

# BORDERLINE NEWS



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## What's Happening Next for our Society:

### 19<sup>th</sup> February - Cemetery stories

Pat Hopkins will conduct a session on how WFHS projects are conducted. She will give an insight into the enormous amount of work and teamwork that goes into bringing a project to fruition.

She will provide hints for searching in the cemetery and give hints about taking the right photograph of the grave.



### 19<sup>th</sup> March – The Value of Books

Eric Barton will give his views on the value of the information that is contained in books, especially those written with a local history theme as they can contain a lot of useful information for historians.



**16<sup>th</sup> April – this is a “bring a friend” night. We want to hear your snippets; favourite discovery or skeleton.**



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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

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we begin 2013 I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

In November we held a very successful street stall. We made approximately \$1700. Thank you to all the members who supplied cakes, biscuits, books, plants and other items. And, a big thank you to all who helped on the day.

We recently purchased a new laptop computer which will be of great value to the members who transcribe records on Mondays at the library.

Our Publicity Officer is putting together a display to be shown in the "Reflections on High" windows (Coles wall) later in the year. She would appreciate some help and is looking for someone with computer knowledge and who can "cut a straight line". You can contact Lynda if you are interested - her email is [lynda.cuper@hotmail.com](mailto:lynda.cuper@hotmail.com) or phone 0260246760. This is a "one-off" project and Lynda would be most grateful for your assistance.

Member John Craig has retired from being co-ordinator of the Bedella and Townsend Award competitions and we are looking for a member to take over this task. If you are interested and want more details please contact me on 02 6024 1591 or Wendy on 02 6056 3220. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Our Programme Officer has the first half of the year all sorted out and we can look forward to a very interesting range of subjects being presented this year.

I look forward to seeing you on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Norma Burrows  
President

## Meeting Notes

**16<sup>th</sup> October** - At our October meeting our speaker was Robin Drooglever. Robin gave a very interesting talk about the Boer War. He gave great insights into this area of our history and provided our members, with Boer War ancestors, information on where they might find more details of this event.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - The November meeting was "Bring a friend" and "Brick wall" night. Once again there was a good exchange of information and members were given new paths they might follow to find that elusive ancestor.

**5<sup>th</sup> December** - In December we did not have a meeting but a get together at the Stump Hotel to celebrate Christmas and another successful year. Members who attended enjoyed a very happy evening.

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2013** - Our January meeting was held at Belgrade Avenue Pre-school due to the Felltimber Centre being painted (back to normal in February).

Discussion was held on what members might like the committee to organise in the way of guest speakers and events over the coming months. Our Programme Officer is now researching these suggestions.



## VALE

Sadly, another member has passed away - Robyn GROSS died on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

You may remember the interesting family history quilt Robyn made from all sorts of family related materials. And she always had some good pointers in our brick wall sessions.

We have a book she wrote in our library.

Our sympathy is extended to her family.

## IS YOUR ANCESTOR'S PAPERWORK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE YARRA?

Excerpt from an article, by Ada Ackerly, printed in the "Ancestor" Autumn 1990.

Ada was researching the Customs and Immigration boxes of the Colonial Secretary's Inward Registered Correspondence 1851-1855 and read a letter to the Colonial Secretary from the Collector of Customs, Melbourne, complaining of the service supplied by the contractor who daily rowed the Yarra from Williamstown to Melbourne and back.

His contract cost 100 pounds per annum, and Customs wanted him replaced by two mounted policemen who would be based at Williamstown and Melbourne, passing each other as they made one delivery each per day by land, thus alternating their sleeping venue. Why?

Apparently the hapless boatman, in his backbreaking row up the Yarra, had once again lost the Customs Box in the turbid waters.

The likely cause would be the wash from one of the paddle steam tugs which frequented the Yarra, often towing lighters of imported goods of arriving immigrants and their luggage to the metropolis. The little boat would have bobbed like a cork.

The Customs Box on this occasion contained clearances for FIVE vessels, letters for the Harbour Department, Immigration, Water Police, Medical and Penal Departments.

The official complained that this had become "a frequent occurrence". An unsympathetic senior police spokesman noted that it was up to the Customs to create a land-based contract if that was their preference, and no police could be made available for postal duties.

How many boxes are at the bottom of the Yarra?

## PITY THE GENEALOGIST OF THE FUTURE!

Following is an article from the Herald Sun November 11, 2012

### Names a big mesh

The American trend of surname blending is gaining traction in Britain, producing some interesting results. Just ask Mr and Mrs Puffin.

When Michael Pugh and Rebecca Griffin married in 2011, they settled on a last name taking a portion from each family moniker to produce Puffin.

Some 800 couples in the UK have used the "meshing" method to date in 2012.

"Meshing has changed from being a novelty to one of the main reasons couples use deed poll to change names," UK Deed Poll Service spokeswoman Claudia Duncan said.

"Many people feel meshing is more romantic than double barrelling."

Recent examples include Ms Clifton and Mr Mole becoming Moltons, Ms Price and Mr Nightingale who became the Prightingales, and Ms Harley and Mr Gatts who became the Hatts. AAP



### Coming up

A seminar is planned for 15<sup>th</sup> June to commence at 9 am and finish at 3.30pm. 3 sessions are planned and speakers are being organized. Officeworks will have a stall with all things available for family history. Eric Barton will have a stall of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books for you to purchase.

There will be more details as it draws closer.

***Found on the Norfolk Rootsweb Mailing List***

Some unusual and peculiar deaths recorded in the Norfolk Annals, transcribed by Charles Mackie.

13 January 1802 - Died last week Mr William Websdale. This venerable man lived in three centuries, and expired at the advanced age of 102 years."

13 May 1802 - Died, aged 85, Mrs Beaton, of St. John Maddermarket, Norwich. "She was a native of Wales, and commonly called here 'The Freemason,' from the circumstance of her having contrived to conceal herself one evening in the wainscoting of the lodge-room, where she learnt that secret, the knowledge of which thousands of her sex in vain attempted to arrive at. She was a very singular old woman, and, as a proof of it, the secret died with her."

24 May 1802 - Died, aged 90, Mrs Ann Fuller, of Raveningham. "Her remains were interred at the parish of Toft Monks. The pall was supported by six grandchildren, and the funeral attended by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in her own lineal descent to the number of 47."

8 February 1803 - Died, after having lived in three centuries, Mary Helsdon, of East Ruston, widow. "Her age was 105 years 11 months; she retained her faculties till about a year before her death, and she left a progeny of near 80 persons, including children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren."

21 February 1804 - Died, at Long Stratton, Mrs Everitt, a Quaker, who had attained her one hundredth year. Lineally descended from her and living at the time were 77 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



**PROJECTS**

Sales of our CD titled "Out of the Box" have been very pleasing and we trust that it is of value to all who have purchased it.

Currently our work is focused on transcribing local school registers from records held at the PROV and recorded by Mark Grealy 'Archives Access'.

Our aim is have the handwritten information in print form so that it is easier to read and to find particular names.

The information on these records is in the public domain and freely available but we are faced with somewhat of a dilemma. Many of the pupils registered (in some schools up to the 1970s) are still alive and some may not be happy that their details such as birthdates, addresses and names of parents, are readily available to locals. It is thought that this resource may be made available only to researchers at our Library.

Work continues on finalising cemetery records for Barnawartha, Tallangatta, Bethanga and Talgarno. The delay has been caused by the high temperatures, clear skies (not good for photographing) and snakes. Hopefully, these records will be available on CD/DVD as soon as possible.

Our next effort will relate to the local area Courts of Petty Sessions registers which we hope to transcribe to print.

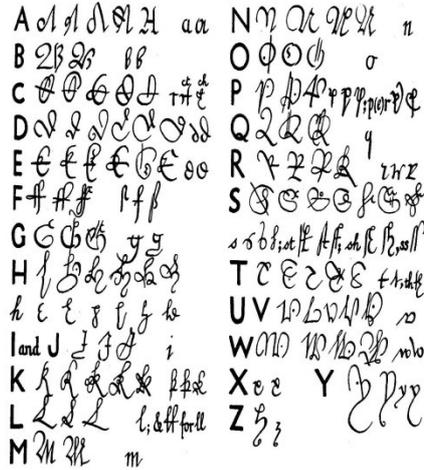
If you have any suggestions for future Projects please let us know as we are only too happy to have your feedback.

Pat Hopkins



Following on from the November newsletter, Pat Hopkins found the following information in old copies of Scots Link. They have been recorded as photos and are copied here. They may be of help when trying to transcribe a document.

*Examples of Letters found in Parish Registers of the 17th & 18th Centuries*



## MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN TRANSCRIBING A DOCUMENT

When the handwriting is difficult to transcribe in an old document, sometimes the researcher is forced to make a guess. With the following list in hand that task might be made considerably easier as it points out the transcription errors to avoid.

Actual Letter    Possible Transcription Error

A, a	N, O, o, u
B, b	K, P, R, h, lr, ls, t
C, c	E, O, e, i, o
cl, ct	d
D, d	O, cl, ct, el, et
E, e	C, c, i, l
ee	n, u
el, et	d
F, f	L, T, l, ss
G, g	T, Y, Z, j, q, y, z
H, h	Fl, Th, Tl, b, k, ln
I, i	J, Y, c, e, l, r
in	m
J, j	I, Y, g, p, q, y, z
K, k	B, R, h, le, lr, ls
L, l	F, S, T, Z, e, f, i, t
lc	k
ln	h
lr, ls	b, h, k
M, m	W, in, ne, rn
N, n	A, V, ee, u
ne	m
O, o	A, C, D, a, c
P, p	B, R, T, j, y, z
Q, q	Z, g, j, y, z
R, r	B, K, P, i, s, v
m	m
rv	w
S, s	L, A, r
ss	f, p
T, t	F, G, L, P, b, l
Th, Tl	H
U, u	V, a, cc, n, v
V, v	N, U, r, u
W, w	M, m, rv
X, y	G, I, J, g, j, q, z
Z, z	G, L, Q, S, g, j, q, y

**Story 1935 to 1980”** by Ken SHEEN

New Zealand research

The following information is from NZ researcher Jenny Baldwin.

If individual members are willing to travel to Shepparton, I can meet them at the Shepparton Family History Rooms by appointment on Wednesdays to assist them with their search. A standard research fee of \$10 (?) is payable to the club for this service. The Shepparton Group have amassed most of the CD's available for purchase from the NZ Society of Genealogists.

As a member of the NZSG since 1985 I have many of their CDs that are available to members only. Within reason I can use these CDs to check for records also.

If you do have any members who have a particular line they are researching in NZ, please by all means pass on my email address to them. I could have a brief look for them as I will usually spend up to 30 minutes complimentary per person on their inquiry.

If you wish to make use of Jenny's service then please contact a committee member to have her details passed on to you.



Attached is a link to some recently prepared Trove search guides which might be useful to you.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/forum/showthread.php?1203-Browsing-a...etc>



Leading up to the talk in March by author Richard Patterson on the value of the information that is contained in books with a local history theme, I have reviewed the book titled **“Wodonga Saleyards: The**

Ken was a Stock and Station Agent as well as a licenced auctioneer in both Victoria and New South Wales. He served 2 terms as Chairman of the Albury and Wodonga Stock Agents Association and four years as the Chairman of the Albury Woolbroker's Association.

The book is a tremendous insight into the history of Wodonga and surrounds and has some great stories and photographs about local people, both men and women, like the story and picture about the record price bullock bought by John WEIDNER; the story about the women who ran and worked in the Refreshment Rooms; the “Miss Markets” photograph; the local district stock agents; the buyers; the meat processors; the butchers; the drovers; the trucking agents; the yard drovers; the livestock carriers and many more. There are hundreds of names in the publication.

On pages 92 and 93 alone, there are 380 family names of livestock producers who took their livestock to the Wodonga Saleyards.

The Wodonga Cattleyards was located on the block surrounded by Elgin Street, Smythe Street, Stanley Street and Watson Street which is now the Wodonga Plaza site. The site was also known as Campbell's horse sale site. Younghusband Ltd and Campbell & Sons of Melbourne originally owned the site until the Wodonga Council purchased the land in 1934 after Mr Robert RICHARDSON had 1<sup>st</sup> proposed the acquisition in 1925. Mr Richardson became Shire President in 1933. There was strong opposition in the community to the project and it took two opinion polls before the public accepted the proposal.

Mr Richardson is accredited with designing the complex and supervising its construction.

A Wodonga company, A Dunstan & Sons, erected the yards. The office and tea rooms were constructed by L WOLFE of Wodonga.

There were Dining Rooms on the corner of Elgin and Smythe Streets and were run by Mrs Julia RONAN and her family until about 1921. The

site was then The Wodonga Hotel [built in 1940] and is now Elgin's Hotel.

The Pig and Calf area was across the road in Elgin Street and the Trucking Yards were at the back of that bordering the railway line.

The Saleyards opened on 19 October 1935. One thousand people attended the opening. Members of the Shire Council at that time were: Shire President – Cr R RICHARDSON, as well as FC KLINGE; C JONES; EB MANN; M MARTIN; CF POLLARD; T RYAN and KD WATSON.

Joint superintendents of the yards were Gordon MITCHELL and Mark MULQUEENEY. Both were Shire Rangers in the ridings of Bonegilla and Greenhill, respectively on non-sale days.

Percy NEWBOUND was appointed to the position around the mid 1940's and some of his staff were: Bill COLE, Ben COOK and Arch NUGENT. Hector THOMPSON was a long time employee.

Stella NUGENT manned the phone booth for 30 years up until the closure of the Wodonga Saleyards in 1980.

In 1946/47 it was suggested that the saleyards be concreted [it was gravel paved]. Cr Martin suggested that consideration be given to moving the saleyards to the outskirts of town before paying for improvements.

Arch Nugent succeeded Percy Newbound in 1964 as superintendent of the yards and remained in that position until 1976; followed by Bob BARRETT. Mr Barrett was also the 1<sup>st</sup> Superintendent at the Bandiana complex.

The major trucking contractor partnership that lasted for more than 30 years, from the mid 1950's, was Cox & Crawshaw [Ollie COX and Paul CRAWSHAW]. Ollie Cox was a renowned horseman and went on to become the districts leading racehorse trainer whilst Paul Crawshaw became a livestock carrier, specialising in the transport of Stud stock throughout Australia with his son Graham.

Some of the drovers had great names, like Nugget DALTON and Doc SMITH of Rutherglen/Howlong; Happy HARRISON and Chic LOGIE of Albury/Wodonga; Long Frank and Daddy Frank HYNES of Kiewa; Red Jack McDONALD and Texas Jack SHIELDS of Tallangatta & Sandy Creek.

There was a drover from the Tallangatta & Sandy Creek area known as "Nugie." Nugent MINOGUE was unique amongst the drovers as he was always impeccably dressed and had highly polished boots and leggings.

There was pressure on the Council by the late 1960's to move the saleyards out of town. Councillor Bernie COX is said to have led the push for relocation. The Council purchased a 64 acre site in the Bonegilla riding which was previously owned by JH MCGEOCH. It was a portion of the property known as "Somerville" which Mr McGeoch acquired in 1884.

A site within the Chiltern Shire at the junction of the Hume Highway and the Murray Valley Highway had been inspected as a possible relocation for the saleyards but had been dismissed because it would be in another Shire.

The last sale at the Wodonga Saleyards was conducted on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1980.

## **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
<b><i>The 2 set Wodonga Cemetery Records available for \$65.</i></b>	
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**

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

**NEW RELEASE: Mitta Mitta CD**



*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: Robert Prentice Park**

Location: Martin Street

Background: Mr Prentice was a railway worker, best known for preserving Wodonga's history through early 20th century photographs of which many are now in the State Library.

**Park Name: Bill Orr Park**

Location: Melrose Drive to Silva Drive

Background: A retired Police Officer, he was a highly respected member of the Police Force, very involved with the Neighbourhood Watch. He worked for a great many years for the blind society, Wodonga Branch. He was involved in many cycling events and became a Citizen of the Year in 1985.



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