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What's Happening Next for our Society: |

20th November - Brick Wall night. Come along and hopefully some of your problems will be solved. You are most welcome, and invited to, bring along a friend to find out what we get up to.



22nd November [Thursday] – Street Stall
More information in the body of the newsletter



5th December [Wednesday] – Christmas Party
More information in the body of the newsletter



15th January 2013 - We want you to tell us what research you have been up to and what topics you would like to cover in 2013



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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.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is well and truly here and the warm weather has arrived. By the time you read this it will only be days away from our Street Stall (being held on 22nd November). If you have any books, cakes and/or plants for us to sell, they would be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

At our August meeting we announced the winners of our Bedella Awards. The winners were: - Novice - Jill Taylor, Intermediate - Heather Lauritzen and Open - Wendy Cooksey. Congratulations to you all. The stories were read out at the meeting and they were a great mix of research and family memories. Copies of these stories are available at the library for all to read. Once again we have to thank member John Craig for the time and effort he gives to this competition each year.

At our September meeting our guest speaker was David Weatherill from GSV. He spoke to us about small and remote cemeteries. He also gave us some interesting facts about cemeteries in Victoria. Some cemeteries have heritage overlays. The first Act to cover cemeteries in Victoria became law on 1850 (there have been several amendments since). It is believed there are over 9000 cemeteries in Victoria but David said the total number may never be known. The reasons for this are that many cemeteries/burials grounds have never been officially recorded; there are a number of "lone graves" in Victoria - many still not known or located and there is also a number of private cemeteries on properties and in isolated communities. A copy of David's talk is available at the library for your perusal.

We have recently released our "Out of the Box" CD which details some of the pioneer families of the district. This information was gathered by members in the late 1980s and lay in the cupboard in a box for quite some time. Our library volunteers spent some months putting it all together and with the help of a grant from the Public Record Office, Victoria it has finally been produced. This information is now available at the library.

Congratulations to our librarian Lyn and her husband Jack who have been chosen by Wodonga City Council, along with three other Wodonga seniors, to go to the Government House Reception in

Melbourne. This is part of Victoria's Senior Celebrations. Well done and well deserved Lyn!

Our Christmas get together this year will be held at The Stump Hotel, Wodonga on Thursday 6th December. We hope you will come along and celebrate the Group's very productive year. For those members who can't attend I would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Norma Burrows
President



Here is more information about the "Out of the Box" CD mentioned in the President's Report:

"OUT of the BOX", is a compilation of early residents from our local region gleaned from records collected over many years. It is a valuable resource for the family historian with connections to the local area and includes information relating to over 800 families from: Albury, Chiltern, Corowa, Corryong, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jerilderie, Khancoban, Mulwala, Rutherglen, Tallangatta, Tumbarumba, Urana and Wodonga. Format MS Word and Excel 1997-2003 compatible. \$20 + p & p.



VALE

Sadly, during August and September, three of our members' husbands have passed away.

- Jack GREEN the husband of Ruth
- Bernard GARONI the husband of Sandra
- John PALFY the husband of Pam

Our sympathy is extended to you and your families at this sad time.

BARNAWARTH

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This article is about one of the towns within the geographical region of Wodonga. Most of the information is gleaned from the publication "Historic Barnawartha" which is available to borrow from the Research Room. The book takes you up to 1992. It has lots of great photographs to look at and newspaper articles as well as great stories from the past.

The indigenous people of the area, the "Woradgery" roamed the district long before the white settlers came and there appears to be more than one interpretation of the meaning of the word Barnawartha.

It has been suggested that the word was "Burrawatha" or "Barnatha" meaning tall rushes. One version of the word "Barnawartha" means the parting of the storms because it is said that you can watch a storm approaching from a westerly direction and when it reaches Barnawartha it will travel along the Murray River and then change course towards either Wodonga or Beechworth.

Property was first taken up in the district by Joseph SLACK in 1837. This run covered most of the Indigo Creek. The area was named Indigo after a small plant found in the area [I think it is *Indigofera australis* for the plant minded members], because the settlement spread along the creek. It became known as Barnawartha from the 1840's.

In 1838, George Hume BARBER purchased "Barneywatha Run" from Joseph SLACK. BARBER settled at the site that was once the junction of the Murray Valley and Hume Highways.

Mt Lady Franklin is named after Lady Franklin who was the wife of the Governor of Van Diemen's Land. She travelled, with her party, from Port Phillip to Yass in 1839 stopping in the area along the journey. It is suggested that one of the party left a frying pan behind and this is how "Frying Pan Creek" got its name.

In 1852 BARBER sold the Run to David REID. Reid built the stone house on the "Hermit" which is now the property known as "The Hermitage."

The property then belonged to the WHITEHEAD family and then to a descendant, Cathy HARKIN.

David REID established the flour mill in Yackandandah.

The nucleus of business in Barnawartha was established by travelling from the Murray Valley to Yackandandah which would cross the old coach road at Barnawartha [Havelock Street, today] and the Lady Franklin Hotel on the Coach Road. These two streets form the main business area in Barnawartha.

A coach and mail run regularly crossed the Indigo Creek from east to west and used the Lady Franklin Hotel as an inn. The inn once stood on the left corner of High and Stanhope Streets.

Grape vine growing commenced in the late 1850's. However the phylloxera virus destroyed most vines in Barnawartha and the surrounding districts. Growers were: MARGER; J H SMITH [Mundatta]; BUSSE [Burrabunna]; G BAUMGARTEN; John BAXTER; George CHAMBERS; Mrs Sarah FISHER; G HOLLOWAY; W MATHEWS; W McNIEL; J O'CONNOR; Humphrey POOLEY; J RICHARDSON; J SCHWEITZER; W WILSON and J R

WHITEHEAD. Only GEHRIG's remains in Barnawartha.

Crown grants for town lots were granted around 1858 and allowed for permanent residents. By 1858 there was the Lady Franklin Hotel; the Indigo Hotel [next door to the flour mill that was built in 1860] and a store.

In 1859 there was the establishment of a Roman Catholic school and possibly the church followed by the public hall. It stood on the eastern side of Havelock Street, just north of the railway line of today.

Mr EAGER of Albury built the Indigo Flour Mill in 1860. It was situated on the west side of the Indigo Creek, fronting the main street [down from the current Post Office]. The mill was later sold to Mr PYKE and then to John BURROWS in 1866.

The flour from the mill was taken by horse or bullock teams to the wharves at either Red Bank or GEHRIG's property to be taken by steam boat to Echuca.

Samuel S PARKER migrated from Northern Ireland and established the 1st butchery in the town in the 1860's. It was situated on the right side of The Star Hotel. Small goods were also supplied and he established a bakery service using flour from Burrow's Mill. The PARKER's lived and worked in Barnawartha until 1895 then relocated to a farming site in Wodonga where the golf course is now.

The Chiltern, Barnawartha and Indigo Agricultural and Horticultural Society was formed in 1863 and held its 1st show in 1864. It survived until 1896.

The police station was established in 1872 with one mounted constable - John Jessie DENT. The police residence, with a separate office, was in Havelock Street [5th block from the main street

running in a north south direction]. The station was closed on 30 June 1945.

In 1973/74 the police home was demolished - it had been owned by Mr George RILEY prior to his death. The police office was moved to the property of Mrs Joan DOUGLAS.

The north eastern railway line passed through Barnawartha in 1873 which heralded the demise of the river boat transport system.

The "Railway Hotel" was built on the corner of High and Stanhope Streets. The 1st licensee was Mrs DeMAMIEL. There were stables behind the hotel [north along High Street] next to the home of Mr & Mrs Jacob CHEESLEY.

From the 1880's to 1900's Peter SULLIVAN and his two sons built a cooperage on land near the Barnawartha Railway Station. The Sullivan cask was oval instead of round and he supplied vigneron throughout Australia. Some of his casks are still being used at Gehrig's, Morris's and All Saints wineries.

In 1894 W D RYAN moved from the Indigo Valley to become the local butcher. In the late 1890's Ryan's Butchery/Bakery provided a delivery service twice a week from Indigo Falls down to the river and up to Barnawartha North. When he passed away, his son, Frank RYAN took over the business followed by WD Ryan's grandsons, Jim and Tom.

There were no doctors so Granny QUIRK delivered many babies.

One of the popular sports was hockey. Improvised sticks were made from tree suckers; football and cricket were played and horse racing was popular. There were annual picnic days.

By 1900 the Lady Franklin Hotel no longer existed. GILMOUR's store was later built on the site.

Around the 1900's there was a milk separating factory, known as "The Creamery" [near Doolan's bridge on the Howlong-Barnawartha Road]. Farmer's such as the DOOLANS, DUNNS, FISHERS, FLEGGs and GRACES took their milk to the creamery.

About 1910 the lower portion of the Indigo Valley, Barnawartha area was transferred to the Chiltern Shire. Later on the remaining area of the Indigo Valley was also transferred to the Chiltern Shire.

- Apple cider was made from the orchard of Mr KITCHENER and was then sold locally as well as in Melbourne.
- There was COLSTON's quarry on the southern side of Mt Lady Franklin.
- Mr SCHLUE had a market garden along the Indigo Creek which supplied many shops.
- Maize, fruit and vegetables were grown on the river flats of the Indigo Creek.
- There was a small industry selling Murray Cod. You could buy it for sixpence per pound delivered to your door.
- There was a small industry selling wild ducks.
- Prunes were dried on the property known as "Franklin Farm" which was owned by Mr Charles EAMES. They were transported to Melbourne in the 1920's to 1930's.

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

WAHGUNYAH & COROWA

WAH = Large GUNYAH = Camp

This information comes from a booklet entitled "Early Waygunyah and Corowa" [from 1839]

John FOORD II was born in Brighton England in 1819 and arrived in Sydney Australia in 1827 with his family.

He arrived in the Wahgunyah district in 1839 with John CRISP, Joseph BOULD and Joseph's wife, the former Eleanor FOORD. Joseph BOULD took up the property of "Boorhaman" and died in 1854.

FOORD and CRISP took up land on both sides of the Murray River which encompassed 30,000 acres. Corowa, was part of the Wahgunyah run, and was known as North Wahgunyah. The run comprised of Wahgunyah, Corowa and Rutherglen and extended south to the Black Dog Creek.

FOORD married Phoebe CHAWNER in Melbourne in 1842. They had 8 children – 4 boys and 4 girls.

CRISP sold his interest in the run to FOORD in 1851 and FOORD stayed until his death in 1883.

In 1856, FOORD commissioned a survey of his land near the Murray River to lay out a small township. FOORD had already started building a public house and store houses.

William BARTLETT bought a block in Foord Street. The Wahgunyah Hotel was rented to MAIN and BALDOCK.

In 1857 he purchased a punt from a man named HOPWOOD of "Echuca Station" as there was no bridge between Wahgunyah and Corowa at that time.

He built a flour mill in 1858. Charles JOHNSTONE was the brickmaker. His sons C and W JOHNSTONE had a general store in Sanger Street Corowa. John HANCOCK was the stonemason.

William SLOWE was the sawyer.
 John HISKINS was the bullock teamster.
 His son John worked at the flour mill.
 James Baldwin WILDING was the painter
 of both the mill and the Wahgunyah Hotel.
 George ALLEN was an engineer at the
 mill.

FOORD received his 1st delivery of wheat
 from James CHANDLER of "Honeysuckle"
 in 1859. Other farmers' surnames were:
 BROWNE, DALEY, DONOVAN, EVERIT,
 FISHER, GIBBS, LUMBEY, PETITFORD,
 SADLER, SLATER and TANNER. The
 mill finally closed in 1941.

FOORD commissioned the 1st school in
 Wahgunyah – it was called the National
 School.

The land, in Corowa, east of Sanger Street
 and down to the Murray River was owned
 by the SANGER family. John FOORD had
 the township of North Wahgunyah
 surveyed in 1859 – this is now known as
 Corowa.

Foord ran the steamers "Wahgunyah" and
 "Waradgery" between Albury and Echuca
 carrying passengers and goods. His eldest
 son Frederick was the captain of both
 steamers. Frederick Street, Wahgunyah is
 named after him.

He became one of the largest shareholders
 in the Wahgunyah Murray Bridge
 Company which built the 1st wooden bridge
 between Wahgunyah and Corowa. It was a
 toll bridge and was opened in Sep 1862 by
 his eldest daughter. Sarah Street in
 Wahgunyah is named after her.

There were racing regattas from the Punt
 Crossing downstream to Grimmond's and
 back. The 1st one was on New Year's Day
 in 1860.

There was a race track in Waygunyah
 which is now named the A.E. Parry Park.

There are some great articles in the
 booklet about all manner of things
 including the regattas, as well as lots of
 names mentioned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22nd November [Thursday] – the
 annual street stall

This will run from 8am to 1pm in
 front of Coles, High Street Wodonga



The annual stall is almost here.
 Please find the time to contribute
 something - plants, books, cakes,
 preserves and/or jewellery.

This is our major event to raise
 money to buy resources for members
 to use.

We desperately need helpers to come
 and give us a hand on the day. Even
 if you can only spare one hour, that
 would be great. You can contact our
 president, Norma Burrows, on 02
 6024 1591 and let her know that you
 can help.

Donations can be left with Heather
 Lauritzen at 4 Woodland Street
 Wodonga or give her a call (02 6024
 2493) and offer to help on the day.

If you are donating plants could you
 please name them? Prospective
 buyers ask about the plants and we
 don't necessarily know the names of
 the plants (some of us are not
 gardeners!!!).

If you are baking, regulations state
 that we must advise what the
 ingredients are, so please attach the
 list of ingredients to the produce.

There will be a Christmas cake raffle.
 One of the members has kindly
 donated her time to make the cake.
 Tickets will sell for \$1 each or 3 for
 \$2.



5th December [Wednesday] –

Christmas party

This will be held at The Blazing Stump Hotel on The Murray Valley Highway, Wodonga from 5.30pm



You are encouraged to bring your family and friends to the party.

To get into the mood of Christmas you are requested to wear something to do with Christmas, a Christmas hat or some tinsel or Christmas jewellery or come dressed in green, red or white or any combination of these colours.

There will be a progressive lucky draw so you could go home with a present.

You can contact Norma Burrows, on 02 6024 1591 and let her know that you are attending.



PROJECTS - a report from Pat Hopkins

Finally the Pioneer Project is finished. The records have been transcribed and put on a CD titled "Out of the Box" which is now available for sale. The surnames listed are only a few of the early settlers as profiles were submitted initially by family members. The area covered by the Project coincided with the Upper Murray Library area in 1987. We are hoping that the information will prove a valuable aid to anyone researching family in this region.

As a result of some of the Society's projects the following data has been added to the computers in our Research Room over the recent months: the

cemetery headstone inscriptions for Tawonga to 2007; Chiltern Valley vaccinations 1900, 1903, 1905; Indigo Goldfields cemetery records; Albury Pioneer cemetery burial records 1906-1957.

Tallangatta and Barnawartha cemetery records are being updated and photos have been taken for the Bethanga and Talgarno cemeteries. These should all be available for research shortly.

A big thank you to all our members who volunteer their time to research, record and transcribe records. Our current project is to transcribe handwritten school records from our region.

We have noticed that younger family members are not familiar with "running" writing let alone copperplate, so there is a growing need to convert it to typed script and make it user friendly.

I attended an afternoon session at the PROV on "How to Read 19th Century Handwriting". It was similar to the presentation given by Ada Ackerley at one of our meetings some years ago. If you are interested in palaeography (the reading of old fashioned handwriting) or you would like a new hobby these websites were recommended at the PROV:

www.moonzstuff.com/articles/oldhandwriting.html

www.census1891.com/hand.htm

[www.national archives.gov.uk/palaeography](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography)

You may have to type the website addresses into your search engines as I had a hard time simply typing them into this document.

E	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>
F	<i>Francis</i>	<i>Franky</i>	<i>Fanny</i>
G	<i>George</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Gilla</i>
H	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Hicks</i> "Hicks" not "Heicks"
I	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Isaac</i>
J	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>

You are reminded that this will be the last newsletter that we will be able to deliver to you if you have forgotten to pay your fees. They were due by 30th June 2012.

You can still pay them as we would love to keep sending you the newsletter and have you join in our activities and come to our meetings.

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-	\$5

1993	
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

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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.

There were a total of 79 visitors to the Research Room in September.

The latest purchase for research is a CD of Victorian Marine BDM for the period 1853 - 1920

Christmas closure of library research room:

Last research day 2012 - Thursday 13th December

First research day 2013 - Tuesday 22nd January



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: Henry NOWIK Park

Location: Koetong Crescent

Background: Mr Nowik came to Australia in 1964 to test market Pal & Whiskers. He became the general manager for Uncle Bens until 1978. This company was the largest single private employer from 1970 employing 800 workers annually.

Park Name: Dr TAV Park

Location: West of Gardner Street to Melrose Drive

Background: Dr Tav(James Taverney) originally named in his honour in 1990 his name was given to this park due to being a loyal medical practitioner in Wodonga for 40 years after graduating from medical studies in 1944. He was also a member of the committee that helped establish the Wodonga District Hospital which opened in 1954 with 60 beds.



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