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What's Happening Next for our Society:

15th May - BBQ and social night plus "Guess who's coming to dinner" event. You talk to the members present about your chosen ancestor.

The BBQ which will start at 6.30pm.

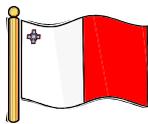
If you could ask an ancestor to dinner; which ancestor would you choose and why? What question/questions would you ask them? You have 2 minutes to talk on the topic and there will 3 minutes of question time. Register your interest with Andy when you arrive.



19th June – Yvonne Izatt of the International Settlers Group will speak on resources from France, Malta, NZ, Prussia, Denmark, South Africa, the Channel Islands to name a few.



France



Malta



Denmark



South Africa

17th July AGM – all positions are vacated and elections are held. Our current president, Heather Lauritzen, will not be seeking reelection. We need you. It is time for new blood and new ideas. Please consider nominating for the committee.



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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 front 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 \$20.00. 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

President	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members and welcome to the rainy weather which is just ideal for research or for writing your Bedella entries. Never let it be said that you didn't have enough time to write your entry for 2012, because what better way is there to spend a wet afternoon?

Incidentally there has been a change to the rules for the Bedella which I hope you will all welcome.

The Wayne Bedella Award is all about encouragement - encouragement to launch yourself into the world of a writer and dip your toe into the pond of authorship. This is the purpose of the first part of the Award, the Novice Section. This is the Section for those of you who have never yet won an award (only a matter of time), and is reasonably short, being 300 to 600 words. As long as the story is factual you can write about anything - about yourself - about your life - about your family -whatever. You may use photographs or graphics if you wish, but references and quotations should be kept to a minimum.

The second part of the Award is the Intermediate Section for those of you who have a little more writing confidence, and the word requirement here is doubled at 600 to 1200 words, which is a little more of a challenge to your skills, but again is to encourage you all to keep writing. The same rules regarding content apply - you can write about anything provided it is factual.

The third part of the Award is the Open Section which is new, and this is designed for those members who have already won twice. These members clearly enjoy writing and although the word requirement and content rules are the same, they clearly have a little more writing experience than the others, and will benefit from the challenge of a separate section.

This competition has become very popular amongst our members, and has provided quite a large workload for our independent judges. For this reason we are asking all entrants to include a word count at the end of their story, as some of us have been known to become carried away with enthusiasm once we start, and thus put too big a load of words on our judges.

I wish you all well with your entries and look forward to the usual bundle of fascinating stories which will come into our Library by the end of May.

Best wishes from your President - Heather Lauritzen



Overview of previous meetings

21st February - this was a discussion led by Andy on the various computer programs that are available for family historians to use to record their data.

Family Tree Programs

As paper, certificates, photos, notes, pedigrees and contacts multiplies around us getting messier we realize it is our valuable research and needs to be recorded

and stored more efficiently. Most opt for a genealogy computer program. Andy led a discussion on the pros and cons and members talked about why they chose their favourite program. Andy put up screen examples of a variety of programs available. These included:

Ancestral Quest - \$ 49.95 – (demo free)

Family Historian - \$69.95 – (free trial)
 Family Tree Maker - \$ 59.95
 Legacy 7 - \$59.95 – (free trial)
 Personal Ancestral File – free
 Roots Magic - \$49.50 – (free trial)
 MyHeritage Family Tree Builder – free
 The Master Genealogist - \$69.50
 Reunion - \$149.50 – for Apple Mac

All will load GED files and create GED files. They are generally easy to use, do what you want and more, and are starting to look very much alike. Free trials and demos can be found at www.gould.com.au/Genealogy-Software-s



10th March - Vince ran an enjoyable workshop on researching WW1 Diggers. 15 people attended the four hour session at the Wodonga Community College in a well set up computer room.

Vince gave us a template to guide us logically through researching a digger starting with the Australian War Memorial online resources and moving on to the National Archives of Australia online resources. You can teach "old dogs" new tricks as Vince was full hints and new angles. I liked the emphasis on how to relate facts found to the unit commander's War Diary then broadening that into wider contextual history of the events.

The computers took a little while to settle due to everyone accessing the same site at the same time. That settled as people dispersed to various web sites.

It was enjoyable research and learning experience which I believe is worth doing again if more people want the opportunity.



20th March - Beechworth was founded on gold mining and we were lucky to have struck gold in the wealth of knowledge that Dan Goonan has on Beechworth. He entertained us with lots of new insights, anecdotes, humorous and amusing information.

Burke Museum needs more space for displays and appropriate environmental storage for archives. Dan mentioned their hope of bringing original Beechworth records back from PROV to their place of origin. I feel this will become a future trend as records repositories, such as PROV, are better able to hold digital records for public access and regions are enabled to hold original local records.

Dan is an accomplished speaker who held our attention as he informed us.



VALE MARY SMITHENBECKER
21st December 1930 – 11th February 2012

Mary was a long standing much valued member of our society. Over the years, she was always willing to turn her hand to anything the society needed:

- On and off committee she filled several roles.
- Assisted with the transcription of the rate books over several years,
- Helped on cemetery picnics.
- Volunteer library duty once a week for several years, guiding and assisting members and visitors with their research.
- Grew beautiful healthy plants for our street stalls.
- Collated and mailed the newsletter.
- Was involved in the running of the VAFHO state conference in 2001.
- Was a member of the team who ran the society's seminars.

Mary was a valued contributor to the community in many ways.

- Was the first Eagle Award winner for the Wodonga Council for her substantial volunteering contribution to our community.
- Coordinated walking groups for many years with Age Concern.
- Taught old time dancing. Her dancing skills were demonstrated when she appeared in the movie "Strange Bedfellows".
- Knitted hundreds of articles of clothing for children who were

affected by civil unrest etc in Europe.
Our sympathy to husband Kevin and Mary's extended family on the loss of a caring generous lady.

KEEP DANCING MARY

If you are looking for a family history society in Australia, this site on [Ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au) has many Australian ones listed with their full details:

http://www.ancestry.com.au/socdir_vic

The following articles come from the Wodonga and Towong Sentinel. Some of the names may not be the correct spelling.

Friday 22 Mar 1918

WODONGA SOLDIERS' COMFORT FUN

The Council Chamber, Wodonga was the scene of great activity on Monday last, when the ladies of the above met to pack the third consignment of parcels for our men at the front. The following ladies assisted: Mesdames Beardmore, Jamieson, Jackson, Hobbs, Fraser, Sutton, E. J. Taylor, Awburn and Misses Puddephatt and Beardmore.

Seventy-one parcels were packed and prepared for postage. Mr. Muirhead (returned soldier) rendered great assistance, especially in addressing the wrappers and conveying the parcels to the post-office.

The contents consisted of towels (the whole of which were hemmed by J Fraser), pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, potted meats, condensed milk, kerchiefs, chocolates, chewing gum, cough drops and camphor.

The secretary wishes to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations: Mrs. E. W. Smith soap and dried figs; Mrs. Eddy, 1/-, Mrs. Byers, 1/-; Mrs. Hobbs, 5/-; S. G. Reid, 10/6; Mrs. Awburn 9/-, Miss Puddephatt, 2/6; Mr. Silva, 1/-.

Friday 20 August 1920

YACKANDANDAH SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Yackandandah Shire Soldiers' Memorial Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Monday evening (says the "Ovens and Murray Advertiser"). Mr. A. Priestley, J.P., presided.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase the Waterloo corner for the memorial and a deposit of £50 passed. Reports were submitted and adopted from the sports and entertainment committee.

The sports programme comprises, athletics, fire brigade and horse events to be run on New Year's Day, 1921, with a recommendation that a special train be run from Wangaratta.

The entertainment committee's proposal is for a series of monthly entertainments of a varied description, viz., euchre party and dance, gents v. ladies entertainment, spinster's ball, juvenile flower, and fancy dress evening and a district schools' queen carnival. Crs. H. Hodgson, R. Riddington and Messrs. M. Clune, A. Priestley and W. Humphris were appointed a committee to visit the outlying district to explain the proposal and infuse interest, and solicit the co-operation of the residents towards the proposal. A general discussion on the ways and means of raising sufficient funds to complete the proposal ensued. Mr. Humphris gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the money required be raised by debentures.

Friday 13 June 1924

YACKANDANDAH SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

In dull, but rainless weather, a large concourse of people assembled in High-street, Yackandandah, on Monday last (King's Birthday holiday), for the unveiling of the memorial tablets and honor roll and the official opening of the beautiful gardens formed as the

Yackandandah Shire Soldiers' Memorial.

The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, followed by a prayer for King and Empire and the hymn "All People that on Earth do Dwell." Cr. G. E. Batty (shire president) delivered an introductory address, and, associated with the unveiling of the memorial tablets by Mr. H. Beardmore, M.L.A., was a prayer in commemoration of fallen soldiers and the sounding of "The Last Post" by Mr. Edwards, of Beechworth. Mr. Beardmore unveiled the honor roll, and addresses were also given by Mr. Robert Cook, M.H.R., and Mr. Greenwood, who responded most eloquently. The official opening of the gardens was performed by Mrs. W. Ramsay, and the deeds were presented by Mr. J. Hocking, J.P., to the shire council on behalf of which they were accepted by Cr. G. E. Beatty, who replied on behalf of the council.

Friday 29 October 1920

SANDY CREEK

(From our own correspondent)

A concert and dance was held in the Sandy Creek public hall, on Friday evening last, in aid of the Yackandandah District Soldiers' Memorial Fund. Although the weather was not encouraging to venture out, visitors turned up from Kiewa, Kergunyah, Red Bluff and Huon. After paying expenses; the sum of £15/5/- will be available. This includes a donation of £10 10/- donated by, Mr. Darton, of Berringa Park. The thanks of the committee are conveyed to those who so ably assisted; notably, the Misses Jamieson and Wall and Messrs Payne and Jamieson. The strongest gale of wind experienced for some years, accompanied by heavy rain, passed over this part on the 26th inst., at 9.45 p.m. Sheds were unroofed, early crops flattened out and general damage to the orchards.

Friday 22 April 1927

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT WODONGA

ANZAC Day celebrations will be held at Wodonga on Monday, commencing with combined services in the Shire Hall at 11 a.m. when Rev. Morton Collins will deliver an address. He will be assisted by several other clergy men. Music will be provided by a combined choir. District returned soldiers are requested to meet at the Shire Hall at 2 p.m. from where they will march to "Woodland Grove" accompanied by the Wodonga band.' Arrangements are in hand for prominent speakers to address the assemblage.

Friday 25 April 1941

ANZAC DAY AT WODONGA

As has been the custom for many years, with unfailing regularity; Anzac Day will be celebrated at Wodonga today, along lines previously followed. During the morning (11 a.m.) a combined Service will be held in the Shire Hall while, at 2.45 p.m., returned soldiers will march from the Wodonga P.O. to "Woodland Grove" where an address will be delivered by Mr E. Phiddian.

Friday 12 April 1946

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS AT WODONGA

Those interested in fittingly celebrating Anzac Day at Wodonga met in the Council Chambers on Tuesday. The Shire President (Cr O. F. Pollard) presided. There were also present Messrs K. D. Watson, A. F. Reid, J. A. H. McGeoch and Rev W. A. Williams. Mr Reid outlined the procedure which has been followed on previous years. "When the question of the appointment of a secretary was mooted, Mr Reid indicated that he would be in Melbourne on Anzac Day consequently would not be available. He added that Mr A. Richardson, the branch secretary, was unavoidably absent. It was formally

agreed, that Mr J. A. McGeoch will attend to the secretarial duties; pending Mr Reid's return.

RECORDS FOR SALE

COMPUTER DISCS

Yackandandah Shire Rates 1875-1878 and 1884-1891	\$20
Wodonga Shire Rates 1900-1948 (1938-1941 not available)	\$35
Wodonga Burial Records 1861-1937 and 1938-2004	\$35
Wodonga Monumental Inscriptions up to 2007	\$35

The 2 set Wodonga Cemetery Records available for \$65.

Yabba Cemetery Headstone Inscriptions and Photographs	\$20
Yackandandah Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions	\$35

All CDs postage and handling an extra \$5.

HARD COPY CEMETERY HEADSTONE

RECORDS

Barnawartha 1861-2003	\$12
Bethanga	\$9
Bungowannah 1876 -2002	\$6
Burrumbuttock: Public 1893-1999 and Trinity Bethal Lutheran Church 1885-1999	\$6
Gerogery : Public 1859-2002 and St Peters Lutheran Church 1869-2002	\$6
Glen Wills Register 1894-1920 and Granite Flat Headstones 1863-1993	\$5
Goombargana	\$5
Jindera Cemeteries: Public Register 1875-1977; Headstones 1876-2001; Bethelhem Lutheran 1875-2001; Lutheran 1863-2001	\$6
Kiewa	\$12
Moorwatha	\$5
Sandy Creek: Register and Headstones	\$9
Talgarno	\$6

Package and postage \$2.50 each

MICROFICHE RECORDS

Yackandandah Shire Rates Part 1: 1884-1888 and 1920-1948 (63 fiche)	\$30
Part 2: 1949-1971 (54 fiche)	\$30

Postage \$5 per part

Note: New Prices

NEW RELEASE: Mitta Mitta CD

Transcriptions and Photographs up to November 2010 have been released on CD.

Format: Word and Excel, 1997 - 2003 compatible.

Cost: \$25.00 + \$5 p&p

Orders to: Wodonga Family History Soc Inc PO Box 289 Wodonga 3689

The Mitta Mitta Cemetery is located at the southern end of the Mitta Mitta valley at the junction of the Mitta River and the Snowy Creek, south of the township of Tallangatta, and 90 kms south east of Wodonga on the Omeo Highway.



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 more of the answers.

Park Name: Lou Lieberman Park

Location: Between Pearce St and Hartwig Road

Background: Mr Lieberman served in the 8/13th VMR CMF and Army Reserve AALC as a Major. Mr Lieberman and his wife Marj, moved to Wodonga in 1962 in a flat behind Mr Lieberman's law office at 100 High St, Wodonga.

He practiced as a Barrister and a Solicitor from 1962-1979 when he decided to retire from the Law practice. Mr Lieberman stepped into politics and was the State Member for Benambra from 1976-1992 until he retired and became the Federal Member for Indi from 1993- 2001.

Mr Lieberman has been member of numerous clubs including Wodonga Apex and Rotary, Wodonga Technical School

Council, Salvation Army Red Shield Committee, Wodonga Racing Club and the Wodonga Football Club.

Over the years he has been one of the team involved in helping to achieve the establishment and development of TAFE and Universities in this region as well as improved Health and Services and major decentralization policies. He has been a strong advocate and hard worker in achieving the Hume Highway Bypass and hopefully soon the relocation of Wodonga's rail line out of the CBD.



The Wodonga Family History Society would like to thank Officeworks Wodonga for its support.

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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.....2012

Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 2nd July 2012**

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 17th July 2012.

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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 17th July 2012, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of.....2012

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 16th July 2011**