

# BORDERLINE NEWS



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What's Happening Next for our Society:

**21st August - Bedella Award winners announced**  
Bedella readings



**18th September - Cemetery Stories**

- David Weatherall of GSV will speak about remote and small cemeteries. He is a retired school teacher and member of the State Board of Education; member of the National Trust of Australia (Vic) Cemeteries Advisory Committee; past president of GSV.
- He is currently involved with detailed research into the following cemeteries in Victoria:
  - Heidelberg Cemetery (Hawdon Street) – Private Cemetery.
  - Warringal (Heidelberg) Cemeteries – Public cemetery.
  - Coburg [Pentridge]
  - Small, little known, cemeteries/burial grounds.
- He answers requests for assistance with cemeteries: - burial grounds, burials, records, within Victoria.
- Prepares brief histories of early cemeteries in Victoria from research data.
- Has given talks on cemeteries to Family History Groups/Historical Societies, Libraries, plus been requested to officiate at old cemeteries that are being updated.

Plus much more

**16<sup>th</sup> October - Victoria's Contribution to the Boer War**

Robyn Drooglever is an author and researcher on the subject with lots of hints for us on researching Boer War ancestors.



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## Newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

<b>President</b>	Norma Burrows	phone: 02 6024 1591
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We have experienced a very cold and sometimes wet beginning to winter. This is a good opportunity to stay inside, keep warm and work on your family history.

Judging for the Bedella Awards is underway and we will be announcing the winners at our August meeting. Winning entries will be read out at this meeting. All entries will be available for your perusal at the library at the end of August.

At our May meeting our theme was "Guess who's coming to dinner" and we had interesting discussions about who we would like to invite and why. Most of our "guests" were people with whom we were having problems in our searches and members were given some useful suggestions to help them in their research.

In June our guest speaker was Katy Oostendorp from the International Settlers Group and her talk covered research in the Netherlands. Katy was a very interesting speaker and we gained a lot of knowledge in this area. One interesting observation was women's records in the Netherlands are always maintained in their maiden name - even after marriage.

July was our Annual General Meeting and regrettably our President Heather has decided to retire from this position.

She has been elected as our new Treasurer.

The new committee is:-

- President Norma Burrows
- Vice President Vacant
- Secretary Wendy Cooksey
- Treasurer Heather Lauritzen

Other committee members are: Lynda Cuper, Doreen Gibbs, Patricia Hopkins, Lyn Larkin, Dawn Newman, Andrew Turner and Christine Young.

We say a big "thank you" to Heather for her efforts on the Society's behalf during the nine years she was President.

Our guest speaker for July was Sr. Diana Hawksworth from the Albury Family History centre and her topic was "What new at LDS". Diana had prepared to show us around the new Family Search site but unfortunately, due to the slowness of the Internet, she was unable to do this. She did however explain the site and members gained an insight into what is now available at the Albury centre.

Resources are being added to our library so make the most of them by visiting as often as you can.

I look forward to the club maintaining its growth in the coming years.

Norma Burrows  
President



**VALE CHARLES COOKSEY**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our esteemed member Charles Cooksey. He was a hard working member for many years. Charles contributed valuable time to our society. He was a library assistant and always available to help with any Society function. In recent years he was our Research Officer. Our deepest sympathy is sent to Wendy (our Secretary), her children and

extended family.

**Overview of previous meetings**

**19<sup>th</sup> June** - thirty members took advantage of the excellent information on Dutch research given to us by Katy Urquhart from the International Settlers Group.

We found Katy to be a mine of information on European style civic records, which are quite different to our own. There is a great deal of formality in style with individual Record Books kept by each person which record their birth name, parents names, marriages, and children born. All this makes genealogical research much easier than our own system, provided people keep their books and do not lose them, which seems sometimes to happen.

Katy brought with her a number of record examples with books and photographs, and was a lively and informative speaker. Her talk did bring home to us the scenario often enacted in old Second World War films when people on the streets could be asked "Papers Please" and would be expected to produce their booklets or be arrested. We had nothing similar to that in Australia. All in all it was an interesting and informative evening.



# LENEVA

This article is about one of the towns within the geographical region of Wodonga. Most of the information is gleaned from the publication "Leneva as We Remember" which is available to borrow from the Research Room. It has lots of great photographs to look at and newspaper articles as well as great stories from the past.

Considering the development that will occur in that area into the future, the book is a great reference guide and time capsule.

The district was originally part of the 41,000 acre property named

"Wodonga Run" taken up by Paul HUON in 1836.

Leneva is situated approximately 10kms south of Wodonga on the Wodonga-Beechworth Road and was originally called Middle Creek.

When the name, Middle Creek, was forwarded to the Post Office the name was rejected as it already existed in another area of Victoria [near Beaufort]. The Middle Creek head school teacher at the time, George S MANNS, submitted LENEVA, being the reversal of AVENEL [ which is a town situated between Seymour and Euroa].

Middle Creek School [Leneva State School] opened in 1875 [State School no. 1506]. Mr Manns remained at the school for 20 years. Some children travelled from Wodonga to attend the school when Mr Manns was the teacher. At one stage it boasted 104 students. The school closed sometime after 1962.

Leneva West is a further 5kms SW of Leneva on the Wodonga-Beechworth Road.

Middle Creek West School opened in 1879 [State School no. 2195]. It was situated about half way between Middle Creek and Indigo Creek. The land was acquired from David WILLIAMS. The 1<sup>st</sup> teacher was Agnes SHAW. The school was renamed Leneva West in 1916 and closed in 1949.

Former students of Middle Creek West School were:  
Alf, Elizabeth, Ernie, Essie, Harold & Sarah BOYES;  
Florrie, George & Lily EDMUNDS;  
Jack HICKS; Sylvia LUCAS;  
Ken, Mac & Stuart MORTIMER;  
Alice, Art, Bill & Winnie PHILLIPS;  
Doris, Edie & Frank RICKARD.

Some families that settled in the Leneva area are shown below:

BARTEL Reinhold: 1886

BEARDMORE Henry: 1890

BOYES John: 1866; he grew vines and supplied potatoes to the Melb market

BOYES Thomas: 1875

BREWER Richard: 1888

BURGESS Mary: 1877

CLELAND James: 1876

DARMODY John: 1888

DRAPER Edward: 1865

ELLIOTT James, Thomas & William: 1901

FIETZ Carl, Anna and children: 1890  
He walked from Leneva to Jindera each Sunday afternoon to work [25kms approx – 5hrs walk approx]; then would walk home again the following Saturday. They had 14 children!!!!

HARTEL Edward: 1871

HARTEL William: 1880

McGAFFIN Alexander: 1858

MANNS George S: 1875 Leneva and was Head teacher at Leneva School

MORRISON Edward: 1850

PARNABY Charles: 1870's

PATERSON John: 1871

SIMON Reinhold: 1859

WILLIAMS David: 1870

WILLIAMS Evan: 1867

There was a timber mill in Leneva – Pykes 2 Timber Mills - as well as Edwards Creamery.

Leneva once had its own library;

Midge HALL delivered bread;

Roley HINES delivered meat as well as Alec McGIBBON from

Yackandandah;

there was a wine shanty at

EDMUND's property;

George EDWARDS ran a bakery near

Mortimer's Bridge in the 1920's;

there was a Gymkhana held on

Mortimer Flat in the 1940's;

the Leneva Rural Fire Brigade was formed in 1948.

There were hawkers who visited the folk in Leneva – Gamal SINGH;

Narem SINGH; Nupatat SINGH; Polar

SINGH; Rotten SINGH.

They were all Sikhs and wore turbans.

In 1888, Wodonga Shire had two townships – Leneva and Wodonga. Leneva was described as a postal and agricultural centre.

The Post Office, which fronted Beechworth Road; and was the corner of Boyes Road, was run by the PATTISON family and later the MORTIMER family, then Mrs HORSFALL. It closed after WWII. After that the mail was sorted on the side of the road, for a while. Then Pat GREENHAM was bringing the mail from Wodonga in his horse and gig.

The Leneva Church was built between 1873 and 1875 and was situated on Boyes Road. The land was provided by Evan WILLIAMS.

The first wedding in the church was in 1911 between Charles POLLARD [MBE] and Florrie BOYES. The wedding was catered for by Mr and Mrs George AWBURN in the Leneva Hall.

There is a great deal more information in the publication and hundreds of names that people would recognise. It is worth a read.



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: Kent McKOY Reserve**

**Location: South of Nordsvan Drive**

Background: Mr McKoy was employed by the Development Corporation as the original landscape architect to help develop the landscape for the whole of the acquired corporation land.

He immediately set out to plant one million native trees as a basis for future development.

He knew that the visual environment was going to play a large part in the future of Wodonga and no expense was spared in greening Willow Park which was just a paddock when he arrived.

His enormous energy was often seen when he was tending to his precious environments on weekends and public holidays. His enthusiasm was infectious and he was able to mobilize huge numbers of residents to take part in forward plantings and beautification schemes.



**Park Name: Merle MASON Park**

**Location: Between Quinlivan Place and Lawrence Street**

Background: Ms Mason was born in Melbourne in 1930 and married her husband Noel in 1952.

When he was appointed to A G Healings in Wodonga they came to live here and start a family. Merle became a hands on person

and was involved in the Wodonga Swimming Club in 1968 holding the positions of treasurer and secretary.

She also participated in the 'Herald' learn to swim campaigns in which a lot of Wodonga children overcame their fear of water. She also worked hard in the Ladies Auxiliary, Girl Guides and Scouts.

Merle was awarded with the Community Services Award in 1980.



**Park Name: William MOULDER Park**

**Location: Between Gardner Street and McFarland Road**

Background: Mr Moulder set up a Saddler business in 1871 and owned property in Anne Street, Mint Street and according to parish plans had a large area of land named 'Wodonga Creek'.

He was a council member when Wodonga was still part of Yackandandah, however he resigned a short time after when he objected to the Wodonga Railway Station not being moved to behind where the Railway Hotel stands which was originally called Bambricks Hotel. The name change came in anticipation of this move.

He built the first Wodonga bath's being off a jetty and an enclosed area of the lagoon, once called Huon's lake.



**Park Name: Gerard MOYLAN Park**

**Location: South of Brockley Street and West of House Creek**

Background: Fr Moylan was the first parish priest of the Sacred Heart parish, which was formed at South Wodonga in 1974. He was known as a "Bricks and Mortar" priest because he was forward thinking enough to purchase the land way over the creek where St Monica's School opened in 1973.

He was also Parish Priest from 1964-1966 and again from 1970-1974. He was the army Chaplain at Bandiana and also migrant chaplain at Bonegilla.

**Park Name: Jim MATTHEWS Park**

**Location: Highland Crescent**

Background: Mr Mathews owned Matthews Cycle shop which, until recently, still traded in Elgin Boulevard.

He built the Kangaroo Store and ran it at Ebden.

He was the Foundation member and vice president of the Wodonga Ambulance committee which raised funds to pay ambulance officers and to build the present Ambulance Station in South Street.

Mr Mathews previously paid for a house in Huon Street from which the first Ambulance service operated. He designed and constructed the first stretcher for the Wodonga Ambulance service.



**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.***

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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 \$6

Register 1875-1977; Headstones 1876-2001; Bethelhem Lutheran 1875-2001; Lutheran 1863-2001 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.

As written on page 5 of this newsletter, the SINGH's were well known hawkers in the district and one has a park in Wodonga named after him.

**Park Name:** Gamble SINGH Park

**Location:** Bowen Place

**Background:** Mr Singh was the last of the Sikh hawkers who were very much a part of Wodonga's early history.

Up to 15 wagons of these hawkers could assemble on Wodonga Flats at a given time. Also a noted horse breeder and dealer, he usually camped with his great draught horses under two large trees near McKoy's "Moorefield Stud". Mr Singh always had great horses and in 1950 he returned to Bombay (as it was known then) and became ill on arrival and died in July 1950.

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