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ON TRACK

MEETINGS RESUMED

After a turbulent two years of COVID, life is returning to some kind of normality.

Like many other groups, MGFHS was not able to hold Committee, General Meetings or our Research Library due to the lockdowns.

With the relaxation of the COVID restrictions, we resumed our monthly Thursday meetings and weekly Wednesday research library sessions in October, 2021.

Some COVID restrictions still apply: registration in the Visitor's Book and showing your Double Vaccination Certificate.

A break-in and vandalism to our room caused minor damage and disturbance to part of our collection. The diligent work by members' of the Society has enabled the Family History Centre to reopen in February, 2022. A big thank you to all that helped.

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Any opinions expressed herein are those of the contributors.

Former Moe Community Group Hub



Photo: Karen E Healy - 2022

In 2021, MGFHS moved into our new space at the Moe Community Group Hub following the COVID shutdown and re-established ourselves as a viable society.

But not long after that, the Society discovered that we have to move out because the Latrobe City Council has let the building on a long term 20 year lease.

Unfortunately, the Society was the last to be informed of this development. Since then, it has been a continuous and ongoing process for the President—Dawn Cowley to get an answer out of Latrobe City Council.

The proposed option that has been given to MGFHS is a place in the old Service Centre for Latrobe City Council which is located adjacent to the former Moe Community Group Hub. This though, has not yet been decided by the Council and at this time there has been no progress in gaining access to that location.

Meantime, the Society is trying to remain operational under difficult conditions.

YALLOURN / NEWBOROUGH R.S.L.

Six local veterans have been depicted in a new mural located at the RSL in Darlimurla Ave, Newborough.

The mural was painted by artist Steve Bechaz and took many months of research.

A veterans grant, support from Veterans Minister Shaun Leane and the Yallourn/Newborough RSL enabled it to be completed.

On Thursday, February 3, a gathering was held to admire Mr. Bechaz's work. It was attended by the veterans, family and community members, and members of the RSL.

The full dedication ceremony for the mural was held on February 17.

The six veterans are:

Mrs. Jean Bickerton - A nurse in World War II.

Mr. Robert Pritchett - A driver in the Royal Army Service Corps in World War II.

Mr. George Harris - A member of the Morwell RSL.

Sir John Monash - The first chairman of the Victorian State Electricity and served in World War I.

Mr. Ernie Glegg - Served in the Royal Australia Navy.

Mr. Jack Hamilton - Was a long-time president of the Yallourn/Newborough RSL.

THANK YOU TO THE ESTATE OF LARAINE RAMSELAAR

Laraine bequeathed her Library Collection to the following local Societies.

- Mid Gippsland Family History Group
- Moe Historical Society
- Morwell Historical Society

The majority of the collection was given to the Morwell Historical Society.

THE MURALS:

Two articles were written on the mural:

The Latrobe Valley Express - 10/02/2022.

Can be viewed on the LV Express Website.

Also, in the Gippsland Senior - Autumn 2022—Pages 16 & 17.



Photo: Karen E Healy - 2022

MGFHS INC - BUS TRIP TO G.S.V.

01/09/1982



Submit articles for the Newsletter

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LATEST NEWS

MIRBOO NORTH LIBRARY

The Mirboo North Library is now accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It has a secure entrance for 24 hour access, a Wi-Fi lounge with a kitch-ette. A new circulation desk to improve customer service.

It is part of the state government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

Article in Latrobe Valley Express.

Wednesday

March 23rd, 2022.

MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Morwell Historical Society (MHS) has just celebrated 60 years.

It was started by Ivan Madden in 1982.

In 2014, the Freemason's Masonic Lodge in Hazelwood Road, Morwell came on the market.

With a lot of diligent work by members', the building was acquired and now the permanent home of the MHS.

Mr Bruce McMaster is the retiring President.

MHS is often used by local people to research their family.

It is open on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and the last Sunday.

www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au





Mavis Jean Lynch

16 January 1927 - 4 November 2019

Sadly, November 4th 2019 marked the passing of our valued member Mavis Lynch at the age of 92 years. Mavis was a member of the Society for the full 39 years of its existence, having attended the public meeting held in December 1980 to gauge whether interest in genealogy in the area was sufficient to establish a group in the Mid Gippsland area. A committee was elected that evening and the Mid Gippsland Family Society was born. Mavis already had a great interest in the history of the area as her Chinese ancestors – the Jacgung family were early settlers in the Boolarra, Jeeralang, and Traralgon areas, with Boolarra being her playground as she grew up.

So with family history being an extension of her long time interest in history, she was delighted that the group got off the ground and in the early days she took on the position of secretary for a while, and later had a stint as President of the Society. But her most enduring commitment with the group was her offer to take on the role of delegate to the combined historical societies, where her reports on the proceedings were invariably precise, detailed and accurate. And if ever there was a constitutional or protocol query – she was our go to – “where’s Mavis” was the call.

She was active in such things as cemetery headstone transcription projects, locating and recording school registers, and helping out at the numerous seminars we held. In the early 2000’s she was made a life member of our Society, an honour most deserved.

In recent years she regularly attended meetings until a couple of years ago, when a medical situation took away her mobility. She was moved to a care facility and while she was unable to physically participate in the group any more, visits by members kept her abreast of the activities of the group. She retained her positive attitude, and her interest in what was going on around her, and still enjoyed discussing issues relating to her beloved history and family history.

Unexpected heart failure saw her pass peacefully away on November 4th 2019.

We will miss Mavis’s calm presence, her wisdom, and most of all her friendship.

Vale, Mavis.

MEMBERSHIP

UPDATE:

NEW MEMBERS:

R WASHUSEN

Researching- CULLEN,
MANHOOD, KENNEDY,
FARRELL,

McGILLIVRAY

R WATSON

Researching- SKEER,
WYLIE, HARTE, MILES

T SANDERSON

ELIZABATH WIGHT

MGFHS:

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A committee meeting was held on the 17th February.

It was agreed to renew Ancestry subscription for another year.

VALE GAY ROGERS AND LARAIN RAMSELAAR

Sadly, 2020 has seen the sad passing of two of our very loyal members, both of whom joined our society in the first few months of its formation forty years ago.

Jeanette Gay Rogers - known as Gay.

28 August 1947 - 19 August 2020

Gay was a born historian who lived in Tanjil South and Moe for all but a few years of her life. Having been born and raised on a farm - the fourth generation of her family to live on the farming property in Tanjil South, she was no stranger to hard work. She had a passion for Gippsland and family history, and a driven, focussed and painstakingly thorough researcher.

She left school at fourteen years of age to work on the farm, and right from those years she catalogued and wrote about her family and kept notes on past and recent happenings in the community and local areas. She became very well known as an authority on the early settlers of the local region - particularly Moe and its outlying communities and the gold mining areas to its north.

Gay joined our society at the beginning of January 1981 and was a very valued member for many years, constantly working on her next publication literally until the day before she died.

She went to great pains to ensure the accuracy in her writings, which was demonstrated as she prepared - "For King and Country" - the first of the books she was to write. This was a transcription of the pencilled daily entries in the diaries her grandfather had written during the years he served in France in WW1. She spent months reading historical reports and records of the battalion he served in to get a feel for the experiences he described. This publication paved the way for a succession of very successful local histories.

One of her pet interests was locating and documenting the people buried in lonely graves in Gippsland - that is in ungazetted graveyards, and documented those in two editions. Her dedication to the preservation of Gippsland history was held in high regard, and the seven or eight books she wrote, while no longer being reprinted, are still in high demand. With major health problems, the last four or five years were difficult for Gay, and her prognosis wasn't great. But there is no doubt that her writing and her passion for recording history was a valuable distraction for her. And I wasn't at all surprised to learn that right up to her last couple of days she was determined to see that her final project was completed to her satisfaction. And her loving family saw that it was.



Gay has left an amazing legacy,
and was an inspiration to many.

She was buried at the Willow
Grove cemetery and is sadly
missed.

Laraine Elizabeth Ramselaar

25th October 1946 - 5th September 2020

Born in Maryborough, Victoria, Laraine came to Moe as a four year old, so lived there for almost all of her life. Widowed as a young Mum, she decided to take up her late husband's interest in family history research and it quickly became what could be called an obsession! Every connection she made with a new relative saw that person welcomed into the extended family. In the early 1980's Laraine joined the newly established Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc, and had just paid her annual membership fee of the group at the time of her death. During the 80's she also joined a number of other genealogy and local history organisations, among them The Moe Historical Society, The Genealogical Society of Victoria, GUM (Genealogists Using Computer's), Descendants of Convict's Group, Blackwood Historical Group as well as a number of English county groups.

Laraine was very easy to like. With her warm manner, her gentle demeanour and her genuine interest in the research discoveries of fellow family historians, she was a valuable and well-liked member of our group. And over the years since then, while work commitments prevented her physical involvement in the group, she has remained a very supportive member - renewing her annual membership even when she was unable to come to meetings and functions.

Her personal family history research collection and library was a vast one, and it was her wish that the Mid Gippsland group be the recipient of some of her well tended resources - a gift for which we are most appreciative.

Laraine was passionate about discovering the history of her family and dedicated a huge chunk of their life in that pursuit. There aren't too many family historians around who could claim to have discovered about 25,000 people in their family tree - but Laraine was one of them!

She was an amazing woman, always pleased to see you and greet you with a warm smile on her face - even when times were somewhat difficult for her. But behind her calm manner was a very strong lady who faced a number of adversities during her life and left a wonderful legacy of resilience and the importance of family to her children.

Rest peacefully, Laraine.

Dawn Cowley.

Laraine and George on a day trip.



NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES AND BLOGS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER - 2021

Digital Format:

Wodonga Family History Society - No. 180, Nov.2021 - Borderline News

Swan Hill Genealogical Society & Historical Society Inc. - No. 147, Nov 2021 - Mallee Roots

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc. - No. 130, Nov 2021 - Spreading Branches

Maryborough District Family History Society Inc. - Vol.42 No.2, Nov 2021 - Forebears

Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc. - Vol.36 No.3, Oct 2021 - The Valley Genealogist

International Settlers Group - Vol.38 No. 4, Nov 2021 - Newsletter

Federation of Australian Historical Societies - No. 200, Nov 2021 - eBulletin

Phillip Island & District - No. 119, Nov 2021 - Reflections

Archival Access Victoria - No.94, Dec 2021 - Archival Access

Echuca and Moama Family History Group (now Terang & District) - No. 124, Dec 2021 - Bridges & Branches

Morwell Historical Society - Vol.40 No. 6, Dec 2021 - Newsletter

Terang & District Family History Group - No. 95, Dec 2021 - Twigs and Branches

The Federation of Australia Historical Societies - No. 52, Dec 2021 - The FAHS Newsletter

Wyalong District Family History Group - No.2, Dec 2021 - The Mallee Stump

South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc - Vol.12 No.04, Dec 2021 - Newsletter

NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES AND BLOGS FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH—2022

Digital Format:

Archival Access Victoria - No. 95, Jan 2022 - Archival Access

Wodonga Family History Society - Vol. 181, Feb 2022 - Borderline News

Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society Inc - No. 148, Feb 2022 - Mallee Roots

International Settlers Group - Vol.39 No.1, Feb 2022 - ISG Newsletter

Narre Warren & District Historical Group Inc - No.131, Feb 2022 - Spreading Branches

Federation of Australian Historical Societies - No.201, Feb 2022 - FAHS ebuletin

Morwell Historical Society - Vol.41 No.1, Feb 2022 - The Morwell Post

The West Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc - Vol.103 No.15, Feb 2022 - Kith'n'Kin

Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc - No.120, Feb 2022 - Reflections

Port Phillip Pioneers Group Inc - Vol.45/1, No.222, Feb-Mar 2022 - PPPG Newsletter

Federation of Australian Historical Societies - No.202, March 2022 - FAHS ebuletin

Archival Access Victoria - No.96, March 2022 - Archival Access

DO NOT MISS OUT!!

**NEWSLETTERS,
MAGAZINES AND BLOGS
RECEIVED FROM
ORGANIZATIONS.**



If you wish to have these sent to you electronically,
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Current list is on page 8.

MEMBERS OF M.G.F.H.S. INC.

This newsletter is for Your Use.

Why not send in an updated Members Profile for inclusion??

Topics:

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

What names are you researching?

How far back have you searched?

Who were your first ancestors to arrive into Australia?

What/Who is your most interesting find/ancestor?

If the family tree, wish fair would give you the answer to one question what
would it be?

Include you Contact details.

Then send it to the EDITOR whose contact details are on page 4.

Family History goes way 'Beyond the Name!'

Peter came across this genealogy and general interest site recently: "BEYOND THE NAME".

Have a look at <https://beyondthename.weebly.com/>.

Under "Foo was here" you will find a transcription of the Victorian BDMs up to 1921. Under Abundant to Redundant there is a list of old occupations and their meanings. There are many other interesting and useful pages like Old Film Clips and Newspaper extracts.

Definitely worth a few hours.

Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking.— Unknown.

Talk of the Week - Yallourn Christened.

Table Talk (Melbourne, Vic 1885 –1939)

View title info Thursday 2 Dec 1920 Page 4

Sir John Monash, general manager of the Electricity Commission, has just been assisting at a christening ceremony. On Saturday, Sir John announced that the model town to be erected on a site near an open cut for brown coal at Morwell is to be named "Yallourn." The word is derived from the native word for brown compounded with the word lourn (fuel), and the new name is the result of discussion between Sir John, his colleagues and Sir Baldwin Spencer, who gave his assistance in examining the derivations of the words.



Entrance to Walhalla
View of person on a dirt track at the entrance to Walhalla.

Date (s): 1888/1904

Creator: Thomas Henry Armstrong, photographer, 1857-1930.

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Monument to Sir John Monash
Yallourn, Victoria

Date (s): 1940/1949

Creator: Fulford, Reginald, compiler.

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SCOTTISH POST OFFICE DIRECTORIES - NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

<http://digital.nls.uk/directories>

Scottish Post Office directories provide a perfect basis for researching Scotland's family, trade, and town history

Over 700 digitized directories covering most of Scotland, dating from 1773 to 1911 are available for you to use. With their alphabetical list of a location's, inhabitants and information on their profession and address, the directories enable you easily to find out where people lived at a certain time and how they earned their living.

The oldest volumes digitized were published in the late 1700s, when the demand for information about the increasing number of traders, businesses and industries grew rapidly. Most of the directories were published annually. This makes them a valuable resource, especially for the years not covered by the census which, starting in 1841, was only carried out every 10 years.

In each directory you can:

- Browse and search by place, year and resident's name,
- View page by page,
- View a PDF of the complete book,
- Search the full PDF text,
- Download files for free (non-commercial use only).

THE SCOTTISH CENSUS FOR 1921

Is the 1921 Census for Scotland available?

We will release indexed images of the 1921 Scottish Census on www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk and in the Scotland's People Centre in the latter half of 2022. We'll keep you updated on progress via our digital channels.

THE UNITED KINGDOM 1921 CENSUS

The 1921 census was taken on the 19th of June 1921 at a time when the population for England and Wales stood at over 37 million.

The 1921 census gives greater detail than any previous census. In addition to the questions asked in the 1911 census, the 1921 census included more information about the profession and branch within it. It asked what materials they worked in, place of work and their employer's name. For those over the age of 15 information about marital status, including if divorced was given. For those under 15 the census recorded whether both parents were alive or if either or both parents had died. It also had detailed questions on education including whether you were in full-time or part-time education.

For the first time individuals in a household could also make separate confidential returns.

The censuses from 1921 onwards were taken under the Census Act 1920. The 1921 Census and later censuses are held in the custody of the UK Statistics Authority. It will take some years and considerable financial outlay to prepare and digitise the original 1921 Census paper records for release online in January 2022. See 1921 Census Substitutes.

TIP:

To get the maximum value from the 1921 UK census at Find My Past without paying for the image.

It is possible to run a number of queries; FMP reveals a couple of extra family members each time a query is run. Use these family members in later queries to build up a fuller picture of the family.

Findmypast:

For the first time in history, the 1921 Census requested employer information, giving you a more enhanced picture of your ancestors. Our additional advanced search features also allow you to discover your ancestors even when you're missing previously-vital information, such as name or birth

Can I view the 1921 Census for free?

Findmypast said **the 1921 Census will not immediately be free to view** - but you can access it via any subscription, including libraries. It will only be available via pay-per-view access for the initial period, Findmypast said.

7 Jan 2022

FAREWELL AND GOODBYE

WES HALKET

Aged 92

A member for over 30 years and regularly attended the monthly meetings.

Wes's contribution covered all aspects of running a society: handyman, adviser, designer, donor, researcher and friend.

Wes was an invaluable volunteer on Wednesday's Research day.

Always wanted to know how everyone was and what they had been doing. Wes had a lot of patience and was very helpful to those doing family research.

Wes was a collector of corkscrews, having one of the largest in Australia.

As his health began to deteriorate, he decided to quit Newborough and live with his daughter.

Dawn circulated a card with members to sign at our February Meeting which she later presented to him.



VALE

Wes Halket

After a short period in the West, Wes passed away on 28th April, 2022.
Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

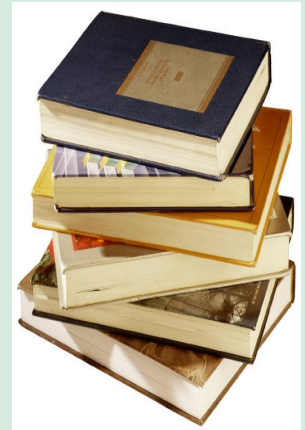
EDITOR'S NOTE:

Unfortunately, I do not have a photo of Wes to include with this notice.

PROGRAMME / EVENTS FOR 2022:

This has been put on hold until further notice due to the uncertainty of re location the MGFHS.

Please keep an eye on our calendar, which can be accessed from the website (<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/>) about half way down the page. Google calendar.

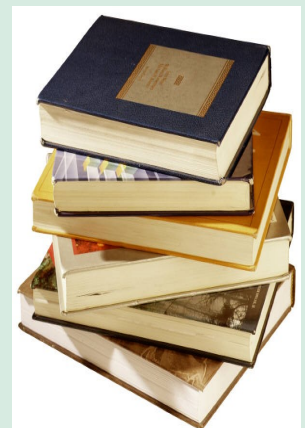
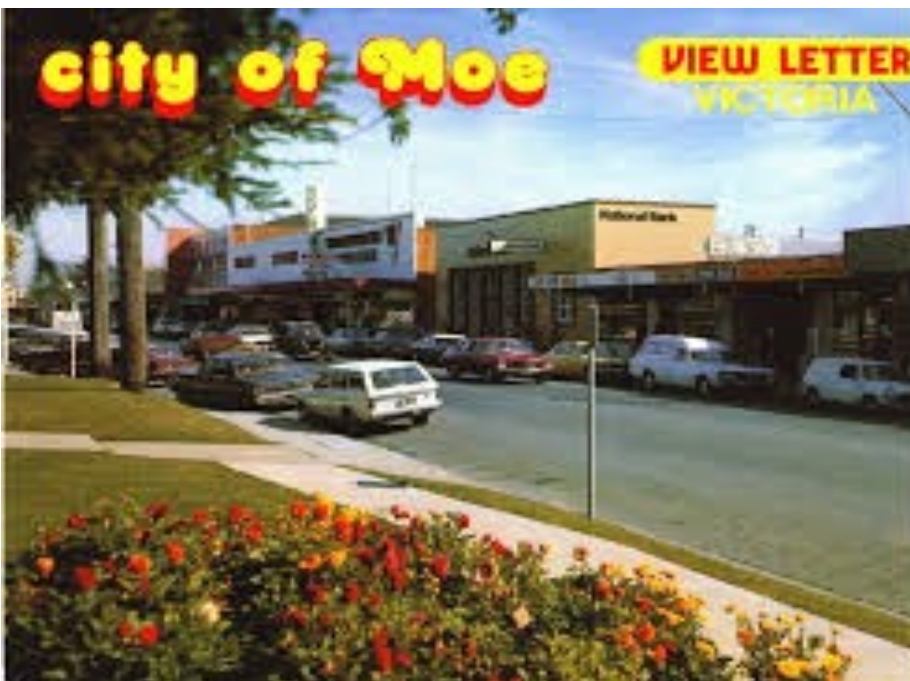


TROVE:

There are various Trove YouTube videos, see

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=how+to+search+trove+nla

Old postcard from my album - Karen E Healy.



MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR 2021:

Thursday 28th October -

Guest speaker was Bob Jones who gave a talk - "In the Force". Bob had a great store of anecdotes about his time as a senior office in the police and was well worth hearing. Peter McNab.

Editor: I thought it appropriate to include a Member's profile that I found in a previous edition of our newsletter.

After a break, we held our AGM with the following elections:

President & Publicity - Dawn Cowley

Vice President & Hostess - Vicki Evans

Treasurer - Rod Donnelly

Secretary - Peter McNab

Minutes Secretary - Fran Dobb

Research - Vaughan Knox

Web & Computers - Florence Butcher

Library - Sandra Dumble

Newsletter - Karen Healy

Thursday 25th November -

Christmas breakup and the topic was Gen Fun hosted by Dawn Cowley.

PLEASE NOTE:

Meetings for 2022 -

Thursday 24th March - moved and passed that General meetings be suspended until we have some certainty about the future. The Committee meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday at 2pm until further notice.

MEMBERS PROFILE: *BOB JONES*

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

My interest in family history started about 30 years ago when my eldest daughter came home from school with some homework, which was to draw up a family tree. It was then that I realized how little I knew about my own family. I knew that my father came out here to Australia from England in 1912 with his brother, sister, and parents. Rumour had it that one of Grandpa's brothers was a policeman. Rumour also had it that one of Grandpa's sisters married an Australian serviceman during the First World War, migrated to Sydney, and lived there. That was all I knew. No names. Nothing more. So, it became my challenge to establish my grandfather's full family. I suppose for the first 15 or so years I was rather spasmodic in my approach. But after I joined the club, I believe I became a bit more diligent in my approach. As a measure of my success, I have discovered that my grandfather did have a brother who was a policeman. I have discovered two other brothers and two other sisters. But I am no closer to discovering the Sydney branch now to what I was 30 years ago. But I am still working on it.

What names are your researching?

This is the problem. My main line is JONES, and to make it worse, from Middlesex. I have discovered that there are more JONES' in Middlesex than there are Irish in Dublin. Other names are TONKS, MARSHALL, HARDIE. They are the main names.

How far back have you searched?

I am back to about 1750's on a couple of lines, but that was information that popped up in front of me and I couldn't ignore it. I am not concentrating on the "going back" area at this stage. I am trying to get as much as I can back to about 1800, mainly Australian, before I start the overseas delving.

Who were your first ancestors to arrive in Australia?

As far as I can tell, at this stage, my great-great-grandparents on my mother's side. They arrived in 1849 and settled on an island in the Hawksbury upstream from Newcastle.

What is your most interesting find?

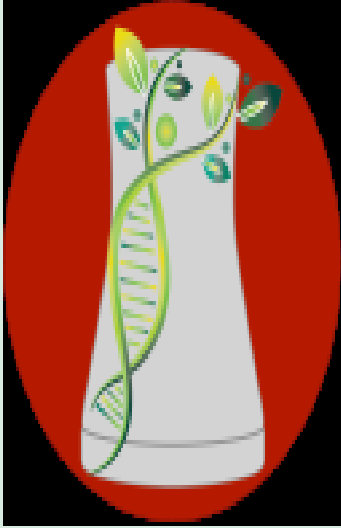
Undoubtedly old Charlie MEYER, my Wife's great-great-grandfather. He was quite a character and I have discovered quite a few references to him in various history books and newspaper articles from the Ovens area. He migrated from Germany in 1852, joined the Police Force in 1853 and was a member of the first ever contingent of Police into Wangaratta. He then served at Beechworth when he was present at the shooting of a miner, which caused big riots. He was also involved in the riots against the Chinese. Both these incidents have been written up in history books and in old newspaper articles

If the family tree, wish fairy would give you the answer to one question what would it be?

Just give me the details of my grandfather's sister, who migrated to Sydney, and I'll die happy.

Contact Bob: bevnbob@dodo.com.au

CHIMERA



A DNA topic with a twist!

A chimera is essentially a single organism that's made up of cells from two or more "individuals"—that is, it contains two sets of DNA, with the code to make two separate organisms.

▫ One way that chimeras can happen naturally in humans is that a foetus can absorb its twin. This can occur with fraternal twins, if one embryo dies very early in pregnancy, and some of its cells are "absorbed" by the other twin. The remaining foetus will have two sets of cells, its own original set, plus the one from its twin.

These individuals often don't know they are a chimera. For example, in 2002, news outlets reported the story of a woman named Karen Keegan, who needed a kidney transplant and underwent genetic testing along with her family, to see if a family member could donate one to her. But the genetically, Keegan could not be the mother of her sons. The mystery was solved when doctors discovered that Keegan was a chimera—she had a different set of DNA in her blood cells compared to the other tissues in her body.

“Chimera are people who have cells and DNA from two separate individuals”

▫ A person can also be a chimera if they undergo a bone marrow transplant. During such transplants, which can be used for example to treat leukaemia, a person will have their own bone marrow destroyed and replaced with bone marrow from another person. Bone marrow contains stem cells that develop into red blood cells. This means that a person with a bone marrow transplant will have blood cells, for the rest of their life, that are genetically identical to those of the donor, and are not genetically the same as the other cells in their own body.

▫ Another way this can happen is when a woman becomes pregnant, and a small number of cells from the baby migrate into her blood and travel to different organs.

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In some cases, all of the blood cells in a person who received a bone marrow transplant will match the DNA of their donor. But in other cases, the recipient may have a mix of both their own blood cells and donor ones, according to a 2004 review paper in the journal Bone Marrow Transplantation.



A blood transfusion will also temporarily give a person cells from someone else, but in a bone marrow transplant, the new blood cells are permanent, according to the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, California.

More commonly, people may exhibit so-called micro chimerism—when a small fraction of their cells are from someone else. This can happen when a woman becomes pregnant, and a small number of cells from the foetus migrate into her blood and travel to different organs.

A 2015 study suggested that this happens in almost all pregnant women, at least temporarily. The researchers tested tissue samples tests suggested that genetically from the kidneys, livers, spleens, lungs, hearts, and brains of 26 women who tragically died while pregnant or within one month of giving birth. The study found that the women had foetal cells in all of these tissues. The researchers knew that the cells were from the foetus, and not from the mother, because the cells contained a Y chromosome (found only in males) and the women had all been carrying sons.

In some cases, foetal cells may stay in a woman's body for years. In a 2012 study, researchers analysed the brains of 59 women ages 32 to 101, after they had died. They found 63 percent of these women had traces of male DNA from foetal cells in their brains. The oldest woman to have foetal cells in her brain was 94 years old, suggesting that these cells can sometimes stay in the body for a lifetime.

By Rachael Rettner, Live Science on August 8, 2016 at <https://www.livescience.com/55684-human-chimeras.html>

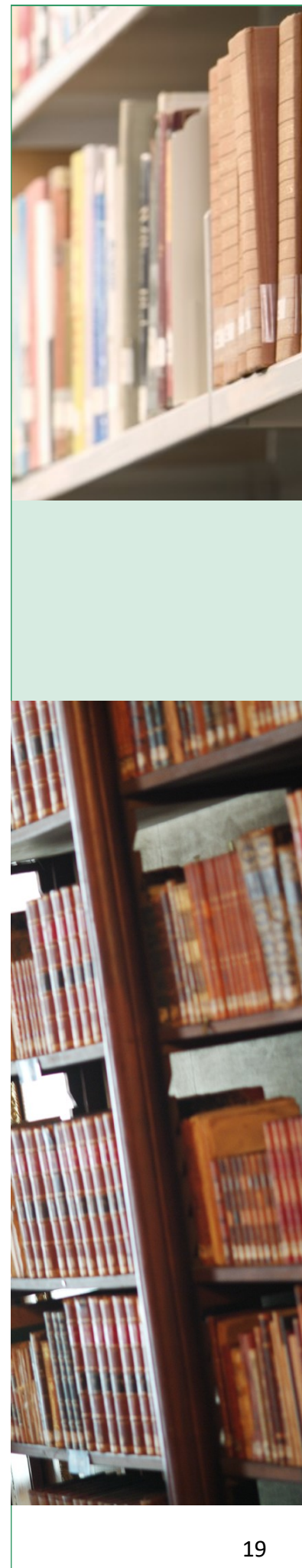
ARE YOU ANCESTRYED OUT?

There comes a time when you have exhausted the resources of Ancestry.com or just become exhausted with managing the amount of information available. Then it is time to think about your ancestor's lives: How they fitted into their neighborhood or society in general; what else was going on that persuaded them to migrate or take the path they did.

Maybe you want to write a story about your family: then you need some background information about their life and times to give it context.

Your society has a large library that can help. Come in, on a Wednesday afternoon and check our holdings. You can browse the shelves or the catalogue or get advice from the volunteer on duty. We also have a copy of the catalogue on our website.

The hard copy catalogue contains a few indexes to holdings of local interest that are not available on the web.



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NEWSLETTER

UPDATE:

Our Newsletter "ON TRACK" is back in production.

Thank you to Peter McNab, who has collated and published the newsletter for the last few years as well as being the Secretary.

Apologizes, as it will take a couple of issues to update new member's list and those who have passed away.

Any articles, snip bits or general information can be submitted via my email address.

Address is on page 4.

Karen E Healy

CAN WE HELP?

RESEARCH:

A minimum research fee of \$20 applies, plus a stamped, self addressed business size envelope if response is to be sent by mail. Enquiries accepted by email. There may be additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquiries need to be clear and concise.

CEMETERY LOOKUPS:

For registers which we hold, we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the headstone if there is one. \$2 per transcription. Please supply a SSAE with your request if hard copy required.

Contact: The Research Officer, PO Box 767, Morwell, Victoria 3840.

PAYMENT:

All payments in Australian currency. Cheques or EFT.

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MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, in the Meeting Room of the former Moe Library, Kirk Street. Enter via the rear door of the library. Open from about 7 p.m. Meetings start at 7.30p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

Single member —\$25.00

Family membership —\$30.00

OUR LIBRARY is open to the public on Wednesday afternoons from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Get one on one assistance. Small fee for non-members.

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