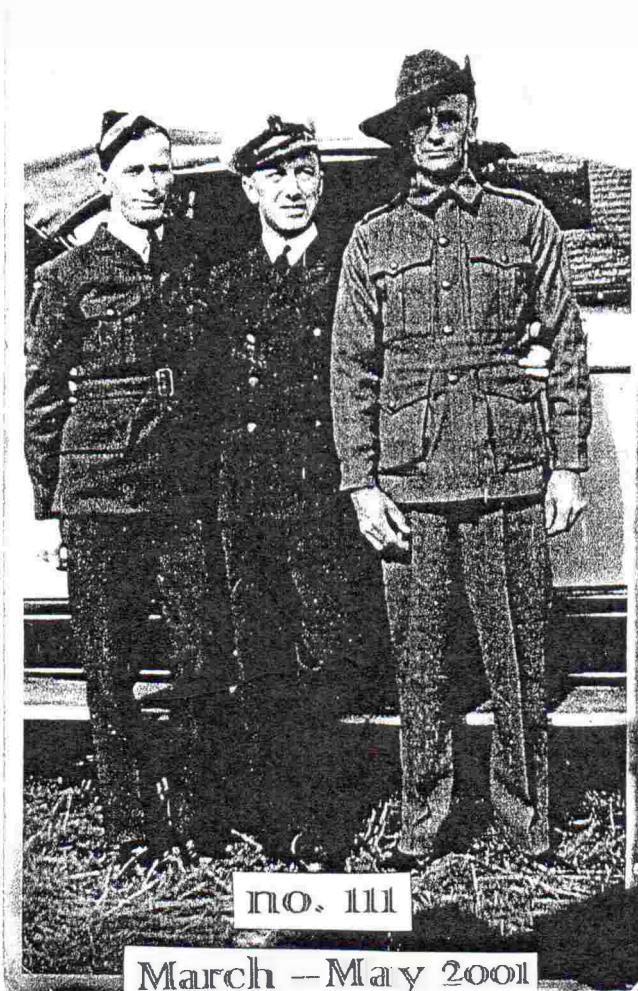


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

Membership Fees 00/01: Single \$20; Family \$25
Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

Our library is open to the public Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time.

There is a research fee of \$10 plus SSAE for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items



to new members
Beryl Crawford, Alma Ing,
Bronwyn Pulis, Neil and Lucille Sleep
and Unice Thatcher

Meetings: A variety of topics has been covered at our last few meetings. In February Ann Lovison spoke a little about her own family and early days in Brown Coal Mine (now Yallourn North). Ann then spoke about the setting up of the Yallourn North & District Historical Society and the Old Brown Coal Mine Museum, which is currently being established. I live in the town and learnt some things I never knew! The Historical Society would love to hear from anyone with an interest in or with stories to tell about the area.

Those old slides, films, photos and boring home videos can be transformed into pretty sophisticated videos and Cds, as demonstrated by Robert Rea at our March meeting. Robert's business operates from the LEAD Centre in Newborough. At this meeting Jenny Draper also spoke about her overseas trip.

Airlie Bank Gallery was the venue for our April meeting. At the gallery we viewed 'Dad's War Stuff', a collection of photographs and memorabilia from WW1. The exhibition gives great insight into the lives of the Lighthorsemen. George Auchterlonie took over 800 photos, kept a detailed diary, wrote detailed letters home and saved every piece of paper that he got while serving overseas, from receipts to programs. When he came back to Australia he collected it all into a tin trunk where it stayed until his daughter-in-law, Gloria, realised the historical/social value of the 'stuff' and set up the exhibition. Certainly worth a visit if you haven't ventured out there yet.

Coming up: In May we will be taking a look at our female ancestors, June will be a research night and July is the AGM. If you have any contacts or ideas for meeting nights let the committee members know.

AGM July 26th: Mavis will not be able to continue on as secretary for another term and all other positions are declared vacant at the AGM. I won't be upset if someone else wishes to have a go at the editor's job, actually after 4 years it would be quite nice to hand it over. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter. Seriously think about nominating for something. Also remember fees for the year 2001-2002 are payable in July.

Free membership: You can get a year's free membership by winning the competition for a new logo. We would like to simplify our logo (see back page) making it more user and computer friendly. Designs are to be submitted to any committee member on or before July 26th. The winning entry will be decided that night at the meeting.

vic.australis.com.au/florence Florence has been busy designing a web page for our group and has done a terrific job. She does need input from members. Check it out and please give Florence some things to fill the pages.

Ps: Florence has also passed on this information about sending emails. She suggests for privacy, security and practical reasons that when emailing more than one person we use the Bcc (blind carbon copy) function. To do this fill in the 'To' box with your own address and then put all the people you want the email to go to in the 'Bcc' box. This ensures that no-one's email address is visible to anyone else.

LDS Traralgon: No news of a re-opening date for the Family History Centre. Renovations are apparently running to schedule so

STOP PRESS

The library will reopen on Wed the 13th June

Mon & Wed 10am - 3pm

Fri 7pm - 10pm

Sat 12pm - 4pm

way in his illness and enquired anxiously how long it would be before Nips had caught the disease yet! In the latter stages, he got rather delirious and I overheard him gently requesting Ian Wynne to remove the pan from under him. Ian said, 'No, Eddie - you haven't got a pan there. He said, 'Oh, all right, then don't bother to take it away! My God, I do feel uncomfortable though.' The War Diaries of Weary Dunlop, p.264

or half brother Dougal was terribly sorry to see him in that state, and run down state, and charming whimsical

Member's Profile

Pam Pratt nee Baker

Pam is a past secretary , coordinates the Wednesday library roster and assists Bob with filing and cataloguing.

When and why did you get started on your family history?

After my mother died I found some certificates in her papers, and of course it was too late then to ask questions, and the further you go the more questions need answers.

Names researching:

Baker, Douglas, Storey, Sims, Wright, Weaver, Aldous, Woodcock, Oxley, Hiam on my side and on Ron's, Pratt, Barker, Sampson, Glover, Treadwell, Palmby, Baulch, Hornblow. Bloodworth.

How far back have you researched ?

Early 1800s but was lucky enough to find an Aldous tree back to 1450

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

Most came about the 1840s./-50s. Samuel and Ann Storey and daughter came on "The Shand" in 1855. I think some of the others must have swum because I cannot find them on any shipping lists.

Who is your favourite ancestor?

Sarah Nicholson nee Wright who was my great grandmother. Sarah married at 18, I don't know what happened to her husband but not much later she was in South Australia with my great grandfather, Samuel Storey. They never married but had 6 children. Around 1900 something happened at their bakery in Lilydale and Sarah left with the boys who changed their names to Nicholson.

Most interesting find?

The inquest papers of my gggrandfather who was killed when run over by his own dray while carting stone for building Sydney Road.

If the family tree fairy could give you the answer to one question which would it be?

Probably what happened at Lilydale, the family story hints at murder and an autopsy in the bakery but the boys would never tell.

Sick and Accident Fund **at the Central Workshops Yallourn**

Article written by Eddie Tunn.

When the SEC started around 1920 there was a dearth of medical services in the area as the town of Yallourn was a brand new settlement. The nearest services were at Moe and Morwell, a fair distance in those days. In addition there was no such thing as Medicare so people had to look after themselves regarding medical needs.

At that time the workers based at the Central Workshops Yallourn decided to start up a communal/community/cooperative style group to help with any medical costs that may be incurred due to illness or injury, no such thing as workers comp in those days.

All this took place around the early twenties. A membership drive was started and a small fee was struck with all members entitled to hospital and medical cover as needed. Given the times it must have been a great comfort to the workers and their families to know they were covered in this regard.

Of course the start of the enhanced social security system in Australia, particularly after the second world war, tended to make the Sick and Accident Fund superfluous. However, the fund did remain in operation until well into the 1970s with any payment made being seen as a "bonus" on top of any government or private payments made due to illness or injury.

The surviving records of the Fund, some of which go back to the very start in the early 1920s, are now held by the last Secretary Mr Peter Butcher. Information on past members of the fund can be made available on application from Peter c/o the Mid Gippsland Family History Society.

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

Contributions for this newsletter can be emailed to
sbyrne@i-o.net.au

Who's Surfing Where!

No-one is surfing anywhere, or if they are they are not telling me about it.

The following list is from Eastman's Online Genealogy. It is a list of some of the better Irish genealogy Web sites:

* Ancestry.com's Irish Resources:
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/2436.asp>
and <http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/661.asp>

* Rootsweb's Guide to Tracing (Irish) Family Trees:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwgguide/lesson21.htm>

* Irish Place Names and Family Names by James G. Ryan, Ph.D.:
<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/1481.asp>

* Beginning Irish Research -
http://www.ihaonline.com/ref_beg.htm

* Fianna Guide to Irish Genealogy:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/guide/index.html>



* Swift Guide to Ireland - Irish Genealogy:
http://swift.kerna.ie/cat/Society_and_Culture/Genealogy/

* The National Archives of Ireland:
<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/index.html>

* The National Library of Ireland:
<http://www.nli.ie/>

* Finding the Origin of Your Ancestors in Ireland:
<http://main-kinzig.net/privat/bcnamer/Genehlpr2.htm#Irish>

* TIARA - The Irish Ancestral Research Association is a non-profit organization for Irish genealogical and historical research and education: <http://www.tiara.ie>

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* The Irish Frequently-Asked-Questions from Usenet news-groups:

<http://www.enteract.com/~cpm/irish-faq/>

* IrishGenealogy.com: <http://www.irishgenealogy.com>

* Genealogy research in the UK and Ireland:

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

* A description of the available records of births, marriages and deaths:

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/birthsmarrdeaths.html>

* The Rook Family Home Page project, an effort to integrate Irish family history and genealogy into the larger context of culture, history, and society.

<http://www.rook.org/>

* Irish Prints - a company that sells high quality photos of old Ireland and Irish people during the early 1900s. This collection of prints features Irish Castles, Towns, Coastline and Countryside scenes in easy to navigate galleries:

<http://www.irish-prints.com>

* The O'Donnell Surname Genealogy Webpage – Irish Archaeology: links to relevant resources on the Internet, e-mail directory of archaeologists researching Irish archaeology, and a guide to archaeological and historical journals, with tables of contents: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Shores/1110/>

* Newtownsandee On-Line – a small parish site in County Kerry http://www.geocities.com/dalyskennelly_2000

There are thousands more online Irish genealogy Web sites. However, the above list will get you started. Many of the above sites contain links to still more online Irish resources.



NEWSLETTER NOTES

This is just a selection of items from some of the newsletters we have received lately.



The Genealogist, March 2001 (AIGS)

-Researching your **English Family History**

-**National Archives**

-**Irish Convicts Transported to Australia**

-Also reports that the Archives Office of Tasmania is placing the **Tasmanian Index to Wills 1824-1915** online. As each letter of the alphabet is completed it is placed on the website www.tased.edu.au/archives

Ancestor, March 2001 (GSV)

-A **free orientation day** is held for members on the third Saturday of each month at 10.00am. Bookings are essential.

-Genies on the web focuses on **Scottish Research**

-What program should I buy or should I upgrade? Talks presented by GU Tuesday 29th May and Wednesday 28th November.

-Woodend & District Heritage Society has completed a full description of the **graves and headstones in the Woodend cemetery** up to the end 1999. An index of names is on the web site look under holdings.

<http://home.vic.net.net.au/~wdhs/>

SAVE OUR CENSUS
ON 7 AUGUST 2001 VOTE
'YES'

to keeping your household census form in the National Archives of Australia, so this data will be available for genealogical, historical and medical research by our descendants in 100 years time.

Tell 10 of your friends to tell 10 of their friends how important it is to save these records

Mildura & District., March 2001

-Pioneer Register

-Early schools in the Sunraysia Area
-records held in the library relating to district schools

Roses and Thorns, March 2001 (Benalla Hotels in the area at the time of Federatic

Swan Hill Research Directory 2001

Jock Wests Story and The Kindness of Strangers.

My grandmother's brother Arthur Sydney West, known as Jock, was born on the 26th of June, 1889 at Enfield in Sydney the eighth child of William Luke and Mary West who immigrated to Australia in 1880 from Tavistock in Devonshire, England. Jock was a toolmaker by trade.

He was unfit for service in World War 1 so he paid his own way to England on the P and O ship "Arabia" to work in a munitions factory. On the voyage The Arabia was torpedoed at about 11 am on 6 November 1916 about 180 km south west of Cape Matapan, Greece. She took a little over an hour to sink but fortunately most of the crew and passengers including Jock were saved.

After his arrival in England Jock was sent to work at Crayford Works in Kent as a toolmaker in the Rifle Stock department and on the 8th of November 1917 he was killed in a terrible accident. He fell into a band cutting machine and died from internal haemorrhage following injuries to his ribs and lungs. The Crayford Works magazine published an epitaph to Jock.

"As a mechanic he was keen, energetic and thorough. As a man and a comrade he was appraised by all who knew him. In the midst of any worry he was always well met and his smile so nearly approached permanency that he appealed to all as the personification of content. Only 28 years of age, in the bloom of manhood and under extremely ghastly and unfortunate circumstances, he met his death as a true born soldier, in the course and execution of his duty. He was buried at East Hill Cemetery, Dartford on November 13th, 1917. His friends and fellow Australians accompanied his remains to their last resting place. Many beautiful floral tokens bore tribute to the esteem and affection in which he was held by all. He will ever be remembered and his name will be held sacred by his fellow Australians, who will sadly mourn his decease."

Photographs of Jock's grave were sent home to his family in Australia as it was impossible to travel in war time.

This all happened a long time before I was born but I knew the story of Jock's tragic death from my grandmother who often spoke about her brother with tears in her eyes. I have Jock's death certificate and an old photo of his grave.

A few weeks ago I began to wonder if Jock's grave was still standing in Dartford Cemetery so I sent an e mail to the Kent mailing list on the internet telling of Jock's death and asking if anyone living nearby could check the grave for me. I only received one reply from a man in Kent named John. Yes he lived near the cemetery and yes he would gladly go and check the grave.

But John did so much more than merely check the grave. Firstly he went to Dart

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ford found the grave and sent me a photo via email. Then he offered to put flowers on the grave with a note to say that Jock had not been forgotten by his Australian family. "What a truly kind man this is," I thought. But there was more to come. Yesterday in the mail I received a beautifully bound album containing photos of the grave before and after John and his wife Jackie had restored it. The album brought tears to my eyes. In a letter on the first page of the album John wrote: "Annie I hope that you accept this photograph album from Jackie and myself as a token of thanks for all the help and support that the Australian country and its people have given us in the past and for the future."

All this from a couple on the other side of the world with no personal interest in Jock, completely unknown to me until now and at their own expense.

By restoring the grave so beautifully John and Jackie have shown that someone apart from me still cares about a brave half forgotten man who lost his life so far away from his home doing his "bit" for the war effort. I can do little from here in Australia but they have seen to it that Jock is remembered.

On the last page of the album John wrote: "A man is not dead until he is forgotten." Thank you John. I will never forget you.

Annie Stuart

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THE GENDER OF COMPUTERS

According to a recent survey as to whether a computer is a he or she the female respondents said a computer was a "he" because:

- To get information you must first turn them on;
- They have a lot of data but no imagination;
- They are supposed to solve problems, but half the time they are the problem; and
- As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited for a little longer, you could have had a newer or better model.

The males on the other hand, believed that computers should be referred to as "she", because:

- No one but their creator understands their logic,
- The language used to talk among themselves is incomprehensible to anyone else,
- Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long term random access memory, for later retrieval, and
- As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending a fortune on accessories for it.

The consensus, call them "its". ♥



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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Books (postage cost on application)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$5.50
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$16.50
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1879-1995	\$33.00
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$22.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1881-1997	\$33.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$22.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions 2 vols	1872-1994	\$44.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$16.50
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$16.50

Microfiche (postage included)

Childers Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1879-1994	\$ 4.40
Gippsland Crematorium Register	1985-1995	\$ 8.80
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Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	1879-1995	\$16.50
Moe Cemetery Register	1891-1996	\$11.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	1881-1997	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register	1872-1995	\$ 8.80
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions	1873-1994	\$ 7.70
Trafalgar Cemetery Register	1887-1995	\$ 8.80
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions	1886-1994	\$ 7.70
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	1872-1994	\$27.50
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	1869-1995	\$11.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register & Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$5.50

All Cheques made payable to "Mid Gippsland F.H.S. Inc"

Invitation
to the
Melbourne Archives Centre
(Public Records Office of Victoria)
on
Saturday June 30th

The Mid Gippsland Family History Society has booked an Introductory tour of the Melbourne Archives Centre, Level 2, Casseldon Place, 2 Lonsdale Street,

Melbourne (corner Spring and Lonsdale Streets)

Unfortunately records are not delivered to the centre on Saturdays but we will be able to gather all the information needed for future visits, register as a PRO researcher and look at the fiche and records which are available on site.

If you are already a registered researcher you can arrange to have records, namely probate and administration files and wills delivered prior to our visit, so they are available on the day. (See the last *ON Track*, page 5, for how to do this. You can order 20 items so speak with others in the

group who are going and maybe order some for others.

For times and travel arrangements come along to the June meeting or phone any of the committee members.

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