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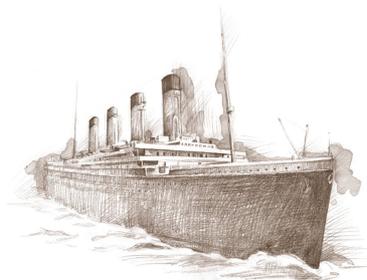
19th August - our guest will be Mark Grealy who will speak about the town that was moved [Tallangatta].



16th September – there will be a reading of the Bedella winning entries plus a Show and Tell.



21st October – our guest will be Andy Turner speaking about Ships in the war. Did you know that the 1st AIF convoy sailed from Fremantle? Were there any women on Board? If so, how many? Come along and find out.



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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
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Treasurer	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
Secretary	Wendy Cooksey	phone: 02 6056 3220

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

President's Report

Since reporting in May's newsletter we have had a busy three months.

In April we participated in the Tallangatta Expo. We had a very good day and signed up a new member.

Instead of our May meeting we facilitated the Shrine of Remembrance talk. Patrick Lindsay was the guest speaker. It is pleasing to note that over 80 people attended. The organisers for the Shrine of Remembrance people have indicated they may be back next year.

Congratulations to member Marie Elliot. Her book, "Brave Bonegilla Boys", was launched by Howard Jones at the Bonegilla Hall on 21st June.

We had a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings. A big thank you to all those who helped.

"The Willows" organisers have asked us to present a workshop for their members. We will be attending on 11th and 22nd July to introduce Family History to them.

Lynda (Publicity Officer) and Wendy (Secretary) have prepared a Power Point display to be screened on the big screen at The Cube. This is now running.

For Family History month – August – we will be displaying information about our club in the "Reflections on High" windows at Coles in Wodonga.

Pat (Project officer) has just returned from overseas and Heather (Treasurer) will be spending the month of July in Cairns.

Our Street Stall is in October this year.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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, call Wendy on 02 6056 3220 or post to PO Box 289, Wodonga, 3689.

Meeting Notes

16th April – member Barry Pinkerton talked to us about using charts, maps and citations. He gave us very useful information as to how we can use these tools when writing our stories.

18th May - BBQ at Bunnings Wodonga

There were 21 volunteers who helped during the course of the day – great effort everybody. \$120 was raised from the wood raffle and the winner wished to remain anonymous. There was a profit of \$999.05 from the sausage sizzle.

The Wodonga Family History Society wishes to acknowledge and thank the Elliott clan for the donated trailer load of firewood as a raffle prize.

We would also like to thank Coles for a Gift Card valued at \$20.

We are also grateful to Border Markets for the discount of \$9.00 from the cost of the onions.

Yvonne Wilson, from the committee, would like to pass on her thanks to the committee and members for their help at the BBQ.

20th May – our normal meeting was not held. We attended a talk promoted by the Shrine of Remembrance organization. Guest speaker was Patrick Lindsay. He gave us a very informative talk on Gallipoli. As well as members of our club, we had the support of local people with over 80 people in attendance.

17th June – member Marie Elliot gave a Power Point presentation with a preview of her book "Brave Bonegilla Boys".

This book is about young men, from Bonegilla families, who had taken part in World War 1. Marie did a great job with her presentation. Congratulations and well done Marie! (The book is available in our library.)



Upcoming Events

14th July to 18th August - for Family History month, there will be an information display about our club in the "Reflections on High" windows at Coles in High Street Wodonga.

23rd October - the Annual Street Stall
This will run from 8am to 1pm in front of Coles, High Street Wodonga.

We are looking for lots of donations which 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!!!).



Members' stories

The WFHS committee are always trying to encourage you, the members, to write short pieces for the newsletter.

The aim is to give you the confidence to keep writing short or longer pieces for yourself and your family to preserve and pass on your family's history.

It would be great if you wanted to share those stories with fellow members via this newsletter. They can be as short as 300 words [half a page, depending on the font you use] up to a page and a half [approx. 900 words].

This information comes from Warren Embury.

He was asked to speak at a book launch at Pyramid Hill in May because he is a direct descendant of the local newspaper proprietors, Samuel Seales and his son Samuel George Seales.

Another son was Warren's grandfather, Frederick Seales, who, at this time, was running a newspaper in the Pilbara with his brother in law.

The book is to do with the centenary of the World War 1 titled: Remember Respect Rejoice.

It details the efforts of a couple of Warren's relations to keep the whole local community informed of the details about the various young people from the district who were fighting in Europe. Warren's relatives published letters and communication received by various families in the district.

The newspaper type was hand set and this extra service would have been a huge task along with general work of setting pages in a newspaper. Setting the work was not the finish as, after printing, all the letters used had to be returned to the type boxes from whence they came, a laborious task at any time. (No Linotype machines in the bush in those days.)



The next article is also from Warren Embury.

Living in a Christadelphian Family 1940—1960 W.F. Embury

The Christadelphians or Brethren in Christ is a Christian denomination founded in 1848 by Dr John Thomas. In 1832 he travelled on the 'Marquis of Wellesley' from London to New York. Huge storms threatened to destroy the ship not long after it left the harbour. Thomas prayed for a safe voyage and when his prayers were answered he promised to 'uncover the truth about God and life'.

He wanted to follow the practices of the early Christians through the study of the Bible.

The Christadelphian beliefs differ from other Christian denominations.

Baptism is mandatory but they do not baptise infants but wait until the person has a full understanding of their teachings first. They reject the trinity and immortality of the soul. They don't have churches or paid ministers instead they meet on Sundays in homes or in halls, the gathering is referred to as ecclesia and the meeting conducted is by an elected member of the group who is also responsible for the spiritual welfare of the members.

In our family my parents never voted in any government elections. They abstained from alcohol, never worked on a Sunday or served in police or armed services once they joined the ecclesia. We didn't go to the movies and the wireless was for news only.

Of an evening our family would gather around to read the Bible. Each family member would read five verses in turn. Three chapters were read every evening, two from the Old Testament and one from the New. Mother always checked the Old Testament beforehand in case there were some naughty bits, which would be bypassed.

We arrived in Albury in January 1940 just after the war started. My father obtained a position as Company Secretary at Mates store and we lived in Jones Street directly opposite the butcher shop and general store. My three older siblings enrolled at Albury High and my younger sister and I went to the Primary school. When religious instruction was held I was always sent outside to weed the vegetable garden. I wasn't allowed to join the boy scouts or a cricket team or a pigeon racing club. According to father, only the YMCA was acceptable.

Christadelphians have been in this area since 1870 and we were quite often visited by these families for a church meeting with my parents and would later have lunch. One member, Mr Ollie King had a habit of carrying sweets in his pocket. Just as well he was deaf as he couldn't hear the threats of punishment father muttered at us when we showed ourselves to

him hoping for a lolly or two, forbidden fruit in our household.

Another member, Mr Beck, came in for bible classes and rode his old bicycle in from Barnawartha. He had a huge bushy beard and father claimed he was so tough he would break the ice on his water dish in winter before washing and not shiver.

About 1942 father resigned from Mates after a dispute with Mr Thompson over some business matter he thought was unethical. I later found out that he was noted for taking this sort of action (he maintained my books for 10 years with not a problem with tax or otherwise). He obtained a position with the Australian Prices Commission and moved to Sydney.

Life at home was not as strict with father away and, just in case of 'trouble', I was sent to friends in Corryong when he came home on leave.

At the end of the war we shifted back to Coburg in Melbourne and joined the main Ecclesia which met at the Albert Hall in East Melbourne (now demolished). The front section contained a large pipe organ used by the Melbourne Symphony for recordings and recitals.

A Christadelphian Youth group held games in the rear of the Hall. I remember walking all over Coburg at night placing notices in letterboxes which advertised lectures my father and others conducted locally.

In 1956 I was called up for national service. My father requested I find other lodgings when I said I was not a conscientious objector. My mother objected to his ruling and 12 months later I moved into a sleepout at the back (not under his roof) which suited as by then I was on shift work at the Argus, but still had my army CMF obligation of night parades and weeks away.

Further information see:

www.christadelphia.org and the religion in the Albury Wodonga area in our Library [Alfred and Jane Ladson and Family Beechworth Pioneers](#) - Ian Hyndman FAM093.

Thanks to Warren for his contribution.



Welcome new members

We welcome the following new members to our Society:-

Katherine Sleeman
Ethan Marshall
Jennifer Marshall
Beverley Zuber
Elaine Supheert
Fiona Lappin
Wendy van Iseghem
Keith & Lynne Mills
Sandy Mickans
Vickii Evans
Heather Fisher
Graeme Rayner
Gloria Collins
Jeanette Dennis
Robyn Gibbs
Mary Allen

We look forward to seeing you at meetings and using the great resources at the library.



PROJECTS

The team reports that they are working hard whilst captain Pat Hopkins is away.

Reminder

WFHS fees **were** due by 31st July. If you want further information re methods of payment then please contact a committee member.



The Research Room continues to be supported by the donation of books from members and friends. This is great for the build-up of resources.

This adds to the collection along with the microfiche, CD's and Internet.

Why don't you go and visit the Research Room to look at the wonderful collection of books on offer to use in the Research Room or to borrow.



In an effort to lessen our carbon footprint; modernise our delivery service and, of course, save money on postage, I sent 18 emails to the family history groups that currently receive our newsletter via post, that we have email addresses for, to ask them if they would be prepared to receive our newsletters via email.

So far, 9 have responded yes which is great news. Thanks to all the groups that have responded.

There are still some groups that have not responded so the newsletter will be posted to them this time.

Christine Young
Editor

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
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Burrumbuttock: Public 1893-1999 and Trinity Bethal Lutheran Church 1885-1999	\$6
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Kiewa	\$12
Moorwatha	\$5
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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

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.

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