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General Meetings

12th March at 8 pm

⇒ Wendy Eldridge - Getting Organised & Staying Organised



9th April at 8 pm

⇒ How to Organise and Run a Family Reunion



9th May at 8 pm

⇒ To Be Advised

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From humble beginnings of one A4 page. Through the imagination and hard work of the eight individuals who have thrown themselves into this job to produce a publication four times a year just for you.

A publication I believe we can all be proud of!

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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. Jane Rivett-Carnac 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

Phone: (03) 9796 1421 or

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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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a really enjoyable break and is now ready to discover some amazing things about their family history (Well, that's the plan anyway).

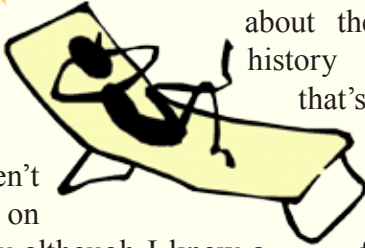
We haven't all been laying on the beach every day although I know a few ladies that probably wished they were on Saturday 5th January. A sausage sizzle means a lot of work for quite a few members, the preparations beforehand, the 'gathering' on the day before and the day itself. Shirley has mentioned everyone elsewhere in this newsletter so I won't, but I would like to say thank you to all who did help, on behalf of the present and future members of the family history group who will benefit from your efforts on such an unforgiving day. And of course, thank you to Shirley – just where would we be without her?

I was taken aback the other day when Pam asked me if I realised that this newsletter would be our 75th edition. I hadn't given it a thought and wondered if anyone else had. I'll always have a soft spot for Spreading Branches, being one of the few editors over the years does that to you. It is a newsletter to be proud of, always slowly evolving, trying to be better. It is now in the excellent care of Pam Lowther who could always use a little help with an article or two from more members about their research or the places they've been.

Our little group on mc2 has just picked up its 60th member, I can still remember when there was just the 2 of us, all alone. Have you joined yet?

I guess there'll be a lot of remembering going on as we approach our 20th Anniversary in May 2009, we've come a long way since that very first meeting in Lorraine Taylor's lounge room, many members have come and gone but some have stayed and become a vital part of the group. I hope every member will join us as we celebrate our achievements, reflect on things that might have gone better and look to the future and the many changes and challenges that it will bring.

Lynne



Cinderelder



(Cinderella, twenty years on)

If you didn't manage to attend the December general meeting you missed a significant piece of the group's history. A group of our finest thespians performed "Cinderelder" for the captivated (or more likely captive) audience.

The laughter began quite some time before the curtain call, when I am sure the shrieks of laughter could be heard as we donned our well tailored costumes....well ridiculous would be another word for it.



Photographs courtesy of Eileen Durdin

We all had a marvellous time doing this play but I honestly believe, from our performance, we should all stick to family history!

A big thank you to Wendy Goodwin's niece for painting our backdrop and to Dianna Wheeler for organising the event.

We would like to sincerely thank John Smith for allowing us to use his script at no charge.

<http://www.johnowensmith.co.uk/>

Casey Cardinia Chatter

Casey Cardinia – Links to our past Blog

<http://caseycardinialinkstoorpast.blogspot.com>

The Library has a new Local History blog. For those unfamiliar with the term, blog is short for web log, and is really just an on-line diary or journal. Victorian Public Library staff have recently had training in new Internet technologies such as blogs and we all had to create our own blog. I was sceptical at first, convinced that blogs were a pretentious, self serving waste of time, and they may still be that, but once I started I became addicted! You don't have to worry that our blog will be pages of angst and my innermost thoughts (like some blogs are) as the Casey Cardinia blog aims to present snippets of Historical information about towns, people and events in the City of Casey and Shire of Cardinia, and provide information on Historical resources and activities. The blog format is a fantastic medium to promote Local History or any subject as it allows you to present short pieces of information and photographs and the software is free to use and free to view. It is just so much fun to maintain and the only thing I have to be careful of is to keep a balance between Casey topics and Cardinia topics. If you have an interest in the Local History of the area, then check our Blog out. Please feel free to leave any comments or provide suggestions for new blog posts.



Australian Electoral Rolls on Ancestry

You can now access historic Australian Electoral Rolls, free, on the Ancestry database by visiting any of our Casey Cardinia Libraries. The Electoral Rolls are indexed and also contain the original images.

The following years are covered.

A.C.T. 1928, 1935	N.S.W. 1930, 1936
Vic 1856, 1903, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1924, 1931, 1936	Qld 1903, 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1930, 1936
N.T. 1922, 1929, 1934	Tas 1914, 1919, 1928, 1939
W.A. 1901, 1906, 1916, 1925, 1936	

Please remember that you must access the Ancestry database through our Library homepage www.cclc.vic.gov.au. Then go to Finding information, then Databases. Once you are in Ancestry, under More Collections click on All databases and type in Electoral. This will bring up the Electoral Rolls and you can then begin your search.

You can search by state, year or electorate (Division) e.g Flinders. The Electoral rolls will tell you the full name, address and occupation of the Voter. If one of your ancestors has “disappeared” then a search across all States may reveal that Great Uncle Archie moved from Victoria to Queensland in the 1920s. From a local history point of view, the 1903 Victorian rolls list voters by Polling Booth or Sub-district, thus by typing in the Booth name e.g. Yannathan you will get a full list of the 122 registered voters in the area, which provides a fantastic “snap shot” of the people living in the town including names and occupations.

Heather Arnold

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The Cardinian Embroidery

This book, edited by Eleanor Taylor can be found in the Casey-Cardinia Libraries (Call No. 746.44 CAR) in the Art & Craft section. Now this is not a section I would normally look at, and I didn't –it jumped out at me from the “What's New” shelves.

It is the story of an embroidery project to 'depict the heritage and traditions of the Cardinia shire as seen in 2005'

It took just two years and two months from start to finish, with over 1856 residents, families and friends adding their stitches. 114 workshops were held throughout the municipality, and it is hoped that the finished panels will last for centuries.

Each area, small village and larger towns are all featured. Historic buildings, new buildings, churches, homes, public spaces, pubs, post offices, schools etc are all featured. Many, many historic facts are included in this book and there are hundreds, if not thousands, of names. Also color photos illustrating the panels.

One person had this brilliant idea and thanks to Vic Health's promise of funding half of the amount required, this project has become a reality. If you have ever lived, or live, or just passed through, the places mentioned in this book, then you must borrow this book. The panels are on view at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside, Pakenham

In the words of one of the participants-“it makes us more aware of the history and Beauty in our Shire”

Di Christensen

Sausage Sizzle Report

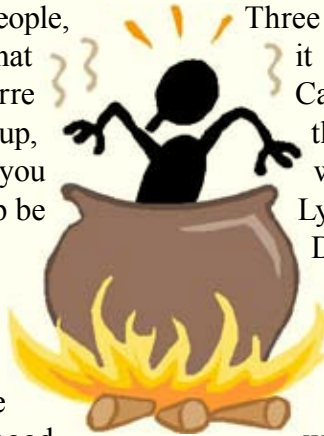
Hello everyone, well we had a scorcher of a start to our New Year didn't we.

The 5th of January, the day of our sizzle was no better, the temperature reached 40 degrees. It wasn't only the sausages that were sizzling believe me!!

But come hail, come rain, come heatwave, we have a fantastic group of people that come to the fore, I am so proud of all these people, everybody worked so well together, what a team, what a fantastic effort. The Narre Warren & District Family History Group, plus myself as coordinator, thank all you special people. Where would the group be financially without you?

Unfortunately it always seems to be the same members volunteering. Maybe next time we might get a surprise with some other members helping out. These days can be fun and rewarding. It's a good way for new members to get to know others in the group and sometimes make lasting friendships, as we already have a "common interest".

Unfortunately our profit on the day was down as was expected due to the weather but if we can sell the rest of our sausages and onions we should make over \$550 plus, so that's great. Every bit counts!!



On the Friday, Lorraine Taylor, Jeanette Angee, Clare Vivian, Carolyn Jones, Lynne Bradley and myself all gathered at Lynne's house to cut onions and bag the sausages. We all had good day, and cried together, (onions). Many hands make light work of it they say, and this certainly was the case. Thanks to Lynne, we were able to do this in the comfort of her air conditioned home.

Three of these of good ladies also sweated it out on the Saturday, Jeanette, Clare, Carolyn, great workers (I would hire them any time) I know how tired they were when they were relieved.

Lynne, and her ever reliable hubby David, were at Bunning's at 8am on Saturday morning as well as Mary McGrath, and myself, without these people we would not have got under way at all. Last but certainly not least we had Dianna Wheeler, Val Holland, Jane Rivett-Carnac, and Jenny Hayes, (who couldn't even find enough shoppers to spruik) and our first timer Wendy Goodwin. Thanks go to all of these ladies, especially those that stayed in the hottest part of the day.

Shirley Peterson
Sausage Sizzle Coordinator

TOO SCARED TO BUY THAT CERTIFICATE ONLINE?

Ok we are all concerned about shopping online. We have all heard the horror stories. Viruses, Trojans, Worms..... the list is endless. I have discovered a safer way to shop online. If you are like me and really only want to buy the odd certificate online, I think I have come up with the perfect solution. A disposable credit card. Yes that's right, disposable! Well why not, everything else is these days. No, seriously you purchase one of these cards, activate it, put some money on it and off you go. The great thing about it is, it only has the money on it that you put there. If you want to buy one Victorian certificate just go and put \$17.50 on your card and buy your one certificate! Of course there are charges, no free lunch I am afraid but I think they are reasonable. So go and have a look for yourself and see what you think. It is called "bopo". You can find them online just type "bopo" into Google. You can top your card up at quite a few newsagents (both newsagents in Fountain Gate Shopping Centre are agents). You can find a full list of participating outlets on the website.

Once you have your card and have some money on it, it functions just like a standard Visa card, the only real difference is that you can only spend the money you have already put onto the card.

Just a bit of a caution at this point, you still need to protect yourself on the internet. A minimum is a good antivirus and a firewall. Without these you are just asking for trouble. There are good free versions of both available. If you are concerned about your computer's security please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more information. Give it a go!

Pam Lowther

I.T. Officer

<http://www.bopo.com.au/>

Ballarat Botanic Gardens 150 years Celebration

Carolyn Jones and I attended a dinner to celebrate the 150th year of the Ballarat Botanic Gardens. Of course many of you already know that Carolyn has ties to the gardens and to Ballarat. Her Great Great Grandfather was the first curator of the gardens. So the dinner to celebrate the occasion was a much anticipated occasion for her. On the other hand I have no close ties to the area (of course I did dig out a name or two to search for in the local cemeteries), but no one of real interest.

So we drove to Ballarat and got ourselves a room at the motel on the corner of Longley St, by the way Carolyn's ancestor was George Longley. We had a few hours to spare before we had to be at the conservatory for dinner. So a trip to the cemetery was in order and we found a couple of headstones in the Old Cemetery. The New Cemetery would have to wait until the next day.

So back to the motel to get ready....I remember asking Carolyn if she would know anyone at this function, she said only the people she had talked to on the telephone when booking. Of course I expected to know nobody. So we called a taxi and arrived at the conservatory to find lots of people already tucking into nibblies and pre-dinner drinks. We were greeted very warmly at the door and then they noticed Carolyn's name tag.....you're Georges great great grand-daughter! Yes, that right. So Carolyn proceeded to be dragged around to meet everyone. I happily tagged along. So we had a glass of bubbly and reminisced about the 150 years of this magnificent garden. Then my highlight of the weekend came. Just mingling and not expecting to

Photo 1. Perkins grave at the Old Ballarat Cemetery.

Photo 2. A modern day version of George and his wife Helen in their abode/tent. (Actors playing the part of the curator from 150 years before)

Photo 3. The Curator's Camp site marked by a sign to tell the story of the beginnings of these gardens. The tent George and his family lived in, erected as part of the 150th celebrations.

Photo 4. Carolyn proudly standing next to the original, restored plan of the Ballarat Botanic Gardens.

*Photographs courtesy of
Carolyn Jones and Pam Lowther*



see anyone I knew, we happened into a small group of people when a face struck me out of the blue. I knew this person but the biggest surprise was that he remembered me. The last time I saw him was nearly twenty years ago. It was John Patrick. Now you will probably recognize the name. Most of you would know him if you saw him and you have probably seen him recently. He is a regular on the ABC's "Gardening Australia" and he has written lots of books and designed a lot of gardens in and around Melbourne. You see before I stopped working I was a horticulturist. I worked a Burnley Horticultural College and at different times during those years, John was my boss and he also lectured in some of the courses I did. John was the invited guest speaker at this function and thus has no ties to Ballarat either; I guess we have that in common too. But I am afraid for a minute or two I took the limelight when everyone turned to see who it was that knew the famous tv guy! But we got back to mingling, another glass of bubbly and then proceeded across the park to the restaurant. On the way to "Pipers on the Parade", George was standing outside his abode. The organizers had a replica of the curator's tent set up outside the conservatory. Carolyn approached him and introduced herself as his Great Great Granddaughter, much to this young man's confusion. We went on to enjoy a lovely dinner,

the appropriate people gave their speeches and much to my surprise John was still there at the end of the evening and stopped for a chat before heading home. During the speeches it struck me that the people in the audience who were not of the horticultural persuasion would have had a bit of trouble understanding some of it. There was quite a bit of botanical jargon being thrown about at times. So it was the end of the evening we had both had a wonderful night. We stopped on the way out to get a photo of the original plans of the gardens that the friends of the botanical gardens had restored to its former glory. These were the original plans handed to George 150 years ago when he began his task of building the gardens. We went back the next day to have another look at the tent and take some photos. It is quite amazing that George, Helen and Sarah Jane (his wife and daughter) were able to live in that manner for so long, go out and work hard all day building this 40 hectares of gardens and then come home to that lifestyle. Helen died of pneumonia in 1866 while they were still residents of the tent in the gardens. Our ancestors were certainly made of sterner stuff than us!

Pam Lowther

The friend of the botanic gardens have produced a truly remarkable calendar for the 150th anniversary. (details on their website)

<http://www.fbbg.org.au/150th.html>

Puffing Billy 2007 Christmas Lunch

For our Christmas party last December we took a break from our round the world theme and stayed close to home. Just up the road actually to Belgrave to ride on the Puffing Billy lunch train. We had a lovely scenic train ride through the Dandenongs. There were thirty two in our group, which also included friends and family members. It was a very warm afternoon even in the shade of the tree lined railway line. With a quick stop at one of the small stations on the way to stretch our legs, we were headed to Emerald lake. Through the forest, over the old timber railway bridge and a couple of level crossings. I hadn't been on



Puffing Billy or to the lake since I was a kid and I must say it brought back fond memories of my sister and I riding the train with our legs hanging over the side. A walk down by the lake while the train stopped at Emerald station and then it was time to start back to Belgrave. I am sure we all appreciated the experience even more after the talk by Don Horsborough which told us of the history of the railway.

*Photograph courtesy of
Eileen Durdin & Rex McFarlane*

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

I'm writing this report a week before our stocktake and have to admit that I have spent the last six weeks away from our research room and my duties. In December I did one of the great train trips on "The Ghan". We started our trip with an early morning flight to Adelaide and a day showing our American travelling companion some of the sights of Adelaide. Our train adventure started at Keswick station with time to read the many historical information signs and books before boarding at lunchtime. Within a few hours the countryside was starting to look more desolate, we had settled into our seats and the onboard commentary was telling us the history of the train, and the towns and country we were passing through, very interesting for overseas visitors and informative for the locals. We had a clear sky to watch the sun drop out of sight, then to see millions of stars that seemed to fill the night like a curtain down to the horizon, that was matched in the morning by a wonderful sunrise over red sands, saltbush and the vast emptiness of the desert. We crossed into the Northern Territory with the train at walking pace so everyone could take a photo of the boarder signs.

We left the train at Alice Springs, and for a couple of days visited many of the historical sights before we drove to Uluru (Ayres Rock and the Olgas). It was at the roadhouse at Eridunda that I picked up an excellent book "A Wartime Journey: Stuart Highway Heritage Guide" and I realised that I was walking in the footsteps of my past. My Father was stationed in Darwin during the years 1941 to 1943; on the 19th February 1942 he was at the Oval with the 14th Heavy Anti Aircraft Unit when 242 Japanese planes in two raids bombed Darwin the first of more than 60 raids on Darwin and the top end. What had started as a short holiday became a personal journey for me to find and identify as much as I could about the defence of Darwin. Armed with my guide book the first place

to start is the Alice Springs RSL, they have a wonderful display of memorabilia, photographs, a good collection of books and helpful people, then up to Anzac Hill and a view over Alice and the war memorial. Other sites to see include the Old Telegraph Station, Adelaide House, and 14 more heritage sights on the war trail. We rejoined "The Ghan" and resumed our trip north and the train commentary gave us more information and indicated airfields along the way. This part of the trip you sleep through the desert to wake up a couple of hours from Katherine, the countryside has more trees and as the rainy season has begun, it's starting to become a greener vista. We chose not to do the bus tour out to Katherine Gorge, instead we explored the township, Springfield Homestead, and some of the war trail sights and I found a copy of the book "Darwin Defenders" to add to my reading collection. Back on the train and into the never-never, red sand and termite mounds gave way to lush tropical vegetation. The train doesn't stop at Adelaide River, so we didn't get a chance to see the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Darwin Railway terminus is about twenty minutes by shuttle bus from the CBD and is an interesting

drive with commentary. I had an intense couple of days, first visiting the East Point Military Museum, the gun placements and many of the original buildings are a part of the wonderful display relating to the army, artillery and the defence of Darwin. Fay Karamanakis is the manager; she is a fountain

of knowledge, extremely helpful and passionate about the preservation of this area and its relevance and importance to Australia's history. I visited the many signposted war sights and memorials, did the Darwin heritage walk, found the RSL with more friendly knowledgeable Territorians where I spent a couple of hours reading. I managed to have an hour with Francoise Barr archivist at DCIS (Department of Corporate and Information Services, Northern Territory Archives) conveniently located next to the RSL





Research Room Roster

	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
MARCH 2008			1 Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Robyn Jones
	4 Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Bev Lambie	6 Nowella Ahlgren Gen & BI Di Christensen Aus	8 Lynne Bradley C/C Wendy Brock
	11 Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	13 Win Preston Wls & Shp Eileen Durdin C/C	15 Shirley Peterson Val Holland Con
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	25 Fay McCoubrie Jeanette Angee	27 Valma Newson Gail Quinn	29 Pam Lowther IT & Cem Wendy Goodwin Tas & Con
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Legend

Aus = Australia
Con = Convict
Shp = Shipping

BI = British Isles
Eng = England
Tas = Tasmania

C/C = Casey/Cardinia
Gen = General
Vic = Victoria

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Wls = Wales



in Cavenagh Street Darwin. Francoise pointed me to the National Library of Darwin and a very helpful librarian who guided me to a wonderful source; they have microfilm copies of the Army newspaper that was published in Darwin between 1939 to 1945. The library hasn't got all editions but what they have is a treasure trove of information. The newspaper before the bombing has articles on the war overseas, news of Sydney and Melbourne, a sports page and importantly for me story's on the three services in Darwin, such as inter unit sports events, personal news such as weddings, accidents etc although it's mostly army there are references to air force and navy events in the area. I'm guessing there may have been a similar publication at the RAAF base. It would appear that censorship and the constant bombing raids restricted the publication in 1942 to only 1 or 2 pages but I lost many hours skimming every copy, and came home

with more than 20 pages that only cost 20 cents each. The library has an extensive collection of books covering every aspect of Darwin's history, the War Years and Cyclone Tracy. I browsed every book shop and second-hand shop, and came home with a bulging suitcase and the beginnings of a plan for another trip to the north, next time we will drive from Darwin to Alice Springs so we can visit the many airfields, buildings, sights and war relics that are a part of our heritage that sadly we know so little about. Christmas was gone in a flash, the sausage sizzle at Bunning's was a very hot day, I think some people bought a sausage just because they felt sorry for us in sweltering heat and as usual Shirley had us going like clockwork, what a pleasure it is to be part of her team. My visitors have gone and it's time to look forward to a great year of reading and research.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



Welcome New Members!

Potsy QUIGLEY
Linda McKAY
Dianne MISON

Be prepared on your next trip out. This is a very handy website for any trip into unfamiliar territory.

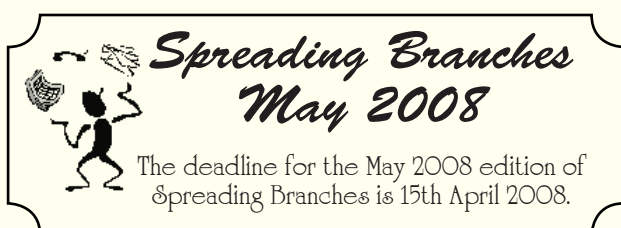
The website even has a "Trip Planner" so you can identify your stops along your journey.

The National Public Toilet Map

<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au/>

Member Profile

Name	Gordon Henry LINDNER
Born	Wangaratta, Victoria
Siblings	1 Brother
Education	High School, Trade School & Continue to Learn
Profession	Electrical Mechanic
Married	Married
Spouse	Elaine Patricia (COX)
Children	Three (and Seven Grandchildren)
Time in the district	Arrived March 2005
Hobbies	Old cars, Photography & Computers
Researching	Bradshaw, Hased & Lindner
Reason for starting	Family has stayed in contact since 1850's and thought all information was documented
Time researching	Several years on and off



UK Genealogy Archives

<http://www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/>

Australian War Grave Photographic Archive

<http://www.australianwargraves.org/>

Census of Ireland, Dublin 1911

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

Tasmanian Name Indexes

<http://www.archives.tas.gov.au/nameindexes>

Curious Fox

<http://www.curiousfox.com/>

Irish Famine Memorial

<http://irishfaminememorial.org/>

Australia's Red Coat Settlers

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~garter1/>

FreeReg – UK Parish Register Information Online

<http://freereg.rootsweb.com/>

FreeCen – UK Census Online

<http://freecen.rootsweb.com/>

UK BMD Births, Marriages Deaths and Census on the Internet

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>

South Australian Passenger lists 1803-50

<http://www.shipping.familyhistorysa.info/>

Women's History Project - Women's History Assoc. of Ireland

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/wh/whp.html>

Shetland Family History Home Page

<http://bayanne.info/Shetland>

Ballymoney Ancestry

<http://www.ballymoneyancestry.com/>

Scotland BDM Exchange

<http://www.sctbmd.com/>

VAHFO CONFERENCE 2008

THE 6TH VICTORIAN FAMILY HISTORY STATE CONFERENCE

PRESERVING THE PAST AND THE PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE

2-4th May, 2008 in Inverloch

Proudly hosted by VAFHO and the South Gippsland Genealogical Society

Registration forms for the conference are now available-in our research room. The fee is \$95 but this includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The trade tables will be open all day, Gould Books and Archive CD Books will be with us from Adelaide as well as GSV, PROV, SLV, and many others.

Topics being covered by our speakers include:

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|  FamilySearch-the New Generation |  Unlocking Government and Police Gazettes |
|  Tracing the journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper through past government Aboriginal records |  Sugar n' spice and all things nice - women in early colonial records |
|  Researching your German Ancestors |  Ships and the captain and crew |
|  Record management and Archival presentation |  Don't judge a Book By its cover - Municipal Directories |
|  What the Irish were reading in early Victoria |  Colonial women - what we can learn about their lives |
|  Oral History in family history |  Digitisation in the National Archives |
|  The Wide World of Family History |  Probates for Genealogists |

Several of the speakers are new to Victoria which will be very exciting.

Four workshops on Friday afternoon are:

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|  Collecting and preserving memories of the past for the future |  Ancestry.com - how to get the best out of this program |
|  Preserving other forms of records - film, videos etc |  Scrapbooking |

Apart from listening to these fantastic speakers, you will be able to meet and talk to others with similar interests many people have met unknown relatives at conferences. The conference sessions and trade tables will be under the same roof which makes it easy to move around and will give everyone plenty of time to browse. There will be a prize for the person displaying their family names on their person the most innovative way. If you cannot attend for the whole weekend, consider attending for the Saturday. If you would like any further information please call me or talk to me at our next meeting.

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Have you looked at?

As a Group we have many resources to help you in your effort to find your ancestors. One of these is the Family Tree Magazine, there is so much information in these magazines as well as a CD that is included with many of the later editions. September 2006 was a bumper one for me, it included the 1871 census for Barnstaple, a part of Devon that I am researching for my daughter in-law. I hit pay dirt when I found her great great grandparents Abraham & Helen/Ellen Clatworthy.

Other interesting stories include Ploughmen & Penny Boys pages 8-11 maybe your lot were not just Ag Labs.

The Silent Settlers Part 2, Female emigrants to South Africa pages 20-22.

Killed by Pirates pages 58-61 and last but not least Ethel the bankrupt portrait painter pages 71-73. A new source Victorian Police Gazette 1855, an article in it under Miscellaneous Information Missing since Christmas Day, Jasper Morley, of Weston Street, Brunswick. He is a sawyer by trade, 23 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, florid complexion, brown hair, blue eyes. Information to Alfred SIMMS, Duke of York Hotel, Great Collins street east, Melbourne- 3rd Jan 1855.

This is a really good description of someone's ancestor.

You'll never know what you could find in the research room if you don't use it.

Lorraine Taylor

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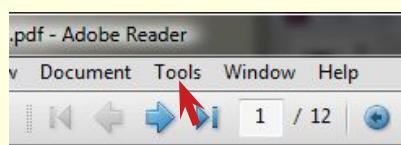
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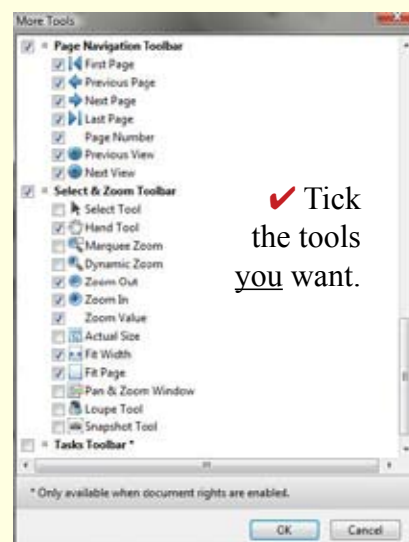


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So why not make this a part of your visits to the research room. Keep in touch with the new resources on offer to all of our members.