 35 years of NW&DFHG with a fabulous gathering at Cranbourne on 18 May. Two days later we thanked our volunteers with a bus tour and morning tea at Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick. We presented our 'Smile...you're on Eileen's Candid Camera'-Shirley Award to Eileen Durdin. We continue to meet for coffee/brunch on the last Sunday of the month at various cafés in our area.

The LTRR at Cranbourne closed for the last time on 15 June, just before we held our last meeting in the conference room. In the space of ten weeks we had inspected potential new locations, and agreed to new rooms at Berwick. Office Movers helped pack and unpack our collection on 12 July. Over the following few days we finalised unpacking the last few boxes, and arranged the LTRR, store rooms and kitchen for our needs. It is amazing what team-work, determination and a can-do attitude can achieve. Everyone contributed what they could. However, the lion's share of the brain strain and workload was shouldered by dynamos Lynne and Eileen - we cannot thank them enough. We are grateful for the support from the City of Casey, in particular from Paula Mountford-Hall, to make our relocation go as smoothly as possible. We held the first meeting on 20 July, and re-opened the LTRR to our members on Tuesday, 23 July.

I wonder what the future holds for our group and members. In a blink we will be celebrating 40 years.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



NW&DFHG Coffee Catch-ups

Our coffee catch-ups continue to be well attended by our members and their partners. The image on the left shows our group at BTS-Café at Beaconsfield at the end of July. Our August get-together was at Coffee Bean Café at Cranbourne West, and at the end of September we plan to try out the new Over the Road Café in Emerald. Why don't you come along?

Member of the Year 2024

The criteria for Member of the Year is that they contribute to most of the activities of the group, have gone out of their way to assist fellow members and visitors, assist with fund raising and fundraising ideas, regularly attend meetings. The president and previous year's member of the year—Barbara Sharp—are ineligible.

This year six nominations came in. One of our newer members, Tracey Roberts, became a volunteer in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room this year, is researching for our cemetery walk, helped out at the 35th birthday celebration, and is always happy to help wherever needed.

The late Lyne McGregor was nominated for her work with last year's cemetery walk at Dandenong, the preparation towards this year's walk at

Emerald, and her commitment to the group wearing the two committee hats of correspondence and publicity, while dealing with her health issues.

Marianne Rocke was nominated for the consistently high standard and production of our newsletter 'Spreading Branches' and her skills and dedication to the production of the cemetery walk books. She helps at sausage sizzle days, supports the monthly Coffee & Chats regularly, supported the Digitisation Day and the Heritage Festival and attends meetings whenever she can.

Moreyn Dimsey was nominated for her enthusiastic work as our librarian and how she is always looking at how to improve our holdings, along with her work with the project team.

Eileen Durdin was nominated for her devoted work with the Max Thomson collection even spending many hours on this project over the Christmas break. There isn't much that happens in the group that Eileen is not involved in, while she ably carries out her duty as secretary. She is always ready to help out and this year presented talks to other community groups. Her calm and organised manner instils confidence in fellow members.

The final nominee is Lynne Bradley. Like the secretary, our treasurer has many other roles within the group. They include her guidance with the project team, editor, proofreader, etc. for the cemetery walks, IT fix up person, research officer, face book administrator and webmaster, sausage sizzler, etc. It was noted that she knows all the ins and outs of our computers and the technology in the room. Her persistence in getting the group recognised as 'Not for Profit' on the Charity register took a lot of patience. She is the go-to person – always knowledgeable, a great speaker, and attends all events.

From the president's perspective, all these members are worthy of recognition, especially this year with the extra work necessary for our birthday celebration, while at the same time dealing with our relocation to Berwick. It must be remembered that every minute, every hour that someone volunteers or goes above and beyond—they are doing it for all of us and our group. The other thing to remember is that all this activity happens within the day-to-day ups and downs of a home life. I'm grateful for every little and not so little thing that these six nominees have done in these past twelve months.

The 2024 Member of the Year is:
Lynne Bradley.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

Jane Rivett-Carnac with Lynne Bradley



Upcoming General Meetings

110 High Street, Berwick

Entry fee is \$5 to cover expenses for afternoon tea, speakers, and other meeting operating costs.

Saturday, 21 September 2024, 2 pm – General Meeting

Hidden gems in Family Search – New things and old things you might be missing

It's not just about trees and index searching on Family Search. There is so much more that you can access if you know where to look. And even more is coming!

Jan Whitaker has been doing family history for about 10 years, focusing mostly on her American and European heritage. She co-leads the U3A Genealogy class in Fiddler's Green. Jan can trace her American ancestors back to 1677 when a many x great grandfather arrived in Maryland as an indentured servant. In addition, she has discovered ancestors across Germany, Hungary and Holland through various record collections in those countries and languages. She has dug into the paid systems, but her main source of data is the Family Search data collection.

Wednesday, 16 October 2024, 7.30 pm – General Meeting

Early Aboriginal involvement in Victoria's military forces

Peter Bakker will share the latest information on what is now known about early Aboriginal involvement in Australia's military forces, with specific examples from Victoria's Aboriginal communities. He will touch on the treatment of Aboriginals at the time, their reasons for enlisting, the results of their service and how their contributions are being recognised today. Peter will be happy to answer any questions and would be delighted if you have any information/experiences related to the talk topic to share with him.

Some of his self-published booklets are available to purchase.

right: Peter Bakker, alongside a photograph of William Reginald Saunders MM



Emerald Cemetery Walk – 27 October 2024

Please join us on a ninety minute walk at the Emerald Cemetery as we share stories of people from the Casey Cardinia area remembered here. They include a young man shot by his best friend, a pioneer in vitamin C research, a great humanitarian involved in starting Amnesty International Australia, a nurse who set up a Bush Nursing Centre, and

a policeman who arrested a dead man.

The Emerald Cemetery was established in 1883 and is managed by The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.

Light refreshments included at the end of the walk and a book of those remembered



in our stories will be available for purchase.



When: Sunday, 27 October 2024, 10 am

Where: Emerald Cemetery,
180 Macclesfield Road, Avonsleigh

Cost: \$10 paid on the day

Bookings:

Email: cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au
treasurer@nwfhg.org.au

Phone: 0412 084 671 (Jane)

From poverty to a successful orchardist

Orchards sprawled across many acres in Upper Beaconsfield during the early to mid 1900s.

On 12 December 1912 John Wilfred Rutty and Percy Vernon Lockey, both electrical engineers, purchased sixty acres of land in three crown allotments in St Georges Road. Vernon Lockey proceeded to build a 7-room weatherboard house with bathroom, motor shed, stable shed and dairy for his family. It was named *Redland*, after the area in Gloucestershire, England, where he was born. Several people were employed to look after the property.

Lockey moved his wife Eleanor and his two daughters Phyllis and Joyce to Upper Beaconsfield, but continued to work in Melbourne, where he stayed at the Windsor Hotel during the week. He was the superintendent of the Electric Light and Traction Company, a forerunner of the State Electricity Commission.

One day, in Melbourne, he happened upon a 14-year-old boy, sleeping in the doorway of his workplace. The boy was clearly in need of help, so Lockey suggested that he take him to Upper Beaconsfield where he could help the gardener with the upkeep of his property. This is how Walter Henry Brown came to our village in about 1916.

Walter's family lived in Essendon, having migrated from London in 1910. Alfred John Brown, Walter's father, was a packing case maker and carpenter. Walter's two older brothers had enlisted, and only one of them would return. He had an older sister, two younger siblings, and his mother was expecting her last child after a break of nine years. Times were different then, and Walter's parents were probably relieved that they had a mouth less to feed, and Walter was working.

Much of Walter Brown's history was obtained from his son Bob, who resides at Salisbury House.

Upper Beaconsfield

Walter Brown, living with the Lockey family, enjoyed his new home. Not having had much schooling, he was intrigued by the large library at the Lockes' house. Bookshelves from floor to ceiling. He learnt to read, probably supported by the Lockes, and never gave up that interest. He educated himself in orcharding techniques. He may have been inspired by many farmers nearby who had recently planted orchards.

Walter suggested to Lockey that he would like to



above: Walter Brown working in the Redland orchard

clear some of his land and plant apple trees as well. His employer agreed, and Walter began his venture of being an orchardist. Over time he cleared about 25 acres and planted varieties of apples.

As he was still a minor, his father would collect Walter's wages from Mr Lockey. However, having a problem with alcohol, it was apparent to Lockey that Walter would not see any of it. Lockey, being an investor, suggested to Walter that he would instead invest his wages for his long term benefit.

On 15 February 1922 Lockey and Rutty transferred two acres of land to Walter, 'in consideration of services rendered to us', up to that date.

Alfred Brown moved his family to O'Neill Road, Beaconsfield, where he had purchased twenty acres of land in 1920. He lived there until the mid 1920s when he built a house on Walter's land. Eventually, most of Walter's siblings owned property in Upper Beaconsfield.

In the mid-1920s, Lockey's health took a turn to the worse, and he died in October 1927, aged 57. He had arranged with Walter, who he treated like the son he never had, that he would sell him the orchard. He said that he would take his invested wages as a deposit and that the balance was payable when he had the finances to do so.

On 25 June 1932 Walter Brown was able to pay £800, the balance of the purchase price, to the Lockey estate.

Orcharding

Walter Brown was a successful orchardist. He worked hard to get the best results from his apple trees. The Weekly Times reported in 1929 that Walter had made a portion of his orchard available for manurial experiments conducted by the government.

In 1936 he again featured in a Weekly Times article

where he talked about his success growing Granny Smith apples. He said that they were unrivalled as an export variety. Some of his techniques were letting trees bear fruit at four years versus eight years, trying different depths of planting, different sprays and fertilisers, and different treatment for pests. He interspersed Granny Smith trees with other apple trees, to increase pollination of neighbouring trees, and inserted Granny Smith grafts in the Jonathans at intervals. He preferred supplying the export market in preference to using cold storage for the local market.

Walter was a major shareholder in the Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative in Blackburn. In 1946 the company bought a 228-acre property off Hepner Road in Dewhurst, where Walter said they had a 10-acre orchard. In the 1930s they also had an orchard property off Harvie Road in Pakenham Upper. For a time he was president of the Upper Beaconsfield Fruitgrowers' Association, and a member of the Gippsland Fruit Marketing Association.

Walter had planted a small lemon orchard on his initial two acres of land. In about 1940 he was able to buy Colin Wright's adjacent 10-acre lemon orchard, which was very successful. Walter had a contract with the Victorian Railways, and was able to supply them weekly. For this he employed a dedicated lemon picker, who would pick them at just the right time. As lemon trees have a large requirement for water, he had an arrangement to utilise water from Stoney Creek, which flowed through the neighbouring property, owned by Ernst Ferdinand Finger. This land was later sold to the Boy Scouts Association Victorian Branch. Bob said that it was his father who first put in a small weir across Stoney Creek. Its purpose was to trap water that could be pumped up to a holding dam on his two acres. The water was released through trenches to his lemon orchard. Such neighbouring



agreements were common in those days, along with loans of equipment etc. in times of need.

Fires

Being surrounded by bush, Walter had a vast array of fire fighting equipment, some argued enough to rival the fire brigade. He was more a preventative backburner than an active firefighter. Neighbouring homeowners would seek Walter's help if they were threatened by fire due to his close proximity and ability to deploy his firefighting plant at short notice. From newspapers we learnt that Brown's

house and lemon orchard were saved in the 1932 fires, but that his orchard sustained some damage in 1936.

Runnymede and marriage

In 1932, Mrs Lockey and her daughters first moved to Sandringham, and then to Berwick. The Redland house, with 30 acres of residual land was first sold to Miss Jessie Bowser, who two years later sold it to James Stapledon.

With the house being sold, Walter arranged accommodation and meals with the Runnymede guesthouse nearby. From 1922 to 1936 the guesthouse was managed by Marion Frances Wintle (known as Queenie) and her husband Bertram. Queenie



Dorothy and Walter Brown



regularly had relatives staying at Runnymede. Walter lived in a unit attached to the guesthouse, and the proprietors built an external bathroom for him. It was seen as inappropriate for Walter to join the guests until he cleaned himself up from his orchard work.

A niece of Queenie, Dorothy Maude Smith, was a frequent visitor, and so met Walter. They married on 28 September 1935, when Walter had finished building a house for them in his orchard. The newly-weds named their house *Waldor*, a combination of both their names. Dorothy's well-to-do parents were not happy that their daughter had married a 'dirt farmer'. Although she did not help with the farm work, she was a dedicated wife to Walter. She would provide morning tea to the workers and would help him with keeping the accounts. Bob said that his father was the largest employer in the village at the time.

Their daughter Margaret was born in 1938, followed by Robert less than two years later. As Dorothy had difficulties with her health, her parents, Elsa and Frederick Smith, were caring for the little girl at East Malvern, while Dorothy cared for the baby boy at Waldor. At age four, Margaret started school at Little PLC (Presbyterian Ladies College), which was then taken over by Lauriston Girls' School. This suited Walter well, as he felt that it was proper for his daughter to receive private schooling. Until they

were in their teens the siblings hardly spent any time together.

Bob's childhood

Bob went to the local State School for four years. In those days pupils from all grades were in the same classroom, and Bob remembers his two classmates in the same year, Peter Gibbs and Marcia Preston (whose father worked for Walter Brown). Bob recalls cycling to school, with his dog running beside him. Once school started, the dog would return home, taking a shortcut through the bush. On Bob's way home, he would regularly stop at the Thomson's Milk Bar, where Walter had an account. This was alright most of the time, except when Bob started shouting ice cream to his friends. His dad was not happy.

Given that his father had many employees to do the orcharding work, Bob did not have to help with the farm work. St Georges Road was sparsely inhabited at this time, especially the lower end, and there were no other children to play with. Instead, Bob visited his various neighbours. He fondly remembers Mr and Mrs Wright, where he helped with some garden work in exchange for afternoon tea. Mrs Stapledon, who played the organ at the church, tried to turn him into a choirboy – without success. Bob described Mrs Parker, Critchley Parker's mother: *'She was an interesting lady. The house was on right on top of the hill, and it had a*

swimming pool which was a novelty for up there. She'd come up here on weekends in her two-door Rolls Royce, driving around amongst the trees picking up firewood for her house in South Yarra. She was pretty wealthy.'

In early 1950 Walter decided to retire. Bob had moved to his grandparents' place to continue his education at Caulfield Grammar.

Sale of the orchard

Walter sold the apple orchard to newly-married Ronald Murphy, a young orchardist from Pakenham Upper. As Walter and his family had not vacated the house yet, and the orchard had to be worked immediately, Ronald lived for the first six weeks in an old army truck at the bottom of the orchard. On Saturdays he'd ride his bike to Pakenham Upper to see his wife, and return to Upper Beaconsfield the next day. He planted a lemon orchard near his house. Those trees were bearing fruit for about 20 to 25 years.

Allan and Florence Cook bought the lemon orchard and the packing shed. They sold it all to Nell McTaggart a few years later. It was later passed on to her daughter Margaret and son-in-law Montie Howard, who farmed the property.

The remainder of the land was subdivided into smaller blocks which Walter sold over the next few years.

After moving to Queensland in his later life, Walter died in 1971. Dorothy lived until 2004.

Why orcharding disappeared from Upper Beaconsfield

Ronald Murphy gave up orcharding in the early 1970s when the building of the Cardinia Reservoir

offered better earning prospects. He worked as a spotter during the construction of the dam wall. This involved directing the large trucks to the spot where the load had to be dumped.

Eric Bumpstead, who had an orchard in Guys Hill for many years, explained that orcharding generally declined as growers could no longer make a living from small orchards. Factors were:

- ◆ England joining the European Economic Community in 1973, reducing demand for Australian apples
- ◆ Some growers began selling directly to supermarkets, who over time bargained down the prices. That influenced the wholesale prices growers generally got from the Victoria Market
- ◆ Supermarkets rejecting quality produce for cosmetic reasons such as size and shape. They also insisted on fruit being waxed – an additional cost to growers
- ◆ Cost of labour kept increasing
- ◆ Growers could not bear the cost of a failed season through hail and bird damage (big orchards began netting their trees)
- ◆ Inability to rapidly replace old apple varieties with new ones, which were often patented (another cost)

Eric commented that the new controlled atmosphere storage, required fruit to be picked before it was fully ripe, 'to the detriment of taste'.

Marianne Rocke

FamilySearch Full Text search

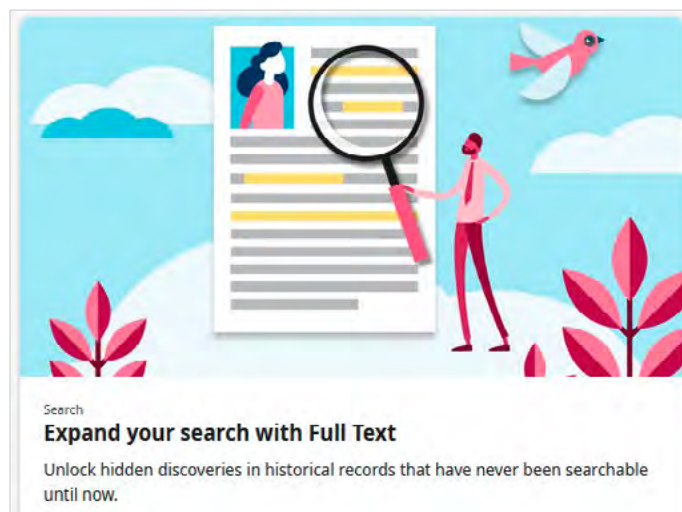
At our next general meeting on 21 September, Jan Whitaker will talk about FamilySearch's new experimental **Full Text** search feature.

In anticipation of the meeting I tried it out. At the moment a limited range of Australian and New Zealand databases are available, mainly probate records.

Search for a **name** or a **place**, and filter the results by collection, year, place or record type.

This is an easier and quicker way of finding probate records.

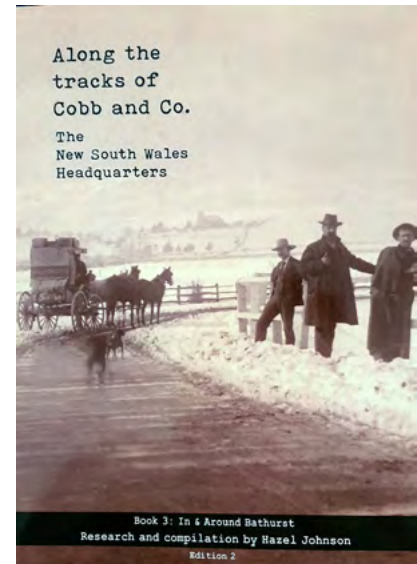
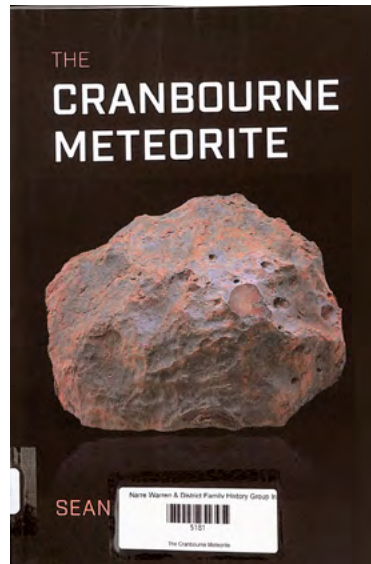
As I am researching land records, this helps me find people who owned land locally. I may even find some certificate of title references. By chance I found a will of a local woman in the miscellaneous probate records of Auckland, as her daughter was living in New Zealand.



Have a look:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>

New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room



Magazines

- * Ancestor, June 2024
- * Family Tree May, June 2024
- * Irish Roots, No 130, Issue 2 2024
- * The Genealogist, Autumn, Spring 2024
- * The South Australian Genealogist, May 2024
- * Traces: Uncovering the Past, Issues 26 and 27
- * Western Ancestor, Vol 15 No 10

Casey Cardinia Books

- * The Armytages of Como: Pastoral Pioneers by Anita Selzer
- * The Cranbourne Meteorite by Sean Murphy
- * Casey Cardinia Connections at Dandenong Community Cemetery
- * The descendants of Frederick Johannes Lucien Ketels and Ellen Jane McCormack of Gunyah Gunyah by Karee Boswell

Victorian Books

- * Coolart: A short history by John Webb
- * The settlement of Amey's Track: the early years by Dorothy Williams
- * The settlement of Wonga: first 50 years by Dorothy Williams
- * Stockyard Creek to Foster by Patricia Fleming
- * How they kept in touch: Wilsons Promontory telecommunications by Norman Sparkes
- * Victorian War Heritage by Springvale Botanic Cemetery

Family histories and Biographies

- * The Chapples from Exeter to the goldfields by Edward William Chapple

How to Books

- * Scanning and editing your old photos by Heather Morris

Australian Books

- * Along the tracks of Cobb and Co by Hazel Johnson. This is a set of 5 books about Cobb and Co in Australia.
Book 1 - The Great Northern Road on Tenterfield to Warrick route.
Book 2 - The Western Run on Brisbane, Toowoomba, Roma and Charleville.
Book 3 - The New South Wales headquarters in and around Bathurst.
Book 4 - Back to the Beginning on Victoria and the Goldfields.
Book 5 - Cobb's Coach Drivers identifies over 800 drivers along with stories and reports.
This series of books tells the history of Cobb and Co through excerpts written mostly during the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, and contain a great many old photos. These books are worth a look when you are next in the Research Room.

Happy Reading

Moreyn Dimsey
Librarian

Spreading Branches November 2024 We would like to read your articles or stories.
Please submit your contributions by 15 October 2024

The Lorraine Taylor Research Room is at 110 High Street, Berwick

Roster Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am–2 pm

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

September 2024			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
3	Jane Rivett-Carnac Tracey Roberts	7	Robyn Jones Barbara Sharp
10	Moreyn Dimsey Eileen Durdin	14	Lynne Bradley Barbara Sharp
17	Barbara Sharp Fay McCoubrie	21	Barbara Sharp Tracey Roberts
24	Lynne Bradley Maureen Abbott	28	Jane Rivett-Carnac Barbara Sharp

October 2024			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
1	Maureen Abbott Barbara Sharp	5	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin
8	Barbara Sharp Jane Rivett-Carnac	12	Tracey Roberts Robyn Jones
15	Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin	19	Tracey Roberts Lynne Bradley
22	Moreyn Dimsey Fay McCoubrie	26	Barbara Sharp Jane Rivett-Carnac
29	Barbara Sharp Lynne Bradley		

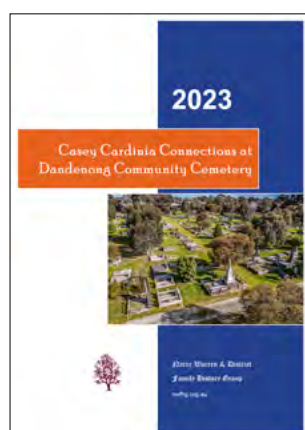
November 2024			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
		2	Lynne Bradley Barbara Sharp
5	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	9	Barbara Sharp Jane Rivett-Carnac
12	Eileen Durdin Barbara Sharp	16	Lynne Bradley Barbara Sharp
19	Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin	23	Robyn Jones Jane Rivett-Carnac
26	Moreyn Dimsey Tracey Roberts	30	Eileen Durdin Lynne Bradley

Still more volunteers needed. We need more volunteers to help out in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room. The times would be once a month on a Tuesday or a Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm.

There are always two volunteers on duty, so you would never be alone. Please give it a thought.
Contact Barbara Sharp research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au

Publications for sale

Casey Cardinia Connections at Dandenong Community Cemetery (2023)

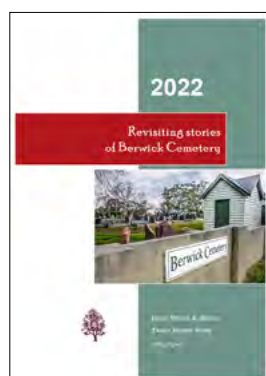


This year we explored a cemetery a bit further afield at Dandenong. Many people with Casey Cardinia connections are buried at Dandenong. We explored the cemetery's fascinating early history, and the lives of residents, who after living in Narre Warren, Lyndhurst, Hallam, Lang Lang and other places, were buried at Dandenong.

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Revisiting stories of Berwick Cemetery (2022)

We re-visit fifteen graves at Berwick Cemetery to find out more about the people buried here. They include the families of a publican, a doctor, a policeman and many other pioneers. Some died in tragic circumstances, others after long and fulfilled lives.



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

This 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.

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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.

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Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham (2011), Cranbourne (2012), Lang Lang (2013) \$15 each

Berwick (2014), Pakenham (2015) \$20 each

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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.

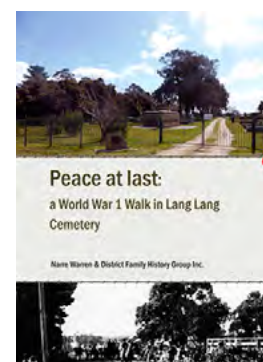
Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

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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.



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.



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.

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