

# BORDERLINE NEWS



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## What's Happening Next for our Society:|

**20<sup>th</sup> August - Bedella and Townsend Awards** will be announced by Peter Gill. He is a member of the Australasian Assoc of Genealogists and Record Agents. He will present the winners with their trophies.

Peter will give a talk on 'Using Newspapers for Family History Research'.



**31<sup>st</sup> August** – Family Tree Maker Workshop with Doug Elm of G.U.M. Victoria  
G.U.M. stands for Genealogists Using Microcomputers. It is an association of family history researchers using computers to help them in their research.



**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Reading of the Bedella and Townsend winning entries  
Plus another Club Night - "Brick Wall" or similar.

**15<sup>th</sup> October** - Bring a friend. The theme will be "On arrival in Heaven I want to know.....?"



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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
<b>Vice President</b>	vacant	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
<b>Secretary</b>	Wendy Cooksey	phone: 02 6056 3220

Lyn Larkin	Pat Hopkins	Andy Turner	Christine Young	Doreen Gibbs
Dawn Newman	Yvonne Wilson		Bob Cousins	

## President's Report

It is amazing how quickly the year is slipping by – here we are with our August issue of the newsletter. By the time you receive this, spring will be just around the corner.

Our seminar was a great success. Speakers Suzie Zada and Mark Grealy gave us great insights to what unusual and obscure records are available – if only you know where to look. Suzie spoke about land and sewerage records. It is surprising what details the officials had to record when planning to install sewerage for the first time, e.g. number of people in house, plan of land and what other buildings there were, sometimes name of house. She also spoke about investigating local records as a great help to research. Mark also talked about land records as well as other records you can find at the Public Records Office of Victoria. These included Teachers' records, photos of school buildings, School Inspectors' notebooks, Children's Court Records (limited) and Exemption records from the First World War.

All entries have now been received for the Bedella and Townsend awards. Winners will be announced at our August meeting. Thank you to all who entered and we look forward to hearing these stories.

In recent months we have welcomed more new members and conducted a further "Introduction to the library" session.

If you have an hour or two to spare on a monthly basis, our Librarian Lyn is looking for more volunteers to help in the library. Training is given and it is a great feeling when you help someone find that elusive detail.

I note that some "Border Mail" information is starting to appear on "Trove".

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Norma Burrows  
President

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](mailto:secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org), call Wendy on 02 6056 3220 or post to PO Box 289, Wodonga, 3689.

## Meeting Notes

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – Due to unforeseen circumstances Anne Hanson was unable to give her talk. However, we had a very interesting evening with members contributing to another "brick wall" evening.

**18<sup>th</sup> June** – We continued with the theme of "Off the beaten track" and members were asked questions like "Who was the hardest ancestor to find", "Who was the easiest ...", etc. Andy (our Programme Officer) conducted the evening and a great discussion was held.

**16<sup>th</sup> July** - Our Annual General Meeting will be held. Guest speaker will be Michael Browne from Albury Historical Society. Subject will be Cecil James Nancarrow Gaetley MC - a local WW1 Military Cross recipient.



## Welcome new members

Over the past few months we have been pleased to welcome the following new members:-

Alice Lindsay  
Bev Boulton  
Robyn Boulton  
Yvonne Wilson  
Robert Nugent  
Julianne Cole  
Robert Cousins  
Andrea Weppner  
Frank Goonan  
Heather Meyer  
Heather McCall  
Rebecca Clarke  
John Mahony  
Sandra McIntosh  
Ailsa Jones  
Rosslyn O'Donnell  
Graham Jenkins  
Caron Stevenson  
Doug Stewart

We look forward to seeing you all at meetings and at the library making use of the Society's extensive records.

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

## Upcoming Events

### 31<sup>st</sup> August - Family Tree Maker Workshop

This will be held at the Felltimber Community Centre. It will cost \$20. Tea and coffee will be supplied. You can bring your own lunch or you will have to buy it.

You can bring your own laptop, if you wish too.

You can get more information about the workshop by contacting the Secretary.



11<sup>th</sup> October - following on from the May newsletter there is to be a 3 hour workshop during Senior Citizens week. The theme is "Learn to Make Your Family Tree While Joining Us for Cakes and Tea."

Andy, Heather, Norma and Wendy will run the workshop and will present each participant with a cuppa, cakes, and a prepared stylized Family Tree for them to fill out under guidance, plus there will be a How To talk. You can contact them for any further details re the workshop.



21<sup>st</sup> November - this is date for the annual Street Stall. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.



## PROJECTS

The Society has permission from the Minister of the Church of England in Wodonga to transcribe Baptism records to a computerised format and the Project Team is currently working on these.

Work is continuing to complete some local cemetery records.

The Uniting Church in Wodonga does not hold early parish records. The records were transferred when the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches combined. The records are available through the Archive section of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

You can contact the Archivist by posting your request to:

The Archivist  
PO Box 698  
Elsternwick Vic 3185

The Archives are open to the public on Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm at 64 - 66 Orrong Road South in Elsternwick. Telephone 03 9523 1056 for more information.



New acquisitions for the WFHS library are made possible by the hard work of the members; the subscriptions paid by the members; and generous donations. Thank you to all for contributing to the ever expanding valuable records that are available for the members use.

## New in the WFHS library

### Books

- \*Cattlemen of the High Country
- \*Exiled. The Port Arthur Convict Photographs
- \*Freedom on the Fatal Shore - Australia's First Colony
- \*The Church of St Thomas Port Macquarie [Early Parish Registers]
- \*The Convict Years. Transportation & the Penal System 1788 - 1868
- \*The History of Albury. 1824 - 1895

### CDs

- \*Bailliere's Victorian Gazetteer & Road Guide 1879
- \*Marine Births, Deaths & Marriages. Vic. 1853 - 1920
- \*Melbourne. Commercial & Squatters Directory 1854
- \*Melbourne Directory 1859. Street Guide & Addresses
- \*NSW Electoral Roll 1913. District of Albury
- \*Victorian Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1939. INDI



## 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.***

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

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



**A reminder**

At the August meeting members will be asked to vote on the additions to the Model Rules. All members have been sent a letter or email about this. If you don't think you have received this notification then please contact the Secretary- Wendy Cooksey.



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