



Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Incorporated 1992

ABN 15 397 153 919

Inc. No. A0023666M

ISSN 1445 - 2162

Issue 85

August 2010

A Member of:

Genealogical Society of Vic - South Eastern Historical Assoc Inc

Vic Assoc of Family History Organisations - Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Congratulations to the 2010 Member of the Year!

Val Bennett is a very deserving winner of this year's Member of the Year award. Val joined our little group in 2006 and has been an asset since the day she joined. Val always has a suggestion and a smile. She has been a research room volunteer for a couple of years and she uses this time to impart her vast array of family history knowledge to our members and visitors. Val helps out with quite a few projects, including the Monuments & Memorials project and in the last few months in the research room she has been helping Jane in the huge job of reorganising the microfiche draws. Val has helped me in recent times with the very time consuming job of finding new websites to include in this newsletter, it takes a huge load off my shoulders, thanks Val. She joined the group on a bus trip to Ballarat last November to spend the day at their expo and do a bit of cemetery hopping along the way. Val is a regular face at general meetings and generally gets involved in whatever activity is on. She is a very worthy winner of this year's Member of the Year. Congratulations Val!



Wendy Goodwin presents the Member of the Year trophy and perpetual plaque to Val Bennett. Congratulations!

EXPO

**28th August 2010
Beaconsfield**

General Meetings

Saturday 11th September at 2 pm

➔ **Netting your Irish Ancestors**
Beryl O'Gorman



Saturday 9th October at 2 pm

➔ **Members, come along and talk about your Male Ancestor!**
In house



Wednesday 10th November at 8 pm

➔ **Frommele reburial of James Rawlston**
Fay McCoubrie

In This Edition

Member of the Year	1
President's Report	3
2009/10 Treasurer's Report & Appendix One on page 5	4
Research Room News	6
Vale - Lisa Cole-Sinclair	7
New in the Research Room	7
Frances Brown Award	8
Research Room Roster	9
Welcome New Members	10
Member Profile	10
On the Web	10
Away Day to Prahran Mechanics Institute	11
Sausage Sizzle Report	11
Are you seeing spots?	12

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

P.O. Box 149, Narre Warren Vic 3805

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

Phone: (03) 5995 5957 (President)

Committee Members

President	Wendy Goodwin	president@nwfhg.org.au
Vice President	Rex McFarlane	vice.president@nwfhg.org.au
Treasurer	Jenny Hayes	treasurer@nwfhg.org.au
Minute Secretary	Eileen Durdin	minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au
Corres. Secretary	Fay McCoubrie	correspondence@nwfhg.org.au
Librarian	Jane Rivett-Carnac	librarian@nwfhg.org.au
Membership Officer	Wendy Brock	membership.officer@nwfhg.org.au
Newsletter Editor	Pam Lowther	newsletter.editor@nwfhg.org.au
Publicity Officer	Lynne Bradley	publicity.officer@nwfhg.org.au
Research Room Manager	Wendy Eldridge	research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au

Family History Research Room

Location: Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Narre Warren Branch; Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Research Room: Within the Narre Warren Library. ***Meetings:*** Narre Warren Library Meeting Room.

Opening Hours:

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

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

(From November to May)

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

Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(From June to October)

We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. Visitors are also welcome.

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 or Email:

research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

Membership

Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee

Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee

Payable 1st July each year.

Casual Visitors \$5 per day

Meetings

Nov - May: 8 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the month
(except January)

Jun - Oct: 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month

Entry Cost: \$3

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

Postage & Packing

+ \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche

Information Sessions

Discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room and put it to work in your research.

To schedule an informal information session or for more information contact:
Jane Rivett-Carnac

Phone: (03) 9796 1421 or Email:

research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au

Members: Free Visitors: \$5

Books:

Kindred Spirits

*20 Years of the Narre Warren & District
Family History Group 1989-2009*

\$25 (+ \$6.00 postage & packing)

Early Settlers of the Casey-
Cardinia District

\$30 (+ \$10.30 postage & packing)

*Book order forms available
from the newsletter editor
or in our research room*

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

President's Report

I have been asked by a few people how I think my first year as President has gone, well I must admit at the beginning it got off to a very rocky start and I did make a few mistakes that have now been sorted out and I have learnt valuable lessons from them. Over the past few months Lynne Bradley and I have attended several South Eastern Historical Association Meetings and also Wendy Brock and I have attended several Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group meetings.

On Sunday the 20th of June Shirley Peterson once again organised and ran a very successful Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings despite the weather, thank you Shirley and volunteers.

As you all know by now we have once again started opening the Research Room on Sunday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm instead of Thursday nights. I am pleased to say the Monuments and Memorials Project has been revitalized and there are a number of wonderful volunteers undertaking this job but they can always do with more help. I am also very pleased to announce that after many years of research and hard work by a dedicated group of volunteers the Pioneer Profiles Project has been completed.

It was agreed by the Committee that Wendy Eldridge and Lynne Bradley would take this work to Wendy's boss in Sydney to be printed. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances Lynne was not able to go, so this important mission passed to Wendy to complete and even though she did not have Lynne's valuable input she bought back four printed sample copies. Very soon we hope to have copies available for members to buy and to offer them for sale at our upcoming Expo. Many of our members have enjoyed away days and special events this year. Just recently there was a visit to the Prahran Mechanics Institute, a volunteers morning tea at Warrook Cattle Farm Homestead, a trip to the Central Highlands Historical Association's Family History Expo at Ballarat and last November we enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at Heaven Scent Lavender Farm at Bunyip although there was not a lavender

plant in sight we all still had a great day.

The Family History beginner classes started early in the year proved very popular as did Lynne Bradley's idea of taking family history out of the Research room and into different venues in her "Ask Granny" lessons, thank you Lynne and your band of volunteers.

We have certainly been a very busy and hard working group this year, but as they say, "wait there is more" next month we have two events coming up. First on Thursday the 5th of August we have our annual Open Day for National Family History Week. Our Research room will be open from 11am – 3pm for free research for everyone. Of course there will be the main event our Expo on Saturday the 28th of August at Beaconsfield. This has been a very educational and interesting few months watching this take shape and now everything is in place for what I believe will be a very successful and fun day for everyone. I would like to thank Wendy Eldridge and Jenny Hayes for the very hard work they have both done to organise this Expo. I believe these two ladies could sell snow to Eskimos and convince them it was their own idea.

Last but by no means least I would like to thank Pam Lowther for all her hard work over the years as the Group's IT Officer and even though she is staying on as our Newsletter Editor she has found due to her continuing ill health she must pass on the position she held as IT Officer to someone else. Another thank you goes to our outgoing Treasurer Anne Blair for all her hard work over the past few years. Anne now needs to resign her position due to private circumstances and we are very sorry to lose her. Anne will of course continue her Research room volunteer work and membership of the Group.

I would like to finish with a very big and appreciative thank you to the outgoing Committee, Volunteers and the Members of this wonderful Group for all your patience and support over the last twelve months.

I believe that this Group has a great future and can only grow stronger because of the excellent and hardworking membership it has had in the past and at present.

I wish good luck to the incoming Committee.

Thank you everyone

Wendy Goodwin

e-Record6 Summary of Income and Expenses for 2009 - 2010

Summaries updated:
1 Jul 2010 at 8:48 AM

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Receipts Category Name	Total Receipt Amount	GST Amount	GST-exclusive Amount	Omit from Total*
A1 Interest Received	10.11	0.00	10.11	
A2 Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Refunds from suppliers (GST-free)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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				
A9 Other Non-Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A10 Bankings				
A11 Membership Fees	2,666.00	0.00	2,666.00	
B1 Library Sales	25.30	0.00	25.30	
B2 Print-Outs	163.25	0.00	163.25	
B3 Visitors' Fees	178.00	0.00	178.00	
B4 General Meeting-Door	596.00	0.00	596.00	
B5 Fund-raising	5,166.17	0.00	5,166.17	
B6 Sundries	2,443.00	0.00	2,443.00	
B7 Donations	1,336.30	0.00	1,336.30	
B8 Research Fees	105.00	0.00	105.00	
Total	12,689.13		12,689.13	

Payments Category Name	Total Payment Amount	GST Amount	Private Use GST-exclusive Amount	Amount Claimable	Omit from Total*
A1 Wages					
PLUS Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) **					
Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other)					
A2 Private Drawings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Superannuation					
A4 ATO/BAS Payments					
A5 Refunds to Customers (GST-free)	12.50	0.00	0.00	12.50	
A6 Refunds to Customers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A7 Bank Charges	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.80	
A8 Interest Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Loan Repayments					
A10 Purchase of Assets	848.99	0.00	0.00	848.99	
A11 Asset Improvements					
A12 Other Capital Payments					
A13 Petty Cash Reimbursement					
A14 Credit Card Repayment					
B1 Purchases-Library	191.00	0.00	0.00	191.00	
B2 Subscriptions-Groups	306.00	0.00	0.00	306.00	
B3 Subscriptions-Magazines	328.85	0.00	0.00	328.85	
B4 Rent-Meeting Room	513.00	0.00	0.00	513.00	
B5 Postage	54.10	0.00	0.00	54.10	
B6 Stationery	136.20	0.00	0.00	136.20	
B7 Insurance	595.00	0.00	0.00	595.00	
B8 Sundries	738.16	0.00	0.00	738.16	
B9 Newsletter-Printing & Postage	519.25	0.00	0.00	519.25	
B10 Expenses-Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B11 Expenses-"Pioneer Profiles" Book	86.59	0.00	0.00	86.59	
B12 Expenses - Fundraising	1,148.49	0.00	0.00	1,148.49	
B13 Research Room - Equipment/Repairs	209.00	0.00	0.00	209.00	
B14 Guest Speakers	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	
B15 Gifts/Presentations	142.50	0.00	0.00	142.50	
B16 Expenses - Publishing	514.75	0.00	0.00	514.75	
B17 Expenses-Monuments & Memorials Project	62.86	0.00	0.00	62.86	
B18					
B19					
B20					
B21					
B22					
B23					
B24					
B25					
Total	6,583.04	0.00	0.00	6,583.04	

Balance Brought Forward at 1st July 2009
Receipts for 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010

\$ 2,226.25
\$ 12,689.13

Sub Total

Expenditure for 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010
Total

\$ 14,915.38
\$ 6,583.04
\$ 8,332.34

Balance at Bank at 30th June 2010
Less Unpresented Cheque No. 455 & 458
Final Balance as at 30th June 2010

\$ 8,666.59
\$ 334.25
\$ 8,332.34



Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Appendix One

1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010

<u>ING Direct – Grants Account</u>	
Balance at Bank 1 st July 2009	\$7,602.85
Interest Received 1 st July 2009 to 30 th June 2010	\$319.74
Balance at Bank 30 th June 2010	\$7,922.59
<u>Summary of Sundries</u>	
Receipts	
Expo – Donations, Etc.	\$1,836.50
Publishing Cemetery Microfiche	\$185.50
Book	\$261.00
General – Ballarat Trip	\$160.00
Total	\$2,443.00
Expenses	
General – Post Box Rent, Badges, Etc	\$522.16
Expo – Hall & Printing, Etc	\$216.00
Total Balance	\$738.16
<u>Summary of Publishing Expenses (Separate Item)</u>	
Cemetery Microfiche	\$210.00
Printing – Book	\$304.75
Total Balance	\$514.75
<u>Summary of Fundraising Profits</u>	
Ancestry Raffle	\$1,169.81
Sausage Sizzles (2)	\$2,355.75
Memory Sticks	\$170.00
Sweets	\$65.60
Beginners Class	\$120.00
General Meeting Raffles	\$209.60
Sales	\$68.25
Ritchies Stores	\$41.67
Summary Balance	\$4,200.68

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

Research Room News

The cold days of winter are the perfect excuse to curl up with a book or three or sort through the scraps of paper and notes that collect on your desk or hop in the car and have a short break in Canberra. Wendy and I had a four day weekend in book shops, the National Library, National Archives and the War Memorial, now we have to go back.

Research before you go to Canberra will save you time, the library, archives and War Memorial all have excellent web sites, the better prepared you are the more ground you can cover. The library is a beautiful building with good car parking, a small café and book shop. Security is strict; everything must be checked or put in lockers. You can take in a laptop, if your handbag is too big you have to leave it in a locker with phone turned off. You need a library card but you can do this from home via the website before your visit. The library requires you to order books etc via a computer, 15 items at a time can be accessed, this can be a bit hit and miss, I prefer to stand in front of a row of books and quickly scan an index, however the delivery of items is quick and you can get through a lot of books in a day. The newspaper room is downstairs and word of warning ladies, it is hot and we found it gave us a headache but that could also have been the screens. We both found the staff very helpful, but we did get shushed by other library users and I thought we were whispering very quietly. The newspaper room is not open on Sundays nor are the reading rooms at the National Archives or the War Memorial, so a trip during the week will enable better use of time. The reading room at the War Memorial is a little daunting but again I had a friendly member of staff to point me in the right direction and again I got shushed (am I really that loud when talking)? Just outside the reading room is the online gallery, an area with a number of computers and volunteers to help you search for military records of individuals and they gave us good hints for further avenues to search. We visited the National Archives on the Sunday so no research but we did enjoy the couple of hours looking at "Memory of a Nation" and the special displays.

We found time to have a look at the rooms of the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra at Hughes, Wendy did a bit of CD shopping and I looked for ideas we could use in our room. HGSOc are shifting to new premises so when I go back to Canberra it will be interesting to see how they rearrange their books and layout the room.

My favourite book shop in Canberra was Alexander Fax tucked away in a shopping centre at Mawson I found a number of military books to help me with the bombing of Darwin during 1942 and an army unit history.

The freeway may save time by not going through all the towns big and small but keep an eye out for the turnoff to Collector and a fabulous book shop with a good range of local and family history books, quirky outdoor sculpture and friendly people. A must stop place is Holbrook, the bakery warms you on the inside and the owners of both the book shops will also warmly welcome you, at "The Last Post Bookshop" as it was getting late in the day, the lights were turned on, they stayed open and gave me a chair to sit on while I scanned hundreds of books. In Goulburn I had the exact opposite experience and found a book shop that I really wouldn't recommend, dusty, musty, dirty, dark, unorganised, unfriendly, unhelpful and off my list, I'm not going back.

Back home in time to spend four hours on Sunday sizzling sausages at Bunnings with Shirley's merry band, great it's not 40°, I missed the rain in the morning, not as cold as we've had in the past and gumboots keep your feet dry and warm. This is a good way to get to know fellow members, have lots of laughs and meet the other halves. Another morning of fun and laughter is the annual volunteer's morning-tea, this year held at Warrook Farm. Yummy scones and a bit of history but a pity about the weather. Time spent with a few other members recently was a Saturday afternoon visit to Prahran Mechanics Institute, Christine gave a very interesting talk on the history of mechanics institutes and background on the Prahran Mechanics Institute then we had time to look at their library and borrow books. I'm looking forward to the Expo in August more laughter, *continued on page 7*

continued from page 6 new people and fundraising, it's a great combination. Speaking of great I'm giving a great big thank you to Val Bennett for the professional job she is doing dividing, sorting and relabelling the micro fiche, while making new stock sheets, this is hours and hours of work that she is quietly doing to make it easier for all of us.

Happy reading,

Jane Rivett-Carnac

London Lives 1690-1800

Crime, Poverty and Social Policy in the Metropolis.

<http://www.londonlives.org/index.jsp>

This is a fully searchable edition of 240,000 manuscripts from eight archives and fifteen datasets, giving access to 3.35 million names. I found one reference to the will of my 4th great grandmother, dated 1811, which I had previously found on the National Archives (UK) site. It is a fascinating site and will help fill many hours of your time

Di Christensen

Vale

Farewell to Lisa Cole-Sinclair,
passed away 14 May, 2010

Lisa was a very enthusiastic member of the Group in the late 1990s. She participated



in many of our activities- our bus trips to PROV (at Laverton) and other research venues, assisted as a library volunteer and attended the VAFHO State Conference in 1999 which she greatly enjoyed.

Our thoughts are with her husband, Daryl and family.

New in the Research Room

	Souvenir of the Terowie Institute Centenary
	Three stops on the line
	The Centenarians: Life's quiet sunset
	Beauty From Ashes
	Narrow Gauge Rails to Gembrook
	Male Family History

	Ancestors in South Australian Archives <i>Donated by Heather Arnold</i>
---	--

	Remember Them: A Guide to Victoria's Wartime Heritage <i>Donated by Victorian State Government</i>
---	---

	Bairnsdale the way we were
	Creeks and Harbours of the Gippsland Lakes
	Path Among The Years: Shire of Bairnsdale
	Bairnsdale State School Centenary 1864-1964
	Lindenow South 1888-1989
	The Wills in Australia
	Stopover that stayed: Essendon
	Berwick-Upon-Tweed
	Berwick a short History
	Old Highgate
	The Thames
	The Virgin of Aldermanbury
	<i>Donated by Vyn Wills</i>

	Our Living Memorials <i>Donated City of Casey</i>
---	--

	Victoria's Framework of Historical Themes <i>Donated by Heritage Council of Victoria</i>
---	---

	Pallots Marriage Index
	Pallots Baptism Index
	Australian Shipping Arrivals and Departures 1788-1868
	<i>Donated by Robyn Jones</i>

	The Lang Lang Guardian 1902-1918
---	----------------------------------

☞ Frances Brown Award ☞

The Frances Brown Award for Meritorious Service to Genealogy in Victoria 2010 has been awarded to Ada Ackery.

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group was very pleased to nominate Ada for this award. Ada was selected from an excellent field of nominees and is a well deserved winner. The award was presented at the annual Victorian Family History State Conference and accepted by Beryl O'Gorman on Ada's behalf.

Ada has been involved in history and genealogy for many years as evidenced by this brief resume of Ada's service to the genealogical community:

Ada is a former Curator, Director (1981-1988) and member of the Committee of Management (1980-1988) of the Williamstown Museum; major lecturer and inaugural Convenor of the Williamstown Family History Group

(1984-1988) and also answered all historical and genealogical research enquiries during this time; and the inaugural President (1989) Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member (1989-1997) and genealogy tutor (1991-1992) at the Williamstown U3A, only retiring in 1997 due to life saving emergency surgery.

Ada has spoken on various genealogical subjects to groups throughout Victoria and has indexed many files at PROV and many BDM records. She has written books of genealogical interest, especially about the Williamstown area; lead tours of the Williamstown Museum, cemetery and local area; researched for writers, country researchers of family and school histories; photographed and developed photos for museums and schools.

Ada has been involved in producing many publications a few of these are: Women of Williamstown;

Thoughts and Perceptions on Williamstown; Williamstown Library History Kit (1987); From Cambridge to Newport in 125 years: a history of Newport school No 113 (1981) and An Outline History of Williamstown (1986).

Ada has also compiled many indexes including: Index to Williamstown Chronicle 1856-1857; List of Port Phillip and Victorian Pioneers Vol 1-In Williamstown & Vol 2-Outside Williamstown; Index to Diaries of Rev. William Waterfield 1832-

1842 (1984); Index -Boxer Rebellion, China; Victorian Naval Pioneers (1982); Index of 1888 Centennial Exhibition Security Identity Photographs (1983); Supreme Court Misc. Equity Case Files Calendar 1842-1886; Supreme Court Misc. Equity Case Files Index 1887-1922; Supreme Court Misc. Equity Case Files Index 1922-1947; Supreme Court Habeas Corpus Case Files Calendar 1842-

1922; Non-Issued Probates and Administrations Index 1852-1952 and of course, a few unfinished indexing projects. All of Ada's indexing projects were handwritten at PROV, and then entered into a computer at home.

Ada's articles have appeared in Ancestor and The Genealogist magazines. Just a few of the titles from Ancestor are: Point Gellibrand Cemetery 1839-1858 (1987); Missing Emigrants (1987); Are My Marriages Legal? - Rev. William Waterfield's Marriages in Latrobe's Correspondence (1988) and a few from The Genealogist are: The Printers Devil in the 1880s (1989); Volunteer Fire Brigades (1993); A Shipboard Teacher (1993); Illegal Immigration is not new (1994); A Quiet Obsession - research in the civil cases of the Supreme Court (1998); Unregistered Births in Victoria (1998) and Some Unregistered Marriages (2005).

continued on page 9



Ada was presented with her trophy and award by Jenny Harkness, President of VAFHO (left) at the June meeting of VAFHO, in the Genie Centre at the State Library of Victoria

Research Room Roster

	Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
	11am-3pm		11am-3pm		2pm-4pm	
September			4	Shirley Petersen Val Holland	5	Di Christensen Val Bennett
	7	Wendy Eldridge Volunteer Needed	11	Robyn Jones Wendy Brock	12	Valma Newson Jane Rivett-Carnac
	14	Faye McCoubrie Volunteer Needed	18	Carolyn Jones Wendy Goodwin	19	Lyne McGregor Wendy Eldridge
	21	Wendy Brock Val Bennett	25	Claire Stevenson Steven Smith	26	Eileen Durdin Donald Connop
October	28	Bev Lambie Lynne Bradley	2	Shirley Petersen Wendy Goodwin	3	Valma Newson Lyne McGregor
	4	Wendy Brock Fay McCoubrie	9	Robyn Jones Wendy Brock	10	Wendy Goodwin Jane Rivett-Carnac
	11	Wendy Eldridge Volunteer Needed	16	Claire Stevenson Steven Smith	17	Di Christensen Eileen Durdin
	18	Bev Lambie Mary McGrath	23	Val Holland Robyn Jones	24	Val Bennett Donald Connop
	25	Lynne Bradley Shirley Dwyer	30	Carolyn Jones Wendy Goodwin	31	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac
November	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
	11am-3pm		7pm-9pm		11am-3pm	
	2	Not Open Melbourne Cup	4	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Eldridge	6	Wendy Brock Steven Smith
	9	Fay McCoubrie Wendy Brock	11	Eileen Durdin Valma Newson	13	Shirley Petersen Val Bennett
	16	Anne Blair Shirley Dwyer	18	Di Christensen Donald Connop	20	Carol Jones Robyn Jones
	23	Bev Lambie Lynne Bradley	25	Wendy Eldridge Lyne McGregor	27	Val Holland Wendy Goodwin
	30	Mary McGrath Shirley Dwyer	<i>Please exchange days with other volunteers yourself if needed.</i>			

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

continued from page 8 Ada has answered many genealogical queries on lists since 1988 and responds to mailing list queries on lists including Geelong, GSV, Ballarat, Gippsland and others. Ada's responses and suggestions have been very extensive and extremely helpful to subscribers to these free lists. I have discovered that many researchers have an 'Ada Ackerly' folder. Ada has stated that "nothing makes her happier than when someone has found the answer to their problem in one of her indexes or mailing list answers". Ada also stated that "indexing can be a very lonely activity, but visiting groups, giving talks and answering questions gives me great joy". Her indexes –marked COURTS can be found on the

shelves at PROV, some are also at GSV. I shall place a list in our Research Room soon.

Ada has travelled Victoria giving most interesting talks on a variety of subjects and is a regular contributor to some Victorian mailing lists, with much useful advice for researchers. She is also well known for her work at the Williamstown Museum and her enthusiasm for Williamstown's history.

Ada thanked the Narre Warren & District Family History group for nominating her, and VAFHO for the award.

Congratulations Ada!

Di Christensen



On the Web



Christchurch City Library - Heritage

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/>

Adelaide City Council - Civic Collection Online

<http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/council/city-archives/civic-collection/civic-collection-online.html>

Dead Fred

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

The German Club

<http://www.thegermanclub.com.au/about-us/german-history-in-SA.php>

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand - Archives

<http://www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/page3.htm>

New Zealand Yesteryears

<http://www.yesteryears.co.nz/>

Otago Nominal Index

<http://otago-nominal-index.otago.ac.nz/basic.php>

Sea Pix Online

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

The Prow (New Zealand)

<http://www.theprow.org.nz/>

Goldrush - The Goldminer's Database

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

British Genealogy

<http://british-genealogy.com/>

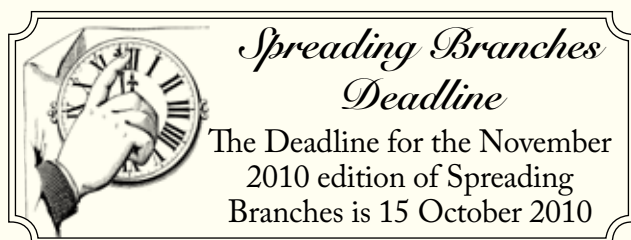
Lost Cousins

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

Ballarat Cemeteries Database

http://ballaratcemeteries.com.au/cemetery_database.html

Member Profile	
Name	Dianne Ivy Langanke (nee Harris)
Born	Mildura, Victoria, Australia
Education	2 nd form, Mildura High School
Spouse	Brian George Langanke
Children	3
Time in the District	46 years
Hobbies	Reading, Friends, Family, Probus Club and Yoga
Researching	Harris and Martin
Reason for Starting	Never met my Grandparents
Time Researching	Short time



Away Day to the Prahran Mechanics Institute

Ten of our members enjoyed a wonderfully informative afternoon at Prahran Mechanics Institute on Saturday 26th June. Christine Worthington delighted us with the history of the Institute, explaining the origins of the Mechanics Institutes and the activities that were held in these buildings that at one stage were to be found in most towns.

Christine then went on to explain the unique workings of the Prahran library, being that they are the only lending library of history resources locally and nationally to be found with this facility available to anyone who wishes to become a member for a very minimal fee.

We were then treated to afternoon tea and Christine surprised us with a raffle draw of a year's subscription to the library, which was won by Cheyenne, who is a very good budding genealogist. Cheyenne very kindly donated the



subscription to the Group.

We then spent time investigating their wonderful resources. We are very appreciative of the time Christine gave and thank the Prahran Mechanics Institute for a great afternoon.

Wendy Eldridge

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Sunday 22nd June we held our sausage sizzle at Bunnings Narre Warren. We raised \$1346.15!!! What a superb effort by all our volunteers who once again faced the very difficult wet and cold conditions to achieve a great outcome for the Group.

A big thank you to you all, Mary McGrath, Fay McCoubrie, Steve Smith, Rex McFarlane, Lynne Bradley, Eileen Durdin, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Dianne Langanke, Wendy Goodwin and Clare Vivian. This is, by the way, the most helpers we have ever had at our sizzles and I think that says a lot about our Group.

Special thanks goes to Ron McGrath, Robin McCoubrie and Rachelle Smith as they are not members.

Bev Lambie, Anne Blair, Jeanette Angee Val Holland and myself met at Clare's house on the

Saturday before the sizzle to bag the sausages and cut the onions. Thank you Clare and Terry for opening up your home for this event. A big job and a great effort done in good spirits "but with a few tears". Thank you ladies!!!

This is a very important part of our fundraising, so if you are unable to help on our next sizzle day maybe you could help in this way, by the way we slice the onions with a food processor.

So now we have some money to spend on new resources. Any ideas? There is a wish list in the research room for you to write your suggestions. It is a sadness to me that my greatest helper in Clare Vivian will not be rejoining our group. Thank you for all your work and support.

Shirley Peterson

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator



Unit 1, 3 Vesper Drive Narre Warren
03 9704 9900

53 Baldhill Road Pakenham
03 5941 6900

For more great locations visit our website
ultimatetiles.com.au

Dream...Design...Create...*Live!*

Jenny Carter's talk at our Annual General Meeting "Finding Passenger Lists" was most interesting. Find more details page 11- "Preserving the Past and the Present for the Future" the VAFHO Conference Papers, May 2008. This book is on our shelves. Jenny also answers your questions in Ancestor, the GSV magazine. Borrow some of these –you may find some very interesting reading.

Di Christensen



An orange spot
on your address label
means your membership renewal
has not been received and your
membership will lapse on 30th September.
A renewal form is available in the May

SPOTS?

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.

Have you shopped at Ritchies lately?

When you join Ritchies community benefits scheme you will get a keytag or a card that will be swiped as you go through the checkout. Each time you shop the group benefits. We have received a few community benefit cheques. But the more people shopping at Ritchies the bigger our cheque. No we don't want you to change your shopping habits but consider shopping at Ritchies once in a while. You can sign up at any Ritchies store. Every little bit counts!