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What's Happening Next for our Society:

18th May – Howard Jones will talk to us about Albury Mayor Lewis Jones, 1867.

15th June - Wendy Cooksey and Norma Burrows on “Writing an Interesting Family History”.



20th July - AGM. The nomination form is part of this newsletter. Please consider joining the committee. We are always looking for different ideas and input for the Society.

This evening's event is a surprise. We haven't decided what to do, as this newsletter is published. Come along and find out.



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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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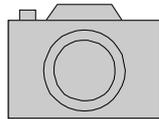
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Overview of previous meetings

19th January 2010 - The theme of the meeting was "Old photos and/or memorabilia". Members showed photos of family with stories relating to them and some had items which came with great family stories. It was a very interesting and fascinating insight into members' histories.



16th February - We had twenty two enthusiastic researchers attend our "I'm Stuck" meeting which was very competently run by Andy Turner. There were a variety of subjects raised, all with their unique "brick wall" problems. Sue Jarvis raised her problem with tracing her family whose shipping records showed they came from Manchester. She was having difficulty locating Australian Certificates after their arrival and was looking back into the English 1841 census. Linda Cupar also had Manchester family and needed some help. Interestingly Wendy advised that she has had experience with the Manchester Family History Society and that they will not undertake research under any circumstances, which makes any problems more difficult.

Heather enquired regarding education in the 1880's and received lots of advice from Lyn on how to use Visions and Realisations - on our Library shelves! There was a lot of advice given from other members who had been researching education records, old school attendance rolls, etc. Basically this was a small lesson in the use of our group knowledge and experience, and in USING OUR LIBRARY RESOURCES.

Everyone put in with information and useful advice. It was a great meeting.



15th March - Betty McGrath gave us an interesting talk on Lavington, on how and why the name changed from Black Range.

Apparently there were a few places called Black Range and in at least one case mail took three weeks to reach its destination. The mail had done the rounds of the wrong Black Ranges as there were no postcodes to assist correct delivery.

Joseph Box's family came from Market Lavington in England. He owned a property in the mid 1800s and named it Lavington. It is possible Lavington NSW was named after this area in England.

Betty's research extended back over several centuries and the overheads she prepared enhanced the presentation. Some members have research related to the Box family so Betty's talk triggered some interesting discussion which ensured she will be continuing her research into this family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

11th-13th May - The bus is booked and the accommodation is confirmed for the trip to Canberra



There are 15 people going on the trip and will stay in Queanbeyan. There will be visits to the National Museum, the Australian War Memorial and the National Archives.

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

Hi Members,
 Hope you all had a Happy Easter and as this is such a family orientated occasion, lets hope you all had a chance to catch up on family you haven't seen for some time. This is the time to ask the questions you haven't asked of the older members and try to fill in the gaps in your research. This is also the time to reinforce in your mind the reasons for your research, and the importance of family in your life.

You will see from our magazine that fifteen members are intending to travel to Canberra on 11th May in a group, organised by your Club. Please keep in mind that we organise trips such as this on a regular basis, so if there is anywhere you would like to visit for research purposes, please have a chat to any committee member and it can possibly be put into the pipeline, or you can learn of other proposed trips in which you can take part. We are always open to suggestions and ideas, so don't hesitate to speak up.

Your help in our next activity would be appreciated as we are about to run our second big fundraiser for the year. I'm talking about our BIG BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE. We only have two major events in our fundraising year, one is the Street Stall and the other is the Sausage Sizzle. On Sunday 2nd May we will need as many willing hands as we can muster to cook and sell sausages and onions outside Wodonga's Bunnings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have an hour to spare please speak to Wendy or myself and you will be a very important part of a busy day.

How many of you have been down to the Library and used our new computer? It's just beautiful, with a wide screen for easy viewing, and it gives us an extra capacity to use our ever growing collection of CD's.

How do you imagine we buy equipment like the computer, and fund the purchase of CD's for your use? Yes, we fundraise!

Please find time to contact either Wendy or myself and tell us you have an hour to spare on Sunday 2nd May. See you at the Sausage Sizzle.

Regards, 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: Susan Campbell Reserve
Location: North of Yarralumla Drive and Gaff Court

Background: Ms Campbell was employed by the Development Corporation and worked under Kent McKoy as a Landscape Architect and then took on Kent's role after he departed.

The momentum for the greening of the landscape continued with renewed vigour under her leadership. She particularly devoted her energies to the parklands around Wodonga and Baranduda and under her leadership the Millionth tree was planted.

She was a great mentor to students and young people generally by providing practical ways for them to become involved in the beautification of the area through large scale plantings. She practiced what she preached and was often seen in the field helping with plantings and tending to new plantations.



Park Name: Rex Chamberlain Park
Location: Trafalgar Street

Background: Mr Chamberlain was mayor for three terms from 1977. He served in the army in the Pacific area and was also in the army at Bandiana. Mr Chamberlain was a Councillor from 1970 until 1985.

Park Name: Ernie Condon Park
Location: North of McFarland Road

Background: Ernie (Ernest) Condon was born in Wagga Wagga in 1910; he was brought up on his Grandfather's farm "Spreydon" about 5 kilometres from Wodonga. He began cutting wood at the age of 8, with his father, who owned a saw mill and timber yard next to their house in Osburn Street.

He has a great memory of Mann's early history, the Water Tower in High Street and the railway gates in High Street being opened by an operator. He learnt his trade working in Jack Laughton's foundry in Albury for 11 years until he started his own business on the corner of Osburn and Hovell streets. Whilst living in Wodonga he manufactured a great number of inventions.



If you 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.

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

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 Room in the library. This is to ensure that members are not approached to pay for the use of the research facilities.

'More Than Just Names On Our Memorial'

In August 2014 (just over four years away) the World will commemorate the centenary of the most significant occurrence in modern history – the start of the Great War of 1914 – 1918.

The Great War had a greater impact than any other event on our newly emerging Australian nation over the course of the 20th century.

In the period following the War, families in the then much smaller town of Wodonga (population about 1,200) would personally have known most of the 45 young local men who lost their lives in that catastrophic affair, and for the town's residents at that time the phrase "we will

remember them” would have had a profound meaning.

Sadly however, with the passage of time and the passing on of generations this is no longer the case.

Few, if any, of those attending ANZAC and Armistice Day services at our Woodland Grove Memorial would know anything at all about the contributions made almost 100 years ago by any of the forty five men whose names appear on our city’s commemorative obelisk.

While we continue to mouth the words “we will remember them”, the reality is that our local World War One diggers have become mere names chiseled on a pillar of stone.

It is within the context of these observations and the rapidly approaching centenary commemorations that a window of opportunity is open for this situation to be addressed.

My ‘**More Than Just Names On Our Memorial**’ project is designed to breathe new life into the names of each of the men on our Woodland Grove Memorial who volunteered and paid the supreme sacrifice almost a century ago. The project is creating an information archive for each of our Diggers, complemented by a personal narrative profile for each man.

The resources produced will soon be available on the Upper Murray Regional Library website, and should enable current and future residents of Wodonga and district to have access to information about our local World War One diggers and their contributions.

By doing this it is hoped that when the Great War Centenary commemorations occur, Wodonga-ites will be able to have some real things in mind when we say “We remember them.”

At the time of writing this article I have been able to locate information for 43 of the 45 men whose names are inscribed on Wodonga’s Woodland Grove memorial. Unfortunately however no details have yet been obtained for **Parkinson N B** and **Smith W**.

If any readers could help me better identify either of these diggers (or give any additional information about any of the other 43) it would be greatly appreciated.

Did you know?

- **The average age of Wodonga’s 45 fallen Diggers in World War One was just 27**
- **Twenty of Wodonga’s fallen WW1 Soldiers have “No Known Grave”**
- **40 of the 43 men researched were single**
- **6 of Wodonga’s fallen soldiers had German ancestors**
- **The first Wodonga man killed was Reverend AG Stapleton at the Gallipoli landing on 25th April 1915**
- **The last Wodonga man killed was Louis Woodland at Hargicourt on 15th October 1918, just 21 days before the Armistice**
- **Wodonga’s youngest WW 1 soldiers to fall were Davitt Schwind and Percy Stott, both aged 19, followed by Ken Mortimer aged 20**
- **Wodonga’s oldest fallen soldiers were Fred Powell aged 42, with Alick Chapman and Tom Puddephatt, at 37 years of age**

If you would be interested to help with an aspect of the project, or alternatively, you would like some assistance in researching your own Digger relatives prior to the commemorations in 2014, please contact Vince Black at: PO Box 949 Wodonga 3689

Telephone: 0260208699

Email: vinceblack47@gmail.com

THE CEMETERY

“Cemeteries are one of the fascinating links we have with our past. It is in them that we can see not only the history of an area, but also the experiences and the sorrows of individuals over the years.”



Our Library has a wealth of information on local, state and interstate cemeteries. These records are a valuable extra resource and can be found as written items, on CD's or on microfiche.

Volunteers have subscribed local cemetery headstones. A debt of gratitude is owed to the late Audrey Summerill who painstakingly copied the information from headstones in the local area including the Wodonga cemetery, the Albury Pioneer cemetery and the Yackandandah cemeteries in the late 1970's. These proved a valuable resource and starting point for our members while they gathered additional data from the various cemeteries so our records could be updated and digitised.

We are proud of our achievements as we now have for sale both the Wodonga and Yackandandah Cemetery headstone inscriptions on CD ROM. Photographs were also taken of the headstones in Wodonga.

So much information can be found by reading headstone inscriptions. The inscription for the George STREET family reads:

Sacred to the memory of George STREET born at Kergunyah 21st. Sep. 1839. the first white child born in the North Eastern District of Victoria. Died at Bandiana Park 3rd July 1977 aged 77 years. A loving husband and father. Also his wife, Theresa Emily, who died 13th June 1928 aged 65 years.

“Until the day break and the shadows flee away”

In loving memory of our dear son James Reginald STREET. 6th Battalion 2nd Infantry

THE WAYNE BEDELLA AWARD

The closing date for entries is the end of May.

A.I.F. Killed in action in France after 3 years and 2 months service. 10th Aug. 1918 aged 31 years. One of the bravest and best. “Greater love hath no man than this.”

As the team of volunteers recorded information, it became obvious that quite a number of inscriptions were very difficult to read. Some had extra information and in some cases the headstone had been replaced altogether.

A classic example of change can be seen on the COSTA grave. This grave is located in the Catholic section of the Wodonga Cemetery near the service road and may have been disturbed when the road was made.

The headstone faces west and now reads:

Bernardo COSTA. 24-7-1897. Florence 18 months. Annie 29-8-1947. Gertrude 28-11-1947. Angela 18-1-1966.

Whereas an earlier headstone had a more detailed inscription:

Sacred to the memory of Bernardo COSTA who died 24th July 1915 aged 86. Native of Poschiavo Poschland Switzerland. And his beloved wife, Louisa, who died 12th April 1897 aged 56 years. Native of London England. And their beloved daughters. Florence aged 18 months. Annie, eldest daughter, died August 29th 1947. Gertrude, youngest daughter, died Nov. 28th 1947. Angela COSTA, daughter of the above, died 18th Jan. 1966 aged 96 yrs.

A useful website for other Australian cemeteries is: <http://www.australiancemeteries.com>

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Assistance required please: Pat Hopkins would like to hear from anybody who can interpret foreign script on headstones found in the Catholic section and at the eastern side of the Anglican section of the Wodonga Cemetery.

Here is the link to the page on our website so that you can check out the guidelines:

<http://wodongafamilyhistory.org/awards/wayne-bedella-award/>

If you need your entry checked for typos, grammar, setout, etc, etc, before you submit it, please see a member of the committee. We will be only too happy to help. If you want to discuss the subject or get some pointers, again see one of us.

Past entries are in the library and can be borrowed. They will show you what a diverse range of subjects have been written about.

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	
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

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Nomination Form

I nominate:

Name [Membership number]
for election to Committee/President/Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary [please circle office applicable.

Name..... [Membership number.....]
Signed.....

I second the nomination:

Name..... [Membership number...]
Signed.....

I consent to nomination: Signed.....date.....2010
Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 5th July 2010**

Election to the Committee of the Wodonga Family History Society Incorporated:
If necessary, voting is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 20th July 2010**

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Proxy Voting Form

I [full name in block letters].....Membership number...
of [full address].....
being a financial member of the Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, hereby appoint:
[full name in block letters]..... Membership number...
of [full address].....
being a financial member of the said Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, or, failing him/her, the
Chairman of the meeting as my proxy, to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting
of the Society to be held on **Tuesday 20th July 2010**, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of.....2010

A member entitled to attend and vote and is entitled to appoint a proxy and vote. A proxy **must** be a
financial member of the society. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.
Completed Proxy forms should be **received** by the Secretary **before 5pm Monday 19th July 2010**

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

Yackandandah Rates:

Part 1: 1884 - 1888 and 1920 - 1948 [63 fiche] \$40.00
Part 2: 1949 - 1971 [54 fiche] \$40.00

**The Yackandandah Shire Rates 1875-1878 & 1884-1891 are now available on CD
Cost \$20 + \$5 p&p**

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.

Look up service available for your research for \$6.00 plus SAE



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