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What's Happening Next for our Society:

21st May - Writing a non boring family history

Author Anne Hanson has written "White Handkerchief, the story of Elizabeth Scott, the first woman hanged in Victoria". She will explain how her motivation to write led to her journey of research.



15th June – Seminar at Felltimber Community Centre

The theme will be "Off the Beaten Track the hidden, unusual, obscure and the troves and provs less travelled. Also discover tips and tricks to get over your brick walls".



18th June – Brick Wall

Club Night - "Brick Wall" or similar.

16th July - AGM - flyer attached. We are always looking for new committee members.

Albury Historical Society, alburyhistory@bigpond.com possibly First Fleeters, Port Phillip.



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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	Norma Burrows	phone: 02 6024 1591
Vice President	vacant	
Treasurer	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
Secretary	Wendy Cooksey	phone: 02 6056 3220

Lyn Larkin [Librarian] Pat Hopkins [Projects Officer] Andy Turner [Programme Officer]
Christine Young [Newsletter Editor] Lynda Cuper Doreen Gibbs Dawn Newman

President's Report

Autumn has arrived and I am enjoying the cooler days.

Earlier this year we received a small grant from Wodonga Council with which we purchased an A frame display board. It is now in the foyer of the library advising all visitors of our presence in the library and shows details of our opening hours. This board will be very useful and we thank the Council for their assistance.

Guest speakers for our seminar, which will be held 15th June, are Mark Greal of Archival Access and Susie Zada from the Genealogical Society of Victoria. They will be telling us about unusual and obscure items available at the Public Record Office of Victoria and other resources you may not have considered. Cost of the seminar is \$30.00 (includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea). If you book and pay by 21st May you will be eligible for the early bird price of \$25.00. I am sure it will be an interesting and entertaining day.

We are looking forward to receiving your entries in the Bedella and Townsend competitions. If you haven't entered before you only need to write 300-600 words for the Novice section of the Bedella Award – this is only about 1 page (this report is just over 300 words). This is a great way to start writing your family stories.

Our “Monday ladies” are currently working on transcribing some old local court indexes and in the near future we hope to start on some local church records. We are always working towards increasing our local resources.

We recently conducted a session at the library for new members. This was to introduce them to what is available in our research area and explain more fully the contents of the new members' booklet. If any members are looking for help, our library volunteers will do all they can to be of assistance.

On a recent visit to the “Trove” website I noticed that some issues of the “O & M Advertiser” are being digitalised. Great if you are looking for local information.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Norma Burrows, President

Meeting Notes

19th February – Our Projects Office, Pat Hopkins, gave a presentation on cemeteries. Pat explained how we organise our group when we visit and record local cemeteries, how cemeteries are managed and how to take the best photographs. She has travelled to many interesting places and showed us photographs of unusual and magnificent graves from around the world. It was a very interesting evening.

19th March – Author Richard Patterson was our guest speaker. He has written two books of local history. He gave us great insight into how he went about his research – talking to locals, using newspapers and other local records. His books are “Nobblers and Lushingtons – a history of hotels in Beechworth and the Ovens District” (available in our library) and “Exposed - Haunting Scandals, Murders and Mysteries”. He is currently working on a book about the Beechworth WW1 experience. Richard was a very entertaining speaker and our members were very appreciative of his talk.

16th April - We had good attendance for our members' night and a varied collection of interesting "treasures" were shown. Members shared stories and suggestions were made as to where they might look for further information. An enjoyable and fun evening!



We are updating our members' information and would like to include details of a person to contact in case of emergency. The information required is "Person to contact and contact number". Please forward these details to:
secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org,
call Wendy on 02 6056 3220 or post to
PO Box 289, Wodonga, 3689.

The **six** most important words:
 "I admit I made a mistake".
 The **five** most important words:
 "You did a good job".
 The **four** most important words:
 "What is your opinion?"
 The **three** most important words:
 "If you please".
 The **two** most important words:
 "Thank you".
 The **most** important word: "True".
 The **least** important word: "I".

From The Scots Link August 1993

Are you aware that The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express 1896-1939 is available on TROVE?

15th June is our seminar at the Felltimber Community Centre at the corner of Melrose Drive and Felltimber Creek Road, West Wodonga, Vic. Entry is via Melrose Drive.

The theme is "Off the Beaten Track the hidden, unusual, obscure and the troves and provs less travelled. Tips and tricks to get over your brick walls."

9.00-9.30 Registration
9.30-10.40 Session 1 Susie Zada,
 10.45-10.50 Morning Tea
10.55-12.05 Session 2 Mark Grealy
 12.10-1.30 Lunch
1.30- 2.15 Session 3 Mark Grealy
2.30-3.30 Session 4 Susie Zada

Stalls:

1. Eric Barton, 2nd hand books.
2. GSV Marketing
3. Mapworks
4. Officeworks

5. Scrapville scrapbooking, card making & papercrafts.
FUNDRAISING REPORT by Heather Lauritzen

Following our success in our last Grant application to the Council for which we received \$165.00 we purchased a sandwich board displaying our name, whereabouts, and hours, and which is now on display in the lobby of the Wodonga Library. It looks great.

It has been suggested we participate in the Senior Festival in October, perhaps on 11th October, by inviting the public to attend a workshop under the auspices of the Senior Festival. The theme may be "Learn to Make Your Family Tree While Joining Us for Cakes and Tea."

We could present each participant with a cuppa, cakes, and a prepared stylized Family Tree for them to fill out under our guidance, plus a How To talk. If this comes to fruition further information will be provided at a later date.



Here is a poem that relates to our upcoming annual elections – thanks to Wendy Cooksey for finding it

A Thought for New Office Bearers

Don't worry if when you start to talk
 If your face turns red or white as chalk
 If your voice gets weak or your words get stuck
 And your hearts starts to pound like a rusty truck
 If your knees get wobbly and your hands start to shake
 you fumble your lines and quiver and quake
 Don't envy the experts and say, "Gee it's tough"
 They're as nervous as you
 They've just learned to BLUFF!

Author Unknown



Another contribution from Wendy:
These are some useful abbreviations that Wendy compiled a few years ago that are found in death duties and wills.

USEFUL ABBREVIATIONS, etc.

FOUND IN WILLS:

If X dsp/dspl/dspml(s):

if X dies without issue/without legitimate issue/without male issue (surviving)

Dvp/dvm: dies/died in the lifetime of his father /mother

21 or marr: at the age of 21 or at marriage before that date

=shares: in equal shares, share and share alike

Ben surv: benefit of survivorship, only those who are alive get it

Rem: remainder - what happens to legacy when someone dies

Rev: reversion - what happens when certain events occur eg remarriage

Exor/exix: male or female executor of will

Resid: the entire residue if my estate not otherwise bequeathed above

Per stirpes: by descent, a share which would have gone to a (deceased) parent is divided equally between his children, however many

Hotchpot: total value of the estate to be divided including sums advanced during the deceased's lifetime

Trustee: person appointed ON TRUST to carry out certain provisions of the will, often regarding children until they come of age. Trustees are governed by strict laws and may not invest in speculative schemes (approved stocks may be mentioned). Or benefit from the trust money.

Trustee clauses: list of rules by which the trustees are bound

Videlicet: namely, used to introduce examples, lists, etc

USEFUL ABBREVIATIONS FOUND IN THE DEATH DUTY REGISTERS:

BM/BF/SM/SF: brother or sister of mother or father

Dxx: descendant of, followed by the precise connection

DSF: descendant of the father [cousin]

DBGF: descendant of a brother of the grandfather

Stra: stranger in blood, ie not a blood kin. Additional information may be added eg:

StraBL: brother in law

StraSL: son in law or sister in law

StraSent or Straevnt: stranger, servant to the deceased

Ch: a legitimate child of the testator. An illegitimate child may be listed as:

StraNC: for natural child

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#### PROJECTS, SCHOOLS and COURTS

I wish to apologise for the presentation of the Transcript Guide in the last Newsletter. Anyone who wishes to have a readable copy should ask at our Library for a photocopy of the original. Somehow the Gremlins attacked the submitted item.

The School Enrolment transcriptions have been completed and are available on the computers in our Library. This has been a very worthwhile project as converting the information to script makes it easier to locate and read the information. The original school documents are held at the PROV and the digitised version may be purchased from Archival Access Victoria.

The local schools available are:  
Barnawartha SS1489; Carlyle SS4256; Cornishtown SS802; Dederang North SS2818; Gundowring SS1159; \* House Creek SS2266; Lake Moodemere SS1557; Lockhart's Creek SS3156; \* Middle Creek East (later Baranduda) SS2222; Mt Alfred SS3647; Prentice

Freehold SS1314; Red Bluff SS3526; Tallandoon SS3533; Tangambalanga SS3724; Upper Gundowring SS2733 and Kiewa Valley Consolidated. (\*Records donated to our Society and not necessarily at PROV).

As well as who was enrolled at the School some files contain other information about the property and organisation of the school.

We are currently transcribing the Court of Petty Sessions books for Bright 1890-1967; Rutherglen 1895-1948; Tallangatta 1892-1965; indexing the Society's newsletters and learning how to digitise records for future transcriptions. What we have discovered is that the school records are much easier to decipher than the Courts. Once again thank you to all who have worked tirelessly on these and other projects.  
Pat Hopkins

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## **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 |
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| 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

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 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

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.

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



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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.....2013

Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 1st July 2013**

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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

***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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of.....2013

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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Attached is a flyer regarding the upcoming seminar. For those members that receive their newsletter via email you will be able to open the document. For those members that receive their newsletter via paper format will receive the flyer as a separate document.

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