

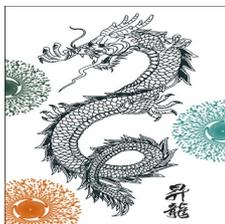
# BORDERLINE NEWS



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What's Happening Next for our Society:|

**17<sup>th</sup> February** – Chinese Heritage with Viv Davis. She has also written a book on this subject.



**17<sup>th</sup> March** – Train DVD. The train DVD is about the railways in Wodonga and members are asked to bring any railway memorabilia (not necessarily Wodonga).



**21<sup>st</sup> April** – Show and Tell with a War theme - not just about the enlisted men but could be about how the population coped with it and what they had to do during this time.



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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 |

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|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| Doreen Gibbs | Lyn Larkin | Bob Cousins   | Lynda Cuper | Pat Hopkins     | Sue Jarvis |
| Dawn Newman  |            | Yvonne Wilson |             | Christine Young |            |

**Vince Black is offering 2 workshops** to guide historians to find, research and collate information about your selected Digger.

## **Workshop 1—Researching a Digger’s Personal Narrative**

**Presenter:** Vince Black  
**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.  
**Time:** 9am to 1pm.  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Venue:**  
Trudewind Road Neighbourhood House, Quirk  
Court (off Trudewind Road), Wodonga.  
(tea, coffee, decaf coffee, Milo available).

**Requirements:** Memory stick (printing will not be available).  
Completed form that will be supplied on registration.

### **Workshop Objective:**

This introductory workshop is designed to guide family historians to find, research, collate and make sense of available information about a selected Australian relative.

The program utilises the World Wide Web to enable participants to access information for a Digger involved in any one or more of the three theatres of war for the Australian Infantry Forces (AIF) –at Gallipoli, the Western Front and in Palestine.

Booking are essential as places are limited. Email:  
[secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org](mailto:secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org) or phone 02 6056 3220 to book in.



## **Workshop 2—creating a Digger’s “Big Picture Narrative**

**Presenter:** Vince Black  
**Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015.  
**Time:** 9am to 1pm.  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Venue:**  
Trudewind Road Neighbourhood House, Quirk  
Court (off Trudewind Road), Wodonga.  
(tea, coffee, decaf coffee, Milo available).

**Requirements:** Paper and pen.

### **Workshop Objective:**

This advanced workshop will assume that participants have already compiled a comprehensive portfolio of personal information on their selected Digger. It will endeavour to assist family historians to understand some of the ‘bigger picture’ aspects of the Great War that they might choose to weave into the story of their selected Digger.

Booking are essential as places are limited. Email:  
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## **President's Report**

After a very busy year I hope you are ready to renew your family history research. I am sure, after catching up with relatives at Christmas time; some of you now have new avenues to follow.

Sadly during the last part of 2014 we note the passing of two of our members – Don and Connie Tremethick. They were great contributors and well respected members of our group. We offer our condolences to their family.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the street stall that raised over \$1,300.00. A special thanks to Dawn who made and decorated the Christmas cake for the raffle. The cake was won by member Yvonne Wilson.

We are working on a programme for meetings and as soon as it is confirmed we will let you know.

Some advanced information on two workshops we will be holding in February. They will focus on Gallipoli, the Western Front and Palestine. This very timely as we approach the centenary of ANZAC.

Workshop One: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – This is an introductory workshop designed to guide you in your research.

Workshop Two: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February – This is an advanced workshop that will assume participants have already compiled a comprehensive portfolio of personal information about their selected Digger.

Both will be held at Trudewind Neighbourhood House from 9am to 1pm.

The cost for each workshop will be \$10.

As these workshops are tailored to focus on your own Digger, you will be asked to provide your Digger's name and any other information such as service number beforehand to assist in Vince's preparation.

The presenter, Vince Black has prepared a document for each session that is more detailed than above. This will be given to participants when they book. There will also be handouts.

Places are very limited for Workshop 1. More places are available for Workshop 2.

Full Details are on page 3.

Both the Bedella and Townsend Award programmes will be run this year. We encourage you to write your story. Details of criteria for each section are available on the website or contact a committee member.

Don't forget the library is there for your use, so come in and make use of the books, CDs, etc. that are available.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2015.

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> October** – Member Andy Turner, who recently moved to Bendigo, returned and gave us a very interesting talk on the first AIF troopship to leave for WW1 from Freemantle. Included in his talk were details about the nurses who went to the war zones. They were very brave ladies.

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – We held a barbecue tea prior to our meeting. This was well attended. We started our meeting with three members illustrating how an

everyday happening can be turned into a story i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party, a special uncle and a trip to grandma's at Christmas. Members then joined in a general discussion.

**17<sup>th</sup> December** - We did not have a normal meeting but gathered at the Wodonga Golf Club for dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening.



## **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].



## **Welcome new members**

Welcome to the following new members -

Anne Bowler  
Leanne Jenvey  
Ken & Margaret Dyer  
Valerie Fowler  
Bruce Calder

Our library is now open after the Christmas/New Year break and we look forward to seeing you there.

We look forward to seeing you at meetings. Great resources are available at the library and volunteers are there to help.



## **Launch of a new book**

Howard Jones has published another book, "March of the Veterans". It tells the story of the City of Albury RSL and lists over 500 war veterans from the border region, including 6 who were not mentioned on memorial plaques. It is available from Anzac House in Wilson Street, Albury NSW for \$10.00 per copy.



### **Launch of another new book**

A new book telling the history of a family who paved the way for flour milling in the North East was launched at the Library Museum on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

According to the Border Mail it was almost sold out before it was even launched.

The success of Pioneering Flour Millers gave recognition to six years of work for author Duncan Burrows, the great-grandson of Albury flour milling pioneer John Burrows.

Mr. Burrows sent 1200 emails and traced more than 350 photos, old letters, diary extracts and ship voyage diaries to put the book together.

The book contains previously unpublished histories of towns including Albury, Barnawartha, Chiltern and Corowa.

The book covers the evolution of flour milling in Victoria from 1850-1950, along with grain stories at Culcairn, Jindera and Rutherglen.

After migrating from England in 1855 and moving from the goldfields of Bendigo to being a flour-miller in Deloraine, Tasmania. John Burrows settled in Wangaratta, where he established his own flour mill in 1860.

He later added mills at Albury, Barnawartha, Beechworth and Chiltern.

The author's grandfather, ex-Albury Mayor Percy Burrows, and his brother Ernest took over the businesses when John died, before selling out in 1946.

The book is soft cover and costs \$49.50 plus \$11.60 postage in Victoria and \$14.75 in NSW. If you intend to pick up the book from Albury, Chiltern or Glen Waverley there are no postage costs. Contact the author via email: [djb\\_84@optusnet.com.au](mailto:djb_84@optusnet.com.au) regarding purchase and postage.



This service may be of interest to you.

It is a promotion for the CFA through scanning old photos and documents and putting the copies onto a DVD or memory stick.

Darryn Coulston Scan Your Heritage Creations is located at Yack Station, Turntable Lane, Yackandandah. People can post or hand deliver their old photos and documents for Darryn to scan.

Darryn has a web site, with a lot more information about him and the service he provides. He can also put the scanned photos into a PowerPoint presentation or printed book.

<http://www.scan.heritageintelligence.com.au/www.dcps.heritageintelligence.com.au/Welcome.html>



### **PROJECTS**

The summer break has come and gone and we are looking forward to getting together and adding more resources to our growing supply of local records.

Although many tasks are in the "to finish" category (see our Nov 2014 newsletter) work is already underway on new projects. We are recording the names of pupils who attended schools in our area in 1861-1865 from Inspector Brown's records e.g. 31 pupils were at the Barnawartha RC School in 1864 and Belvoir National School had 49 on the roll.

We are editing our Yackandandah cemetery records so they are more comprehensive and transcribing early Bethanga land records.

Barnawartha Cemetery records for the early years of the 1900s have been found and we will add this new material to our CD before publication.

We should be thankful to those who store, or perhaps hoard, these treasures.



This article is submitted by Pat Hopkins

December and January are such busy months

#### YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- The Victorian State Govt and SLV have sponsored the inclusion of Victorian regional newspapers on [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au), particularly for the years of World War 1. A full list is available on the Trove site or at our Rooms. What is interesting is that all local papers had lists of those serving from their area. It is possible to read about the send-off party for the recruits and the times they returned or wrote to their families. The papers are a great source for knowing the 'feel' of the community and, with hindsight; it is possible to gauge what news was given by the authorities at the time. Great propaganda!
  
- Irish records have been difficult to access but now things are changing. Over the past few months more RC records have been made available. The Catholic parish records of Co. Carlow are now searchable online at [www.rootsireland](http://www.rootsireland.com); the database includes 146,000 baptisms and 58,000 marriages. RC records for County Mayo and Tipperary North have been made available. (Irish Family History Foundation).
  
- The Who Do You Think You Are? Annie Lennox episode on SBS 13 January 2015. Absolutely great for discovering Scottish history and genealogy tips. The look of surprise on her face when she saw 'illegitimate' actually recorded in the church records was delightful.
  
- The December Issue of "Ancestor" (GSV journal) has a number of articles on DNA Tests.
  
- The Ancestral Searcher Vol 37 No 3 recommends the Tasmanian Heritage website with links to other portals of interest to genealogists and family historians. The article focuses on 'convicts' but anyone with an interest in Tasmania this site is a must. Information not available on the web is listed under "What else is there?"
  
- The number one regret of many genealogists is "not citing their sources". It can be so frustrating when you need to check or share information. Record enough information about the article so you, or more importantly, someone else can find it in the future. (Vic GUM Inc News Oct 2014 p21)
  
- An article in the Australian Family Tree Connections Sept 2014 p47 recommends joining a genealogy or historical society to gain the best advice for your research. Well, you have done just that, but are you receiving the benefits they list? Our Rooms hold an extensive library of BDMs, cemetery records, family stories and local, state and national history material. When the Rooms are open there are people who can advise you on the best and cheapest ways to find information. It is possible to borrow books and newsletters to read at your leisure. And the Wodonga Library has access to Ancestry.com free of charge and free wifi. At our meetings you have the

opportunity to share stories, hear guest speakers and get the latest information that may aid your research. So, are you getting the most for your money by belonging to our club? Is there something you can do to improve your involvement, or more importantly, is there something the Club can do to improve your reasons for membership? All suggestions are very welcome.

*There are times when you discover something new. Perhaps you would like to share that information with the other members of our club. Send your tidbits to our Editor Christine at [chrisyou@bigpond.net.au](mailto:chrisyou@bigpond.net.au).*

## **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 1863-1993   | \$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***

### **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

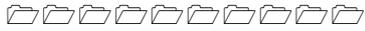


### **STOP PRESS**

We will be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Wodonga on Saturday 11th April. We will need volunteers.



More information will be provided at the next 2 meetings and via email.



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