

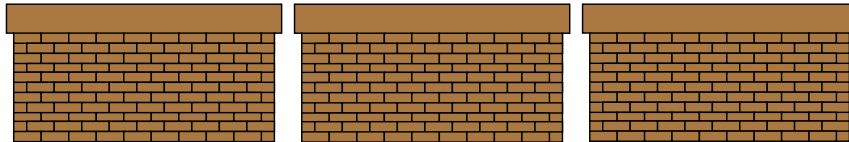
BORDERLINE NEWS



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What's Happening Next for our Society:

16th February – This will be the popular “I’m Stuck” evening. Andy Turner will facilitate the evening and we will try to help break down those brick walls you have.



16th March – Betty McGrath will talk about the history of the Black Ranges (Lavington).

20th April - Barry Pinkerton will talk about charts and forms and parish maps.



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The Research Room is situated in the premises of the Upper Murray Regional Library in Hovell Street, Wodonga VIC. The opening hours for research are Tuesday & Wednesday from 10.30am to 3.30pm and Thursday from 1pm to 5.30pm.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month [except December] at 7.30pm at the Felltimber Community Centre, cnr Felltimber Creek Road and Melrose Drive, Wodonga. Entry is via Ritter Road.

Researchers please note that you cannot gain access to the Research Room until you have signed the attendance book at the Circular Desk – signature & membership number is required. If you are a visitor, your postcode and phone number will be required.

Items cannot be returned through the Library after hour's chute or to the Regional Library staff. They must be returned to the Research Rooms during the designated opening hours mentioned above.

Research enquiries: *If you wish our Research Officer to do research for you, please include a business sized, stamped, self addressed envelope with your enquiry details. The initial research cost is \$15.00.*

Please include all the details you can: names, areas, dates, any births, deaths and marriage details you may have and what you want the Research Officer to find out. There is no point in paying for what you already know.

Membership Details

Membership of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc. includes the benefits of receiving a quarterly newsletter and allows access to all the resources of the Society's library which is growing all the time. Your attendance at our monthly meetings will ensure that you have contact with our researchers who share your interest in family history.

Subscriptions:	Joining Fee	\$ 5.00
	Single Membership	\$30.00
	Joint Membership	\$40.00 (2 people at same address)
	Concession	\$18.00 (proof required)

Membership fees are due and payable in July of each year.

Committee members

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Norma Burrows	Robyn Gross	Pat Hopkins	Carol Keep	Lyn Larkin
Heather Maddison	Christine Young			

Overview of previous meetings

20th October - we had a very interesting and well attended meeting where Hana Patel and Susan Boyd showed us how to create digital stories.

Three short films were shown, one created by our member Carol Keep. They were each different, and very personal memories of a small section of one persons life, and included a "voice over" by the creator, still photos, and music.

Hana runs a course at T.A.F.E. which trains people on how to create this type of storytelling. We were all entranced with the product, and considered it to be another method of telling our family history stories. Perhaps it is a style that the Club could consider later on for those who wished to do so.



17th November - We were most fortunate to have Geoff Brownrigg as our speaker for the meeting. His subject was "Echoes of the Irish in Australia" but he ranged through Irish folk songs to old Australian musical comedy. Geoff was a most entertaining speaker and his stories of Irish emigrants and their influence on Australia delighted his audience. He commenced the evening by playing a number of Irish tunes and was earlier spotted dancing a little jig behind the screen at the speakers table,

Somehow or other he encouraged us all into joining him in singing some musical comedy songs by Florrie Forde from a disc titled "The Shamrock and the Wattle", which included some old favourites like "Hold Your Hand Out, Naughty Boy". Geoff was born in Mulwala and told a couple of little tales which indicated his belief in the importance of enthusiasm. He recalled his teacher at the Mulwala State School as being so enthused about history that she inspired him for the rest of his life.

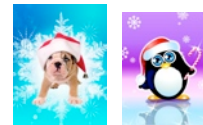
It is this type of enthusiasm that we can hopefully bring to our family history.

19th November - The Street Stall was a great success. Lots of donations and help

from the members. We made a profit which means more resources for our Research Room and you.



4th December – This was the Christmas gathering for the Society. Dinner was at O'Maille's Hotel, 36 High Street, Wodonga.



The winners of the raffle were:

Doll donated by John Craig was won by **Denis Lyon**

Quilted knee rug made and donated by Robyn Gross was won by **Kathleen Ryan**

Fruit cake made and donated by Doreen Gibbs was won by **Diane Harris**



UPCOMING EVENTS

7th March 2010 - 'Wills Family' Researchers Preliminary Notice for the Wills History Convention at the Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne
Contact: email Pam Sullivan at jlpc05@bigpond.net.au to receive the monthly email newsletters which will keep you informed or write to Pam at 3/496 South Rd, Moorabbin, VIC, 3189

2nd May 2010 - we are having a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Wodonga. We need helpers between 8.30am and 3pm. Please join in the group. It was great fun last time.

If you are unable to help then please take the time to visit the stand and purchase a sausage or two. All money goes towards more resources for you.

Contact any committee member re helping at the stand.



11th-13th May – Proposed Canberra trip



We haven't decided on the mode of travel at this stage!!!!!!

We will probably stay in Queanbeyan and possible visits will be to the Archives of Australia; Australian War Memorial for family research; National Museum; National Sound Archive.

If you are interested please contact Andy Turner via email on anjeandy@bigpond.net.au

28th-30th May 2010 – VAFHO Conference in Yarrowonga

The 7th Victorian Family History State Conference will be held At Club Mulwala, Yarrowonga, Victoria

There will be 14 speakers to choose from and 5 workshops

It will commence at 1.30pm on 28th May and finish at 2pm on 30th May

The booklets are in the Research Room and provide lots of information regarding the speakers, workshops and costs.



MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY

Don't forget we are putting together a 'new interest list' for the members which will be housed in the Research Room at the library and posted in our newsletter every quarter. So far, a few have been received, thank you to those who have sent them.

We will update the list 6 monthly so, if there are any changes, you need to contact me between each update. Otherwise the details will stay the same. You may list up to five surnames.

So all you need to do is provide the information as shown in the example below, then post, email or fax me and you are done.

My interests are as follows:-

Smith: 1800-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia

Smyth: 1650-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia

Smithson: 1700-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia

Mrs. J Smith, Member No 1111

Contact via email on smith@smith.com.au or post to 111 Smith Street, Smith Town, Vic 3333

See easy, I will email you to confirm I have received your email. You may prefer to post, fax or phone me. My details are shown below. Jennifer Mulholland:

Jems@inlandconcretecutting.com.au or fax to 02 6020 6909 or post to: PO Box 5317, Wodonga Plaza, Wodonga, Vic 3690

It is envisaged that this data may be placed on our website.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Members and a very Happy New Year. I presume that, like me, you find that time races by so quickly it is hard to believe we are into another year. I am filled with good intentions of the deep research I will undertake and how I will persevere with searching for the most elusive of ancestors. I hope that some success will follow my endeavours, and that you will also have some successes this year.

To assist you with your efforts your Committee has been discussing how your Club can help you with your research.

It seems fairly clear that the “Brick Wall” evenings we have held in the last year have assisted in the production of some breakthroughs in research for some of our members. I really believe that the more our members come along to the meetings and TALK about their research problems with other members the better it is for the Club as a whole. We can all learn from each other, and sometimes, what has seemed an insuperable problem of where and how to look has been experienced by another member. When we have held one of our “Brick Wall” nights it has always amazed me how often someone in the room will bring up a suggestion, based either out of their own experience, or simply out of a good idea, which will benefit someone else.

On the basis of this we are intending to introduce more “Brick Wall” sessions at our meetings where all members are encouraged to ask questions and all members are encouraged to suggest answers. Many of the questions needing to be asked may be very simple ones to which the answer may be found amongst the resources at our library. If this is the case – someone will have been there before you and will be happy to give you the benefit of their experience.

Please don't ever be shy about asking questions because you will learn something and so will your listeners. We are all ready to learn skills which will enhance our enjoyment of family history and to encourage other members to do the same.

My New Year wish is for us to have a really **Happy New Year** with lots of fun and friendship at our meetings; as well, let us all participate in the social activities offered by our club and let us all involve ourselves in the volunteer activities which help keep our club on a sound financial basis.

From Heather Lauritzen - President



This piece of history is submitted by Norma Burrows

Ever wondered why a park in Wodonga has the name that it has? Here are some of the answers.

Park Name: Bill Black Park
Location: Osburn St

Background: Moved to Wodonga in 1954 where Mr Black took up employment with Bradford Kendall Limited (BK's). He was engaged as a Fitter and Turner and was involved in constructing the foundry building and installing the various equipment. Mr Black was offered the opportunity by BK to take over the management of the Wodonga Plant, despite having no previous experience in steel casting manufacture and its technology.

Nevertheless he embraced the management role which he carried out successfully for another 30 years until his retirement in 1984.

Mr Black was active in community affairs as a member of the Wodonga Lions Club and successfully ran for Councillor of Wodonga Shire and remained a member of Council for 2 years.

Park Name: Abe Bounader Park
Location: James Street

Background: Mr Bounader was known as the “Picture Show Man” and he and his brother Karly ran picture shows at Wodonga in the Melba Theatre which was part of the old Shire Hall until 1968. He met the required needs of Wodonga residents with his form of entertainment for many enjoyable years.

Park Name: Clyde Cameron Reserve
Location: Large greenbelt where private hospital stands (south of Pearce Street)

Background: Named after Clyde Cameron College. This was built for the Trade Union Training Authority by the Federal Government in 1977 as Australia's first residential trade union college and was the first of its kind in the world. Its name honoured the Minister for Labour and Immigration in the Whitlam Government.



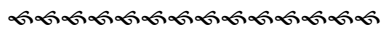
If would like to submit articles about the people in our region, the people behind the names of our streets and parks and

buildings and bridges or anything else you can think of, then send the information to the Family History postal or email address.

The articles should be no more than 300 words – less if you wish, [attached as a word document if sent via email, please] – telling members why something has a particular name. Who was it named after? What is that person's history?

It doesn't have to be a family member and the article can be about anyone in the surrounding area.

Christine Young, editor.



SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS of our ANCESTORS

As you get into your research; you start to want to add a little more to your records. School records can help with this. Early education was generally connected to the churches. In the 1600s in America the Puritans and Congregationalists controlled education, but by the 1800s this had largely been replaced by an elementary education system that was available to all. However for many years only the wealthy could access it. Between 1702 and 1719 Britain passed the Penal laws in Ireland that prohibited the Irish from, among other things, educating their children in any way. The law stated that: **no person of the popish religion shall publicly or in private houses teach school, or instruct youth in learning within this realm.**

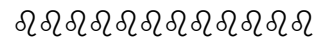
Priests and some educated Irishmen started schools in inaccessible places, such as caves and under hedges, to ensure the children received some form of education. These schools were known as Hedge Schools. When school was in someone would keep watch for the British soldiers who were intent on prosecuting the teachers.

In times gone by children would often be absent from school to assist with the crops or help Mum with a new baby. When carnivals came to town there would be a high absentee rate among students as many would take the opportunity to earn money to supplement the

family's income.

School enrolment lists tell when your ancestor and his/her siblings started school. Usually an address and the parent/guardian's name will be included. From these records you can find out when the child left school, and, if the person recording the information was thorough, you will see whether the child left to attend a different school or take up employment.

The Education Department in your area of research may be able to assist in locating the records for the school/s attended by your ancestor. They may have been lodged with the relevant Public Record Office. Some records will be found with local Historic Societies. You will need to do some detective work to find the ones relevant to your research, and it is always worth checking online for any indexes that may have been created.



Back to School – information provided by Pat Hopkins and Lyn Larkin

The first school in Wodonga, the Belvoir National School, No. 378 was established in 1857 when the population was only 214.

It opened on 1st November with 21 pupils in a bark hut at the rear of Jackson's Hotel. By December 1857 a brick classroom with a shingle roof was built and the first teacher was John Lee.

In 1862 the school was renamed Belvoir Common School No. 37, later known as Belvoir State School and became Wodonga State School No.37 in 1875.

Wodonga SS became a Central School in 1923 teaching the first two years of the secondary course and sub-intermediate classes began in 1937. Higher elementary school was implemented in 1938 and the building was officially opened in 1939. This is now the site of the Continuing Education Centre in High Street.

In 1951 Wodonga Primary School was re-located with 600 pupils to Ariel Street (now known as Brockley Street).

There are two books in the Research Room that relate to this: Wodonga State School – [100 Years History of Wodonga State](#)

School 1857 – 1957 (3690 005) and Wodonga Primary School No. 37 Sesquicentenary 1857 – 2007 (3690 006).

Most schools were originally opened as private or denominational schools. The Board of Education took over the responsibility of educating the young after the Common School Act 1862 dissolved the Denominational School Board.

Early Schools in the area include: Indigo Creek established by the Church of England in 1866 closed in 1869 when gold ran out; Gooramadda opened by the Catholic Church in 1866, closed 1870; Upper Indigo opened 1868, closed 1875; Sebastopol on Reid's Creek downstream from Beechworth opened 1867 and closed 1869. These schools depended on gold miners' children for numbers so when gold was not easily mined the families moved on and the schools closed. Brown's Plain or Burrabunna (on the banks of the Indigo Creek) opened with 24 pupils in 1866, closed in December 1895 and the school and quarters were removed to Prentice North in 1898.

Other schools that lasted for a longer period were more dependant on the farming community and small service towns such as: Cornishtown started 1865 as a Common School with 29 pupils (the building fell down in 1870!); Chiltern was a Church of England School built in 1860, had 400 pupils in 1874(517 in 1875), and by 1912 had only 92 students; Wodonga West, originally known as Green Hill(s), opened 1870, closed 1950 and the site was destroyed by the bushfire of 1952.

A valuable resource in our Research Room is Vision and Realisation Vol 1-3 (Education Department of Victoria 1973). It gives a detailed history of every school that was registered in Victoria up to that time. Information relating to the Upper Murray region is in Vol 3 pp 877-1050.

The Public Records Office Victoria also provides information about schools and education in Victoria. Guide No. 56 Records Relating to Education includes information that may be relevant to family historians such as:
Primary School Correspondence files 1878-1962
High School Correspondence files
Teacher Registration Files 1905 – 1964 (Regulation of Private Schools)
Individual School files Denominational Schools

Teachers and Schools Registration Board.
Online records at www.prov.vic.gov.au
Microfiche: Consolidated Index to Ballarat and district school registers Index to Victorian School Children 1863



Our Research Room is a great resource for history regarding schools. Below is a list of some of these resources [provided by Pat & Lyn]:

- 2640 013 Back to Albury Public School
- 025 Albury Public School's 125th Anniversary
- 036 School Reflections and Beyond - Glenair, Springfield, Rosehill, Woodstock
- 2642 004 Jindera Public School Centenary 1876-1976
- 005 St John's Lutheran School Jindera 1868-1993
- 2646 005 Daysdale Public School Centenary 1886-1986
- 2658 003 Henty Public School Centenary 1892-1992
- 2700 001 St Joseph's School Narrandera 1899-1999
- 3550 003 Sandhurst Common School Index 1864-1868
- 3683 005 Cornishtown & Prentice Freehold Reunion 1873-1998 [contains school register]
- 3688 001 Centenary of Barnawartha State School No. 1489 1875-1975
- 002 Middle Indigo School No. 1115
- 3690 005 100 yrs of Wodonga State School
- 006 Sesquicentenary Celebration Wodonga Primary School No. 37
- 3691 003 Leneva State School Centenary 1875-1975
- 004 100 Years at S.S. 2222 Baranduda
- 008 Centenary Dederang State School No. 1772 1877-1977
- 010 Kiewa Valley Primary School 1953-2003
- 011 Leneva As We Remember [contains school register]
- 3697 001 Tawonga School Centenary 1880-1980
- 3700 004 Bullioh State School Centenary 1882-1982

007 History of Tallangatta Primary School
3749 001 A History of Yackandandah School 1853-1972

002 A History of Yackandandah School 1855-1991

003 "Back Then" The Back Creek School Story

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A message from the volunteers in the Resource Room at the Library

Members will be expected to show their membership cards when attending the Research Rom in the library. This is to ensure that members are not approached to pay for the use of the research facilities.

If members would like an overview of what is available in the Research Room, please contact the secretary for further details.

Our web site

www.wodongafamilyhistory.org

There are to be several new links to other societies in the Links segment of our web page.

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Some interesting web sites

Records for sale

Available in paper format [please add \$2.50 p&p]

Barnawartha Cemetery Headstones	1861 -2003	\$12.00
Bethanga Cemetery Headstones		\$9.00
Bungowannah Cemetery Headstones	1876 - 2002	\$6.00
Burrumbuttock Cemetery Headstones:		
- public headstones	1893 - 1999	
- Trinity Bethal Lutheran Church Headstones	1885 - 1999	\$6.00
Gerogery Cemetery Headstones		
- public headstones	1859 - 2002	
- St Peters Lutheran Church Headstones	1869 - 2002	\$6.00
Glen Wills Cemetery Register	1894 - 1920 and	

The old Australian newspapers have been digitised online. There are lots of shipping details of ancestors.

<http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

The Australian Nuns Index
INDEX AND HISTORY OF NUNS AND SISTERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

1838 - 1918

<http://www.stbedes.melb.catholic.edu.au/home/br/>

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A lady is willing to give advice on NZ research. She will not do the research for you, but give you clues as to what you can do.

All she asks is that you make a clear concise query, outlining what you have already done. Please don't expect an instant reply as she is very busy.

Her name is Jenny Baldwin and her email address is:

jagb@mcmedia.com.au

She has an extensive list of web sites. To obtain a copy of the web sites you can email a request to her by sending an email Titled 'Web Sites Request' to jagb@mcmedia.com.au

Granite Flat Cemetery Headstones 1863 - 1993	\$5.00
Goombargana Cemetery Headstones	\$5.00
Jindera Cemeteries	
- public register	1875 - 1977
- headstones	1876 - 2001
- Bethlehem Lutheran Headstones	1875 - 2001
- Lutheran Headstones	1863 - 2001
	\$6.00
Kiewa Cemetery Headstones	\$12.00
Moorwatha Cemetery Headstones	\$5.00
Sandy Creek Cemetery Headstones & Register	\$9.00
Talgarno Cemetery Headstones	\$6.00

Records for sale

Available as microfiche [please add \$5.00 each part p&p]

Yackandandah Rates:

Part 1: 1884 - 1888 and 1920 - 1948

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fiche] \$40.00

Part 2: 1949 - 1971

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fiche] \$40.00

Look up service available for \$6.00 plus SAE

The Wodonga burial records and Monumental Inscriptions on a 2 CD set are now available. They will be for sale at \$35 per CD or \$65 for the set. If you want them mailed it will cost an extra \$5—the p&p is the same whether you order 1 or 2.

The Wodonga Family History Group now has a badge that members can purchase for \$5.00 from any Committee member or at a meeting.

The insignia on the badge depicts the logo on the front page of the newsletter



If you don't receive your newsletter by email, we will put them in the library during the first week of each month for collection by those who are able to do so [as we have been doing to date].

The unclaimed newsletters will be taken to the next meeting for collection by members who attend on that night.

The rest will be posted the next day. This means, if you are unable to collect your newsletter from the library or do not have it delivered via email, you will not receive it until after the meeting.

However, should you wish to receive your newsletter prior to the meeting, please give a member of the committee 4 x 55c stamps to cover postage for the newsletters for the year. Some members already provide the postage and they receive their newsletters as soon as they are printed.

Every little bit helps to keep costs down, and our subscriptions to the Society as low as possible.

You can now advertise in the newsletter at a cost of \$10 per month with a discount of \$5 per for four consecutive issues. The editor will decide where the advertisement is to be placed based on the space available. The proposition is that the advertisement would be around 2.5 square inches with a higher price for a larger advertisement.

Please let the secretary know if you wish to place an advertisement or you have queries regarding this matter.

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