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Congratulations! Member of the Year 2007



General Meetings

8th September at 2 pm

➔ Simon Darlington -
"Hereditree"

13th October at 2 pm

➔ Duncan McPherson - History
of Harness racing in Victoria

14th November at 8 pm

➔ Alan Bebee - Melbourne's
Cable Trams

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Each year the committee pay tribute to one individual with a Member of the Year Award at the AGM. In deciding the winner, the committee takes into account a member's contributions to the activities of the group, fellow members and visitors, fundraising and meetings. Voting is by secret ballot and no one knows until the AGM who has won. The member of the year receives a trophy and has their name engraved on the perpetual plaque in the research room. They also receive a complimentary membership for the next year. This year's award went to Wendy. She works very hard to keep the family history group in the news and manages to get ads in most of the local newspapers each and every week. I can't remember a time when we have enjoyed so much publicity. Wendy also volunteers in the research room and let me tell you a little secret there is no better time for a visit if you are researching Tasmania! She also helps out at fundraising events, sausage sizzles and is always willing to help out whatever the task. Wendy is a valued member of the committee and always has a smile. A very deserving winner!



Wendy Goodwin
Member of the Year for 2007

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

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Minute Secretary	Eileen Durdin	Publicity Officer	Wendy Goodwin
Corres. Secretary	Fay McCoubrie	Research Room Manager	Carolyn Jones

Membership & Meetings

Membership:

Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee

Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee

Payable 1st July each year.

Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Nov - May: 8 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the month (except January)

Jun - Oct: 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month

The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.

Family History Research Room

Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Family History Research Room hours:

Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. We also welcome visitors - a research fee of \$5.00 per day applies to non-members.

Research Queries

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History 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 \$10 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address.



Family History Research Room Information Sessions

For new members who would like to discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room - or for those members who are currently not using the holdings we have to their best advantage. Pam Lowther is currently holding friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available.

For further information or to reserve a place at the next session please contact Jane on (03) 9796 1421

research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au

Members: Free

Visitors: \$5 charge.

Publications for Sale

Microfiche:

Berwick Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery

Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

+ \$2.50 postage & packing for up to 3 sets of fiche

Books:

Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975

by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We started the year a little nervously; this would be our first without either Lorraine Taylor or Di Christensen at a committee meeting. Apart from the camaraderie they brought to a meeting they also brought a sense of security to the proceedings and now we would be on our own. Would we cope? Our first committee meeting was a little unorthodox, it was held at the Fountain Gate Hotel to allow me to make good on the bet I'd just lost and it was a pleasure to do so. I owed the committee a round of drinks because I'd thought that despite Wendy Goodwin's extraordinary efforts to publicise the Open Day, held that very day we'd still not attract more than 8 visitors. We had 25 and I've never been so happy to make good on a promise!

As far as membership numbers go, we're still holding our own with an average membership base of 100 despite the Internet. Our mc2 site has 53 members who very occasionally post a message or query. We continue to build and maintain connections with other organisations, Lorraine Taylor and I have represented the group at South Eastern Historical Association and Casey-Cardinia Local History Reference Group meetings, Pam Lowther is our GSV Rep and Di Christensen our VAFHO Rep. In addition to this Di and I attended a Privacy Workshop with the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner and the City of Casey and I attended an Introduction to Archives Workshop with the Aust. Society of Archivists and the PROV. Jenny Coates and I also attended a Membership Workshop with the History Victoria Support Group, it was quite a honour to be asked to present our views on building and maintaining membership as part of a panel. A task which Jenny Coates performed admirably. I also attended a workshop with the PROV at Springvale which detailed their many services and how to access those services which also included a free lunch and access to many of the PROV staff yet it attracted only 20 participants. It made our meeting attendance figures look a bit better to me. We also participated in the VAFHO Treasure Chest held last August at the Dallas Brookes Hall. Our thanks to the City of Casey and the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation for the assistance given to the group in allowing us the use of the facilities at the Narre Warren Library and to the staff at the Narre Warren Library. Special thanks to Heather Arnold, our Local History Officer. It's important to have a good relationship with the Local History Archive and I believe we have that. I always look forward to Heather dropping into the research room for a chat. Heather is

also a member of our group and in both roles has done much to assist us in expanding our Casey- Cardinia Collection for which we are extremely grateful. We also continue to strengthen ties within the group by encouraging members to try new things and acknowledging their assistance whenever possible. In September we presented Di Christensen and Lorraine Taylor with special plaques intended to reflect our appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the NW&DFHG over the years. We held our first Morning Tea just for volunteers at Pioneer Park at Berwick where the committee awarded the inaugural 'Shirley' award to who else but Shirley Peterson. Not just for her efforts with the sausage sizzles but

for everything Shirley does for the family history group. To everyone who volunteers for duty in the research room, the committee, the VIPs and even some hubbies who've pitched in we can only say 'Thank You'. Your combined efforts have made it a very good year for the NW&DFHG. A special thank you to Shirley Peterson, Shirley puts a lot of effort into every sausage sizzle and I know what a long day they are. It was blow to lose Jenny Coates and Clare Vivian from the committee

this year. Both ladies contributed a great deal to the group. Jane Rivett-Carnac has stepped into the Librarian's shoes and they seem to be a perfect fit! And Pam Lowther already has a couple of excellent editions of Spreading Branches to be proud of. We've tried to do a few things, we had the previously mentioned Open Day, an Introduction to Genealogy Workshop at Pakenham Library, a Berwick Cemetery Tour and Lady Teviot Lectures and thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make these events a success. Although attendances at the Lady Teviot Lectures were a little disappointing, a lot of work went into the preparation and execution of the day. Jenny Coates carried the greater share of the load for this day. It's been a good year for fundraising we've got \$2,391.70 to show for our efforts and that does not include the takings from the sausage sizzle on the 30th June which netted over \$1200. In keeping with our resolution to try to spend every fundraising dollar on resources we've kept our IT Officer and Librarian quite busy. Congratulations to Pam Lowther for the innovative 'What's New' on the computers. It makes finding new resources to explore very easy for members and volunteers alike. I can't remember a time when we've enjoyed so much publicity. Wendy Goodwin is doing a cracker of a job. We've enjoyed short articles in the local newspapers



*Sign on the Princes Highway
outside Fountain Gate*

as well as a feature article. Our meeting notices appear regularly and I don't think I'll ever forget what it's like to drive down the Princes Highway at Fountain Gate and see your own phone number larger than life for a few weeks. Diana Wheeler took us to Thailand and Vietnam for our Christmas Lunch and entertained us with another special Christmas Trivia Night which was enjoyed by all who came. On a personal level I'd like to thank Anne Blair, Eileen Durdin and Fay McCoubrie for their friendship and professionalism throughout the year. A meeting cannot take place without the necessary reports and minutes and these ladies have never let me down. In fact I've never even had to give a thought to whether or not things would be ready—they just always are and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for these ladies. I was bitterly disappointed to see Anne relinquish the Treasurer's job, we will miss her greatly while she is away. Thanks also to Diana Wheeler, Alice Pattison and Shirley Peterson for the important part they play in achieving a good general meeting. I would also like to thank Carolyn Jones, Pam Lowther, Wendy Goodwin and Jane Rivett-Carnac who make up the rest of this year's committee. They have all done a terrific job. Although there's usually a fair bit of laughter, there's also usually a lot of issues to come to grips with. As the President, I don't believe it's my job to tell the committee what to do and how to do it. I believe my job is to present them with the issues and try to steer them along the path to resolution. Once we've got that, it's also my job to ensure that what they resolve to do is carried through. As a group they must come to terms with dealing with members and visitors, the legality of meetings and procedures, Public Liability

Insurance, contents insurance, Privacy Principles, the ethics and morality of what we do, fundraising, I.T. issues, acquisitions for the research room and countless other issues—all on top of the day to day complexities of running a group of 100 members with a research room being open 3 days a week. And not only have they done it, but I believe they have done it well and deserve to be congratulated on their performance. Nothing in this world is perfect, as a committee or group we're never going to get everything 100% right—but we do try. Facts, figures, procedures and dates are important and it's good to get it right but just as important are the people who make up the whole. Without them we have nothing. I have been reassured to see the committee become a cohesive group. It is always good to see members helping each other and forming or strengthening friendships that carry outside the group's activities. I was given great hope at the last sausage sizzle when I saw they way everyone worried about everyone else. Not about what they were doing or how they were doing it but the welfare of their fellow family history group members. I believe it's vitally important to the long term viability of the NW&DFHG to continue to look after both the resources that we have and the people that belong to us—because after all, our people are the greatest resource we've got! And last but not least, I thank the members for their continued support and encouragement, I believe we are in a great position to enjoy the next 12 months and beyond. Our 20th Anniversary is now not so very far away and plans are already in hand to ensure that this will be a year to remember.

Lynne Bradley

"The Shirley Award"

I would like to thank the group for my "Shirley Award" The Golden Tongs, which was presented to me on our inaugural Volunteers Morning Tea outing. It was decided by the Committee, to give an award each year to a volunteer, I was lucky enough to be chosen, but how do you think I felt after receiving this, when I found I was unable to fulfill my role at the recent sizzle?



Shirley Peterson

@ FEW CHANGES

There will be a few changes taking place over the upcoming months. These changes will help the group establish it's identity. In short we are going to be changing all of the office bearers email addresses, they will all start with their title and end with the groups domain name. An example of this is, the newsletter editor's email address will change to:

newsletter.editor@nwfhg.org.au

It may be a little confusing to begin but as time goes by and office bearers come and go their position's email address will remain the same. But don't worry we will all still keep our old/existing email addresses for a while so you won't have to worry about losing contact. More information will be in the next newsletter and posted on mc2 as the changes take place.

Treasurers Report (and supplement)

e-Record5 Summary of Income and Expenses for 2006 - 2007

Summaries updated:
30 Jun 2007 at 7:55 PM

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Receipts Category Name	Total Receipt Amount	GST Amount	GST- exclusive Amount	Omit from Total*
A1 Interest Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A2 Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Refunds from suppliers (GST-free)	64.85	0.00	64.85	
A4 Refunds from suppliers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A5 ATO/BAS Refunds Received				
A6 Loans Received				
A7 Sale of Assets				
A8 Other Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Other Non-Capital Receipts				
A10 Bankings				
A11				
B1 Membership Fees	2,102.50	0.00	2,102.50	
B2 Library Sales	342.20	0.00	342.20	
B3 Print-Outs	204.80	0.00	204.80	
B4 Visitors' Fees	125.00	0.00	125.00	
B5 General Meeting Door/Raffle	640.70	0.00	640.70	
B6 Fund-raising	2,391.70	0.00	2,391.70	
B7 Sundries	426.00	0.00	426.00	
B8 Donations	308.90	0.00	308.90	
B9 Research Fees	427.60	0.00	427.60	
Total	7,034.25		7,034.25	

Payments Category Name	Total Payment Amount	GST Amount	Private Use GST- exclusive Amount	Amount Claimable	Omit from Total*
A1 Wages					X
PLUS Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) **					X
A2 Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other)					X
A3 Private Drawings					X
A4 Superannuation					X
A5 ATO/BAS Payments					
A6 Refunds to Customers (GST-free)	13.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	
A7 Refunds to Customers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A8 Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Interest Paid					
A10 Loan Repayments					
A11 Purchase of Assets					
A12 Asset Improvements					
A13 Other Capital Payments					
A14 Petty Cash Reimbursement					
B1 Credit Card Repayment	3,304.96	0.00	0.00	3,304.96	
B2 Purchases-Library	291.00	0.00	0.00	291.00	
B3 Subscriptions-Groups	396.00	0.00	0.00	396.00	
B4 Subscriptions-Magazines	360.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	
B5 Rent-Meeting Room	258.10	0.00	0.00	258.10	
B6 Postage	380.57	0.00	0.00	380.57	
B7 Stationery	605.00	0.00	0.00	605.00	
B8 Insurance	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	
B9 Sundries	814.30	0.00	0.00	814.30	
B10 Newsletter-Printing	62.05	0.00	0.00	62.05	
B11 Expenses-Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B12 Grant-'Pioneer Profiles' Book	613.60	0.00	0.00	613.60	
B13 General Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B14 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B15 Expenses-Fundraising	288.77	0.00	0.00	288.77	
B16 Research Room Equipment	121.30	0.00	0.00	121.30	
B17 Printing	169.30	0.00	0.00	169.30	
B18					
B19					
B20					
B21					
B22					
B23					
B24					
B25					
Total	8,577.95	0.00	0.00	8,577.95	

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* For an amount not to appear in the Total, check the box.

** Other These amounts are obtained from the Tax Withheld from Salary/Wages and where an ABN is not quoted (W2, W4). Don't include this amount if entered in Category A1-Wages.

Total Income	7,034.25
less Total Expenses	8,577.95
Loss	(1,543.70)

Please note: The sale of an asset, purchase of an asset, or asset improvement may have Capital gains tax and Capital Allowance (depreciation) implications. Refer to help for more information

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GRANTS for -

"Pioneer Profiles" Book & Monuments & Memorials Project -

Money invested in ING Business Optimiser Account :

Balance at 30 th June,2006 - b/f	\$ 6,389.90
Interest to 30/6/07	\$ 387.38

	\$ 6,777.28
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Library News

Hello fellow Genies,

Thank heavens it's finally cold and wet, the perfect excuse to stay inside reading and working on the family tree.

The committee have been very prudent with the hard earned dollars; more than \$1,500 has been spent purchasing CD's and Fiche towards completing our BDM's for the various states. We have also spent \$300 plus on the Casey Cardinia Collection, and a number of books have been donated to the Casey Cardinia Collection by Heather Arnold.

My reading for the last couple of months has been interesting to say the least, all the Casey Cardinia books have much to recommend. "Of Heath & Horses" is not just a history of the Cranbourne Turf Club it has many references to the early families in the area, how they became in-

involved with the turf club and how the turf club helped change and shape the area. "Rodeo at Lang Lang" was another very enjoyable read, with lots of references to local families schools and organisations involved with establishing the Rodeo. "INEZ" was a collection of information, pictures and anecdotes relating to one pioneer family and gave a good indication of the pioneer's life from the female perspective.

"The Dandenong's" was an interesting little book that Lynne Bradley recommended it is a rare out of print book, very descriptive of the early settlement and changes in the hills from the Yarra Valley across to Gembrook.

All the school and church books donated by Heather Arnold had valuable information and class pictures, plus snippets about the local

families who built and nurtured these schools and churches. "Grave Recollections: History of Bright Cemetery" was so interesting I read half of it while I stood in the shop, apart from the history of the cemetery there are photos of early pioneers and their graves, and lots of information about the small isolated graves and cemeteries in the region.

I have also read two excellent biographical books on China, "Wild Swan" is the story of three generations of women, Grandmother (concubine with bound feet), Daughter (one of Mao's soldiers) and Granddaughter (post Tiananmen). The second book "Red China Blues" the story of Jan Wong a Canadian Chinese who was one of the first foreign students at Beijing



University. From the age of 17 leaving her

home in Canada, joining the students for Mao, eventual disillusionment, the end of the Cultural Revolution and her accounts of Tiananmen while working as a journalist for a Canadian newspaper. Both these books look at the same time frame in China but from different angles and both give a good idea of life at various levels in China at the time.

I stopped at a book fair at a local church the other day and came home with a box full of books, early days at Yarram, farming on the Nullarbor, Broken Hill and Silverton plus a couple of biographies so I'm singing 'let it rain, let it rain'.

Until next time happy reading.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

DISCLAIMER: Contributions 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.

New in the Research Room

	About Mincha (Donated Jane Rivett-Carnac)
	Diary of a Welsh Swagman (Donated Carolyn Jones)
	Genealogical Research Directory 2007
	Grave Recollections: History of Bright Cemetery (Donated Jane Rivett-Carnac)
	Wilam Naling: knowing who you are, stolen generation (Donated by Di Christensen)
	Ballarat Cemeteries & Crematorium indexes
	Burra to Bendigo. The Cornish Miners of 1852. (Donated Tom & Libby Luke)
	Historical Index's of the Canberra/ Queanbeyan District Vol's 1-4
	Mount Alexander Goldfields Southern Cemeteries inscriptions
	NSW Free Railway Passes Index 1880-1892
	Rookwood Cemetery Transcriptions
	Omeo Cemetery
	Police Gazette Victoria 1864
	Bound for South Australia. Births & Deaths on government assisted immigrant ships 1848-1885
	South Australia Pre Civil registration Deaths and Births
	South Australia Unregistered Deaths from July 1848
	Sale Memorial Cemetery. Photographic Register
	Swan Hill Memorial Park. Burials & Monumental Inscriptions 1859-2000
	Tasmania Federation Index Births 1900-1919 Deaths & Marriages 1900-1930
	The Australasian Medical Directory & Handbook
	Victorian Mining Shareholders Index 1857-1886

	Western Australia Inquests 1876-1903
	World History Maps
	NSW Supreme Court Probate Index 1800-1985
	QLD Deaths 1915-1919
	QLD Marriages 1915-1919
<i>C/C</i>	Bell brakes, Bullock's and Bushmen
<i>C/C</i>	Berwick/Pakenham Corridor Historical Survey
<i>C/C</i>	Edwin Flack: The Lion of Athens
<i>C/C</i>	History Toomuc Valley Orchards
<i>C/C</i>	INEZ 1892-1952
<i>C/C</i>	Level Crossing Fraser Siding Longwarry*
<i>C/C</i>	Of Heath and Horses: History of Cranbourne Turf Club
<i>C/C</i>	Protectors Plains Lang Lang State School*
<i>C/C</i>	Rodeo at Lang Lang
<i>C/C</i>	Schooling on the swamp: Kooweerup State School*
<i>C/C</i>	Settlers and Saw millers
<i>C/C</i>	St Andrew's Uniting Church Berwick
<i>C/C</i>	St John's Catholic Church & School Kooweerup*
<i>C/C</i>	St Joseph's IONA 1905-2005
<i>C/C</i>	Tell me about the time...Pakenham
<i>C/C</i>	The Dandenong's
<i>C/C</i>	The Orchard School Toomuc Valley
<i>C/C</i>	The Tale of the Black Fish: Kooweerup High School*
<i>C/C</i>	Tooradin 125 Years*
<i>C/C</i>	Yannathan State School 1881-1981*
<i>C/C</i>	Yannathan Union Church 1890-1990*

(*We gratefully acknowledge the above
additions to the Casey/Cardinia collection.
Donated by Heather Arnold)

Graham Facey - July's Guest Speaker

History of The Melbourne Hunt Club at Cranbourne

Our guest speaker in July, Graham Facey, gave us a fascinating insight into the history of the Melbourne Hunt Club at Cranbourne.

The club operated for 68 years, from 1929 to 1997 on the property known as the "Kennels". First established by Irish born George Watson in 1853 and kept at his business "Kirks Bazaar" in Bourke St. Melbourne. The hunt club utilized the land on the outskirts of the town, keeping ahead of residential development.

Of course if you didn't manage to get to the meeting to hear Graham and would like to hear more you can always visit the research room and borrow the audio recording of this great talk. We also have a great selection of recordings of past guest speakers. Why not have a listen!



Graham Facey - Photo at rear: On their way home from the hunt (Photo courtesy of Graham Facey)

Another Great Bunning's Sausage Sizzle!

On Saturday the 30th June we had another great fund raising day. \$\$\$\$ Our profit was \$1,233.70. We were not so lucky with the weather this time, it was a typical winter's day with wind and rain, but our trusty band of volunteers faced up to all the challenges, and stuck it out through thick and thin to the very end. I myself cannot take much credit for this wonderful achievement as I was hit by old man winter's ills and chills. I just could not get my fuzzy head around trying to organise things and performing on the day. But we have a very dedicated President who took over, she jumped in before she even had time to think about it and said don't worry we will work it out. And what a fantastic job she did, Lynne and the others that worked with her, like Clare who took over the job of doing the onions in her home with Carolyn and Lyn Olney. I know how daunting it is when you have 30kgs of onions to slice. Clare and Carolyn also worked their little butts off on the Saturday. Others like Eileen who picked up the bread from Bakers Delight for me and turned up at 8am in the morning. Diana, who I think was there nearly all day and I hope took all of the scraps home for her chooks. Fay and Val, who should now know how many sausages to put in each bag. Jane, who worked all morning then came and helped Mary and Ron. I did not even know they were coming. Jenny as always did her spruiking but I don't think she needed to use her voice box as much, due to the cold weather and people's appetites. They had some very handy husbands come along too, so it seems, David, Des, Terry and Bill. These men are invaluable when it comes to setting up and packing up, "much appreciated". I would also like to thank Di for filling in for Val in the research room. Thank you all so much you do not know what a warm wonderful feeling I had when I learnt that you all had worked so hard. I know it was for the group but you all made me feel better too. I have left Lynne for last "she is unbelievable" and I think we should all put our hands together for her as she always does her best, after working all week I can only imagine how tired she must have been at the end of the day. Bye for now,

Shirley Peterson

Research Room Roster

		Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday
SEPTEMBER					1	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen
	4	Fay McCoubrie Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW	6	Gail Quinn Di Christensen Aus	8*	Lynne Bradley C/C Pam Lowther IT & Cem
	11	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen	13	Valma Newson Eileen Durdin C/C	15	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones
	18	Mary McGrath Jeanette Angee	20	Lynne Bradley C/C Win Preston Wales & Shp	22	Wendy Goodwin Tas Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen
	25	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Pam Lowther IT & Cem	27	Donald Connop Nowella Alghren Gen,BI,Aus	29	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen
OCTOBER	2	Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW Clare Vivian	4	Gail Quinn Di Christensen Aus	6	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Wendy Goodwin Tas
	9	Fay McCoubrie Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen	11	Valma Newson Win Preston Wales & Shp	13*	Pam Lowther IT & Cem Lynne Bradley C/C
	16	Jeanette Angee Mary McGrath	18	Donald Connop Eileen Durdin C/C	20	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones
	23	Pam Lowther IT & Cem Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen	25	Lynne Bradley C/C Nowella Alghren Gen,BI,Aus	27	Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Shirley Peterson
	30	Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW Clare Vivian				
NOVEMBER			1	Gail Quinn Di Christensen Aus	3	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Wendy Goodwin Tas
	6	CLOSED – MELBOURNE CUP DAY	8	Valma Newson Win Preston Wales & Shp	10	Lynne Bradley C/C Pam Lowther IT & Gen
	13	Fay McCoubrie Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen	15	Donald Connop Eileen Durdin C/C	17	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones
	20	Jeanette Angee Mary McGrath	22	Lynne Bradley C/C Nowella Alghren Gen,BI,Aus	24	Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Shirley Peterson
	27	Pam Lowther IT & Cem Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen	29	Gail Quinn Di Christensen Aus		

Legend

Aus = Australia
Eng = England
Shp = Shipping

BI = British Isles
Gen = General
Tas = Tasmania

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Vic = Victoria

Con = Convict
NSW = New South Wales
Wls = Wales

**Research Room Closes at 2pm for General Meeting*

GROUP NEWS

There was a vote held at the Annual General Meeting this year to decide if our meeting days should be changed. The proposal was to change our meeting days to all Saturdays, instead of the arrangement that we have currently where we meet on Wednesday evenings from November to May. The motion was not upheld and we will continue on with our present arrangement.



Thank you to Eileen Durdin for her generous donation of a monitor. It will replace the old catalog computer monitor which is getting a little past it's best.

6TH VICTORIAN FAMILY HISTORY STATE CONFERENCE

Victorian Association Of Family History
Organisations Inc

in conjunction with

South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc
to be held at: Inverloch — Victoria

2nd to 4th May 2008

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New Members! Welcome!

Julie Allsop
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Violet Frederickson



150th Anniversary Dinner

The Wendish Heritage Society Australia are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of immigrant pioneers in Melbourne on board the ships ***La Rochelle, Neumuhlen, Cesar Godeffroy, Carl, Dorothea, Gottingen, Manila, Herman and Sverge*** from Hamburg.

Date: Saturday 6 October 2007
Time: 6pm (for 7pm start)
Venue: The Ringwood Lutheran Church Hall
Cnr. Wantirna & City Roads,
Ringwood, Victoria
(Melway Ref. 49 G 10)
Cost: \$25 per person
Contact: Clay Kruger
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East, Victoria, 3135.
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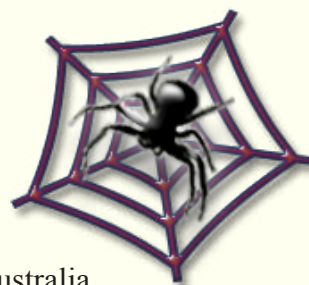
The Society is seeking names of descendants, or other information from people who may have knowledge of these immigrants on the above ships. Details may be forwarded to the address above. Your assistance will be gratefully received and acknowledged.



Spreading Branches November 2007

The deadline for the November 2007 edition of *Spreading Branches* is 15th October 2007.

On the Web



Family History South Australia
<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/>

vanish
<http://www.vanish.org.au/>

Immigration Museum
<http://immigration.museum.vic.gov.au/>

Centennial Park Cemetery – South Australia
<http://www.centennialpark.org/>

Old News Copy “It’s Old News”
<http://www.oldnewscopy.com/>

Ayrshire Roots
<http://www.ayrshire-roots.co.uk/index1.php>

The 1853 Bendigo Goldfields Petition - State Library of Victoria
<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/collections/treasures/bendigopetition/names.html>

Royal Family Tree Are you descended from royalty?
<http://www.royal-family-tree.co.uk/>

Gravesites of Tasmania
<http://www.gravesoftas.dynup.net/>

South Regional Cemeteries Trust of Tasmania
<http://www.srct.com.au/>

Peebles Shire Scotland
<http://www.highland-elibrary.com/1.html>

The Ryerson Index
<http://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Sunderland (Bishopwearmouth) Cemetery Index
<http://www.sunderlandward.co.uk/>

Australasian Births’ Deaths and Marriage Exchange
<http://www.ausbdm.org/>

Devon Book Indexing Project
<http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/indexingproject.html>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Have you ever thought that it might be interesting to become a Research Room Volunteer?

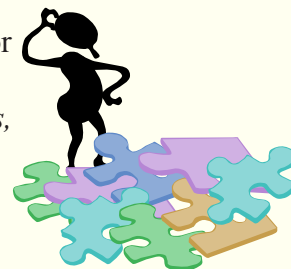
It's not all work, there are lots of benefits when you are a research room volunteer.

- Meet other people with the same interests
- Learn more about the vast array of resources that are held in the research room
- As a volunteer you will be able to access the room at any time during the main library's opening hours.
- Gain new ideas on research for your own family history

On average our Volunteers are rostered on duty once every 4 weeks. So, for giving up a few hours each month you get a great deal in return!

If you are interested please contact the Research Room Manager, Carolyn Jones, for more information.

Email: research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au



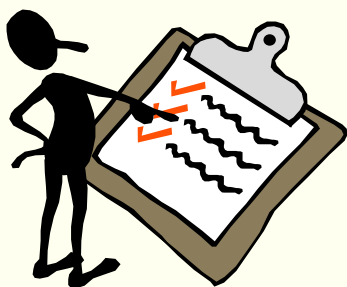
Casey/Cardinia Index

This indexing project is a great asset to the group but we need your help to keep the work progressing. If you have a bit of spare time and would like to help out, maybe this is just the thing for you! You can do it at home in your own time. Eileen, Lynne or Pam are available to explain what is involved in indexing a book, the books we are indexing and why. Also the procedure to follow to ensure it is a book that hasn't already been indexed.

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You have probably noticed that we are now using more photos and interactive features in Spreading Branches than ever before. We hope to bring you a feature packed and user friendly newsletter each edition. To enable us to bring you these features you may want to consider updating to the newest version of Adobe Reader. It's easy just click the button below.



An orange spot on your address labels means your membership renewal has not been received and your membership will lapse on 30th September.

A renewal form is available in the May edition of Spreading Branches, from the Research Room, download a copy from My Connected Community – in "Shared Files" or contact the Newsletter Editor or Membership Officer and they can email you a copy.

What's New?

So what is this "Whats New?" thing? Well in short it is a way for you to more easily access new computer resources as they are acquired. There will be an icon on each computer's desktop that looks just like this. It will take you to an Adobe Acrobat document description about each new resource. When you find the resource you would like to search or browse you can click the button in the bottom left corner of the page "Click here to go to this book". New resources will stay in "Whats New?" for a few months and then will be accessible separately. Sowhynotmakethisapartofyourvisits to the research room. Keep in touch with the new resources on offer to all of our members.

