



BERWICK PAKENHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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We have had displays at both Pakenham and Berwick shows -also at Wilson Park on April 1st.

Queries are keeping me busy. The most often asked questions are about the Salvation Army Home after which Army Rd. and Army Settlement Rd. are named. In it's time it was a home for girls youth and old men. The establishment had 600 acres of land much of which was covered by orchards. The first film was "Lasseter's bones", then a DVD "Pakenham to Pozieres" ,and now another film about Lasseter is in the making..

Some people have been back to the museum as much as four times. I asked one man what occupation he had before retiring. He said he was in IT. I told him of the problem we had with "In Magic " and he said he would have a look at it. The result is that now our catalogue is in Microsoft Excel. No charge.

We are having trouble with reporting our meetings in the Gazette. Half the time they are not reported, and the last for May 5th was listed as May 3rd. And also in the wrong venue. Our speaker is Neil Lucas, and his subject "Christmas and Cocos Islands" where he was administrator for some years.

We have ordered a reprint of "Berwick Nostalgia" and I have applied for a grant from Casy Council. This is the second reprint.



SEHA 7/5/2017

What been happening this year?

The Archive, the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and myself are all re-locating to a new home in the Cranbourne Library Complex in June. This is because a new Narre Warren Library and City of Casey offices are currently being constructed (along with a gallery and theatre) and our current building will be demolished. The new complex is called Bunjil Place and is a \$125 million project. So there will be busy times ahead.

On February 21, I did a talk to 55 Grade 5 & 6 students at Tulliallan Primary School in Cranbourne North. It's a new school, only opened this year. The school is on land occupied by the Tulliallan property, which had connections to the Rossiter family, Charles Rossiter is the namesake of Rossiter Road in Koo-Wee-Rup, and the Gibb family, who owned Melville Park (later called Edrington and the home of Lord and Lady Casey) in Berwick. You can read about the property here

<http://caseycardinalinkstourpast.blogspot.com.au/2016/06/tulliallan-property-at-cranbourne.html>

On March 20, I spoke to 7 women from the Narre Warren Legacy Widows, about the history of Narre Warren. Their numbers are declining as many of these women are in their 80s and find it hard to get out and attend meetings.

On April 24, I co-presented a seminar with Lynne and Jane from the Narre Warren & District Family History Group on 'Untangling the web' - it was an informal question and answer session about maximising your Internet research results.

On April 26, I spoke to the Grade 2s at Berwick Lodge Primary School on the history of Berwick. 200 children all up, eight separate sessions. I was exhausted by the time I got back to work!

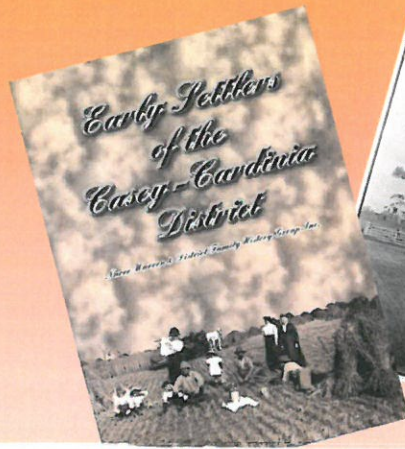
On April 27, I spoke to 122 Grade 1s and 2s at Thomas Mitchell Primary School in Endeavour Hills, on the history of their area. That was only 2 sessions.

On May 1, I presented a seminar 'Discover Lost Melbourne on the Net'. Only four people came, but we had a fun time, so that's all the matters! If you are interested, I have all the links on our blog <http://caseycardinalinkstourpast.blogspot.com.au/2017/05/historic-melbourne-and-victoria-on.html>

The **Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival** is on May 21 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Narre Warren Mechanics' Institute, 59 Webb Street. The local history and heritage groups in the region will be present with displays, information and local histories for sale. There will be music throughout the day and the Officer CWA will be providing traditional, country style catering.

Heather Arnold

**MAY
21
SUNDAY**



CASEY CARDINIA HERITAGE FESTIVAL
A VOICE FOR HERITAGE

10.00 AM to 3.00 PM
NARRE WARREN MECHANICS INSTITUTE
59 WEBB STREET, NARRE WARREN

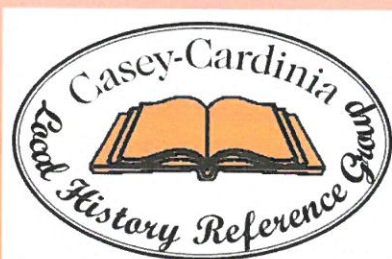


FREE ENTRY!



⇒ **Information on local WW1 service personnel**

- ⇒ **Explore the local history of your FAMILY or suburb**
- ⇒ **See DISPLAYS and artefacts from local heritage and historical groups**
- ⇒ **Chat with the local historians**
- ⇒ **Music throughout the day**
- ⇒ **Delicious snacks by Officer Owls C.W.A.**
- ⇒ **Local History books available for purchase**



Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Established 1968

ABN: 86659602533



Meetings: 4th Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov) at 8.00pm.
All correspondence to 13 Mickle Street, Tooradin, 3980. Telephone : 03 5998 3643.
New members welcome.

7/5/2017

On March 19, we visited Balla Balla homestead, at Cannons Creek. The homestead was built 1870s/early 1880s. It is on the City of Casey Heritage Scheme and is considered to be 'architecturally and aesthetically significant as a relatively intact example of an early dwelling in the now rare Colonial Georgian style'.

The Pearcedale Public Hall is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. The ceremony will probably be in August.

Staff from the City of Casey have visited the museum with a view to improve security and storage. They will endeavor to improve external security lighting especially at the front and rear of the site. We will possibly get an internal wireless system to cover the interior of the museum. The air conditioner in the school will also be upgraded. The storage of the Shire of Cranbourne books and papers was discussed and some will be digitized by the City of Casey. It may be possible that we can get a fireproof safe and a compactus depending on their size. We will not be required to pay for any of these changes.

Christmas in July will be a luncheon on Sunday, July 23rd at the Tooradin Sports Club. The speaker will be Geoff Whiffen who is Chairman and a Life Member of Cranbourne Turf Club. He will talk on the history of the race track which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. More details to follow.

Polly Freeman and Heather Arnold

Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries

CHELTENHAM PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR

**OUR TRIBUTE TO
THE GREAT WAR:
A MILITARY TOUR**

2:00 pm Sunday, 28 May 2017

(Tour will finish at approx. 4.30pm)



Join Sue Beazley and The Friends Committee on this tour at Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery, and hear about some of the sacrifices that were made by ordinary people, for the freedom of us all. Sue will present an insight into the lives of some of these soldiers.

**Meet at the roundabout inside the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery,
Charman Road, Cheltenham.**

Cost: \$10 Members

\$12 Non-members

Refreshments Provided

Bookings Required: info@focrc.org or call 9497 1318

We tour come rain, hail or shine; so come prepared with suitable clothing and footwear. Bring a brolly if you are concerned about the sun or rain.

Post: PO Box 2958, Cheltenham Vic 3192 Australia
Phone: (+61 3) 9497 1318 (Rosemary Reddick)
Email: info@focrc.org

"Research, Restore, Remember"

Dandenong & District Historical Society

Luncheon

To be held at the
Dandenong Club on Saturday 17th June 2017
Cnr Heatherton & Stud Roads Dandenong

Commencing at 12.30pm

Guest Speakers: Julie Busch (Chair, Dandenong Market) and Briony Walker (Marketing Manager, Dandenong Market): "Celebrating 150 years of the Dandenong Market"

Julie and Briony will share with us how they planned a series of events and activities to commemorate 150 years of the Dandenong Market.

Cost: \$38.00 per person

RSVP

By: Wednesday 7th June 2017 (early payment would be appreciated)

PO Box 8029 Dandenong 3175

03 9794 8967

dandhist@internode.on.net

Please indicate any seating preferences and dietary requirements

Payment can be made at the DDHS Rooms on Wednesdays between 10am-3pm, 1st Floor, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong.

Cheques should be made out to Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc

Bank transfer to BSB 033-186 Acct No 187600 (Please include your surname as Reference and email us with full details of booking)

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

ABN 35 495 397 462

Museum - Cnr Marine Pde & Skinner St Hastings: Postal address: PO Box 223 Hastings 3915

REPORT TO SEHA MEETING ON SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017
Hosted by Dandenong & District Historical Society

SEHA MEETING DETAILS: The meeting commences at 11.00am with a tour of the City of Greater Dandenong Archive Centre, 66 Hammond Road, Dandenong. There will be a tour of the Archive, which contains material from the City of Dandenong, City of Springvale and the two historical societies. Lunch is scheduled at the Albion Hotel at 12.15ish.

Today's meeting takes place at the Dandenong & District Historical Society new rooms at 39 Clow Street in Dandenong. Meeting will start at 2.00pm. There are some access issues to the Historical Society rooms on a Sunday- it has to be via a fire escape at the rear of the building. They are on the 1st floor, so delegates will have to climb one flight of stairs. If delegates assemble near the "Public Entrance" door at the back of the building they can be escorted into the building via the fire escape.

MORNING COFFEE: Morning Coffee will be held on Thursday 11th May at 10.15 am at the Hastings Museum with John Woolley speaking about the Woolley family, the development of Crib Point, the fishing industry and John's experiences in Western Port and Bass Strait. As usual, there will be a lucky-dip-raffle where "fun" items beautifully wrapped with ribbon, can be chosen by each lucky recipient. All funds raised go towards the museum's projects.

MORNING COFFEE ON Thursday 10th AUGUST 2017. This will be held at the museum on Thursday 10th August at 10.15 am. The Morning Coffees reach people who would not otherwise come to the museum as well as raising money for our projects. The February Morning Coffee raised \$175 – Lance Hodgins was the speaker.

Please note the above dates in your diaries....we would love to see you!

VISIT BY WARRNAMBOOL FLAGSTAFF HILL BATTERY. A group of approximately 20 people travelled by ferry and then by bus to the museum on Sunday 19th February. The Armstrong gun (40 pounder) was the centre of attention and many, many photos were taken. Six members of the group were dressed in uniforms which had been made by one of their lady members and the workmanship and authenticity was much admired. Some of our members, including Valda & Harry Cole (both Life Members) joined in to have their photos taken with the Armstrong Gun and the Warrnambool folk. Society members provided a lavish afternoon tea for the visitors who had foregone their lunch to spend more time examining the gun. It was a most successful visit.

MURAL LANEWAY: This was officially opened on Saturday 4th March. We were involved with the Mornington Peninsula Shire and students from Western Port Secondary College who worked with local artist, Simon White in the painting of the mural with a maritime theme on the laneway near Terry White's chemist in High Street Hastings. The mural depicted the history of Western Port in seven images. These were taken from photos they viewed at our museum. It is well worth a visit down High Street to see the mural and they look great!

NEXT SEHA MEETING TO BE AT HASTINGS! We look forward to hosting the Sunday 6th August meeting at the Hastings Museum. We would be pleased to show you our Armstrong Gun, the Pioneer Cottage, our lovely Remembrance Garden of Peace, and the perfumed yellow roses around Harry's House. Please come, you will be made most welcome!

This report by Shirley Davies 039781 1141 shirleydavies101@gmail.com

KOO-WEE-RUP SWAMP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Established 1974

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"Mallow" 1916

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb to Dec) at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

SEHA report 7/5/2017

The AGM was held on March 8 2017 and there was no change to the Executive.

President	Heather Arnold
Vice President	Valmai Walker
Junior Vice President	Lockie McKay
Treasurer	Frank Crameri
Secretary	Audrey Mills
Newsletter Editor	Heather Arnold
SEHA delegates	Audrey Mills, Philip Harris and Heather Arnold

Other news

- Congratulations to Andrew Slade for overseeing the digitisation of the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* project, which has now been completed. All available papers from 1918 to 1981 have been digitised.
- We are applying for a Bank of Bendigo grant for a computer and scanner.

Museum Visitors

- On Monday, February 20 around fifteen members and friends of the Koo-Wee-Rup CWA visited the Museum. They were a lovely group and had an enjoyable time.
- On Tuesday, February 21 fifteen Year 12 students from Chairo Christian School at Drouin toured the Museum. They were on their way to Phillip Island to see the Shearwaters, then off to Wilsons Prom.
- Monday, March 20 saw a visit from seventeen Year 12 Environmental Science students from Pakenham High School.
- On Monday, April 10 and April 24 we had visits from two groups from Bass Coast Health Men's Groups. We had about eight chaps on each visit and I gave them a short talk on the history of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp and they had a look around the Museum.

Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society Annual Luncheon

The guest speaker is Barry Gracey,
President of the Pozieres Remembrance Association.

When: May 28 2017 at 12 noon. Venue: Koo-Wee-Rup Community Centre.

Cost: \$25.00 per head, BYO drinks and glasses.

RSVP by May 21 to Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

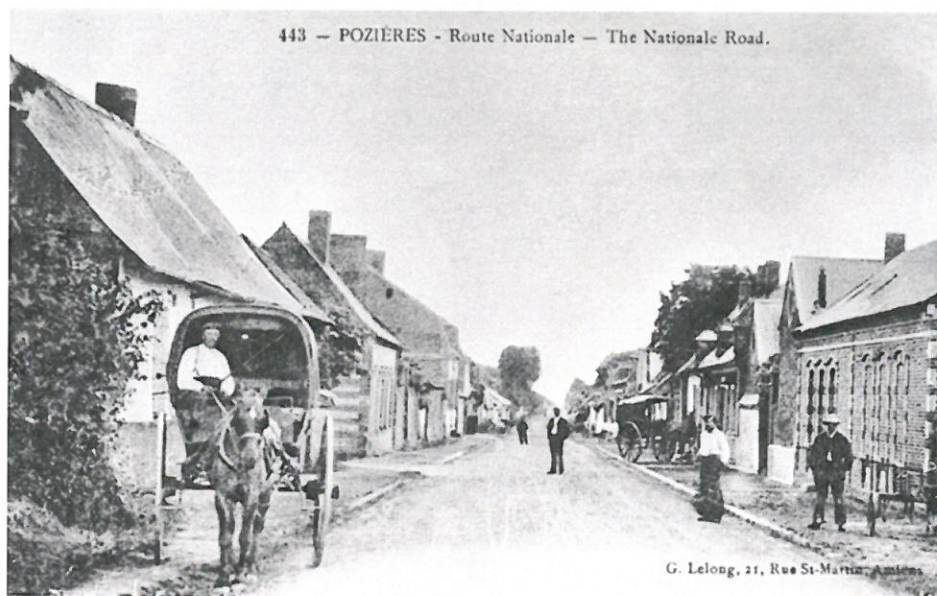
or Audrey Mills on 5997 1357. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Heather Arnold

Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp
Historical Society
Annual luncheon

Guest Speaker is
Barry Gracey

President of the Pozieres Remembrance Association



The Village of Pozieres in France in 1913, before it was destroyed in the Battle of Pozieres in 1916

When - Sunday, May 28 2017 at 12 noon.

Where - Community Centre,
Rossiter Road, Koo-Wee-Rup.

Cost - \$30.00 per head. BYO Drinks and glasses.

RSVP, including any special dietary requirements, by May 21 to
Audrey Mills ☎ 5997 1357 or Heather Arnold harnold@dcsi.net.au

LANG LANG AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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REPORT FOR S.E.H.A. MEETING 7TH May, 2017.

For our first meeting in 2017, we had as our guest Mr. Frank Keighery. We were shown a recording of the Last Post Ceremony at The Australian War Memorial which honoured Private Frank Keighery, the first man from Lang Lang to enlist for WW1.

For our March meeting, we met at the Lang Lang Cemetery for a descriptive tour of some of the historical graves. The event was well attended, with a few non-members joining us for the afternoon.

Bob Taylor, the last Station Master in Lang Lang, joined us for our April meeting and shared some of his memories of his time working for the railways. He also provided some early photos of local stations.

For Anzac Day, the Society provided a Display in the Lang Lang RSL Clubrooms showcasing the local men who enlisted from Lang Lang for WW1, but did not return. A separate book was made for each of the soldiers showing their war history and jottings from the local paper at the time.

Following our Cemetery tour, we thought it important that the first grave dug in Lang Lang should be marked. We have been working in conjunction with the Lang Lang Cemetery Trust and together, we are arranging for a plaque to be made. The first burial was for Louisa Mary Pickersgill who died 31st October, 1886 aged two years.

We will have a small gathering to unveil the plaque followed by an afternoon tea.

We have been lucky to obtain the original Certificate of Title for the land of the Yannathan Union Church, dated 27th June, 1904...The Church land was surveyed in the last week of October, 1890 on the land of Joseph Carson. The Church was built and officially opened on December 19th, 1890. The Title transfers the land to the Trustees of the Church. These nine Trustees read as a Who's Who of the original settlers of Yannathan.

We have also obtained a photo of Mr. James Baker, one of Lang Lang's original settlers, and a very important person in the growth of our town.

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



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Report to SEHA May 2017

We recently conducted a military/Great War themed cemetery tour at Harkaway which attracted just over thirty people who came to walk around the cemetery with us. A new publication once again accompanied the tour, this time taking in the Harkaway Avenue of Honour as well. Both the tour and the book have been very well received.

We weren't at all sure about the date for our last sausage sizzle at Bunnings at Fountain Gate – Monday 13th March, a long weekend. But, we needn't have worried, it was a busy day's trading for our new sausage sizzle coordinator and his assistants. We were all pretty tired by the end of the day, but pretty happy too. A profit of just over \$1,700 is not to be sneezed at!

We have some exciting speakers scheduled for the next few months. On Saturday, May 13 at 2.00pm at the Narre Warren Library Meeting Room we will be hearing from brother and sister Bert Rae and Thelma Witham. The Rae family have been at Narre Warren North for over 170 years. Bert and Thelma will tell us about some History of the community and they also have early photos to show us. This is a great opportunity to hear some of our local history first hand. All welcome. Cost members and visitors \$3.00.

On Saturday July 8th at 2.00 pm we have Ken James, co-author of *These walls speak volumes* which is about Victorian Mechanics' Institutes. And on Saturday 12th August, (our AGM) Katie Wood, Archivist at Melbourne University will be giving us an overview of their collection. As always, visitors are welcome, but please check our website for locations.

As mentioned in our November report, we're trying to be clever and addressing the dearth of material from members for the newsletter and the call for a writing competition by combining the two. We managed to secure a UK subscription from Ancestry as a prize and entries are coming in. The last two editions of the newsletter carry three entries each. The problem seems to be in getting members to complete an easy 5 second online survey question about the story they like the most in each edition.

Our relocation to Cranbourne Library is getting closer, although we're still not sure exactly when it will be. It has resulted in a few complications in trying to schedule meetings and workshops when you don't know where you'll be and your normal venues are not available to you.

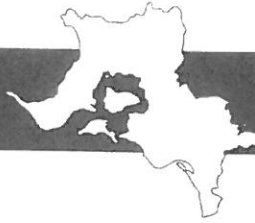
We'd like to congratulate SEHA and Heather Arnold on putting together a fabulous seminar day last February. We were very proud to be included in the day's presenting team. We are still receiving compliments from people who attended regarding the usefulness of the information and topics covered.

Lynne Bradley (President) & Lyne McGregor (Correspondence Secretary)
SEHA Representatives for NW&DFGH.

A Member of:

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group

*Genealogical Society of Victoria – South Eastern Historical Association Inc. – Royal Historical Society of Victoria
Victorian Association of Family History Organisations – Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.*



Secretary's report for May 2017

Correspondence received since the February 2017 meeting

- Bass Valley Historical Society Dinner Meeting 3/3/2017 flyer
- Brighton Cemeterians *The Cemeterian* March 2017, Events for April, Events for May
- Chelsea & District Historical Society newsletter March 2017, April 2017
- Dandenong & District Historical Society *Gipps-Land Gate* April 2017
- Dromana & District Historical Society invitation to 30th birthday 9/4/17; invitation to AGM 18/4/17.
- Friends of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries flyer - Cemetery tour 26/3/17
- Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter March 2017, morning coffee flyer 9/2/17
- Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletter March 2017, April 2017, May 2017
- Lang Lang & District Historical Society newsletter May 2017
- Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter February 2017
- Narre Warren and District Family History Group newsletter *Spreading Branches* February 2017, May 2017
- Nepean Historical Society newsletter *The Nepean* March 2017
- Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* April - June 2017
- Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society newsletter March 2017
- Wonthaggi and District Historical Society newsletter *The Plod* March 2017, April 2017

Outgoing correspondence since the February 2017 meeting

- Reports and Minutes; many emails and phone calls to organise the May meeting.