

THE
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FAMILY RESERVY SOCIETY Inc.
NEWSLETTER



Mrs Robert Farmer and her retinue when she was crowned Queen of Traralgon at the Queen Carnival held in 1933 in aid of the Gippsland Hospital at Sale. L. to R. - Broom, Jessie O'Hara, Harj. Conchie, Gladys Farmer, Mrs R. Farmer, Heather McIntosh and Huriel Welch.

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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk St., Moe. The Library will open at 7pm, with the meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

There is a fee of \$5 for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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

MEMBER PROFILE - DOROTHY ANN NEEDHAM- (nee TAYLOR)

I was born on June 23rd, 19?? at the Royal Women's Hospital, the eldest of four daughters born to Harriet Maude and Albert Leslie Taylor.

I attended Mentone Primary School until grade six. It was in these early years that I discovered my first love - swimming. I started secondary school at Toorong Road Girls School Malvern, which in the mid 40's was a new Domestic Art School for girls. It was here that I learnt to cook and wash and iron. As well as English, I chose Commercial Art subjects, and so began my interest in ticket writing.

After leaving school, I was employed by Mansours, a fashionable Emporium of the day, featuring Mens and Women's wear. I was 14 years old with a wage of 30/- a week. My wage paid for one pound a week board, 5/- clothes and spending money, and 5/- towards starting a glory box.

During this time, I began a night school course in ticketwriting at Caulfield Technical School. At the end of 12 month, when my parents thought I was old enough to travel alone to Melbourne daily by train, I was employed by Royco Advertising in South Melbourne and began to write tickets for the newly formed Amcal Chemist Chain under the guidance of my Night School tutor who was head sign writer for the firm.

After qualifying I left Royco and joined Woolworths, where I combined my ticketwriting with window dressing. I travelled throughout the suburban Woolworths chain weekly, changing window displays and writing the necessary tickets.

I was chosen to go to the new store opening in Mildura in 1951 and was there for six weeks.

MEMBER PROFILE - DOROTHY ANN NEEDHAM (cont.)

It was during this time that I met one Ian Needham, who happened to book into the same Woolworths private hotel as Woolies staff.

It was love at first sight, I guess, and we were married eight months later to the day at St Augustine's Church of England Mentone. I was 18 and Ian 21.

We had no money for a honeymoon; the cows had to be milked. So began my life as a farmer's wife.

In December 1952 our first born Russell arrived, followed by Leanne in May 1954, Ruth in December 1957, and Ian David in May 1960.

Ian has always been a farmer, firstly with a dairy herd; then in 1959, we shifted to the new Willow Grove Farms (a division of the Petersville Group), where Ian became farm manager. We began with 600 pigs; 30 years later when we retired from Petersville there was 7000 pigs.

They were great years. The house went with the Manager's job which allowed us to save toward the education of a young family. All the children attended St. Amos and Gippsland Grammar School in Sale, where Russell became the first school captain of the amalgamated schools.

During this time, I started up a take-away food shop and 24 variety icecream parlour, a business we had for three years.

For staff, I had a fulltime junior girl and a permanent senior. It was a lot of work but a great experience. It helped with school fees and we both feel proud of our children's achievements; an accountant, a cook, a nurse and a journalist.

All are married now and have given us 12 grandchildren, the eldest starting university this year.

SEMINAR REPORT

In September, the group hosted a very successful seminar with about 40 people attending.

Guest speakers included Olive Moore, who gave a very useful talk on the maze that is Victorian Land Records, introducing us to the five primary pathways that we will use in accessing this information.

Denis O'Reardon, who spoke on Irish records, provided a very interesting overview of the records that are available. Of particular note was Denis's comment that people researching ancestors from a particular religious denomination should be prepared to look at records of all denominations.

John Waghorne has been researching Australia Post institutional and personnel history for decades. John detailed some of the stories of his research, and introduced a small fraction of the mountain of indexes and research covering postmasters, early post offices and postal employees, that he himself has created.

Jack Miller, from the International Settlers Association, provided common sense advice on the process and problems of research in Europe.

Macbeth Genealogical Services once again supplied a fine selection of books and microfiche for sale, making our day even more interesting.

We had a very successful raffle, with the hamper being won by Wendy Carpenter, Leonie's beautiful rug going to Gerard O'Keefe, and Lloyd Fisher winning the camera and film.

Thanks go to the Moe City Council who provided the reception rooms, guest speakers and members from other groups, the Shines for the CD-Rom, Macbeths, members who assisted on the day, and last but not least, to our hardworking raffle and catering people.

CEMETERY/REGISTER TRANSCRIPTION REPORT

(Edited from a report given by Eddie Tunn to the Annual General Meeting in July.)

Following the publication of the Willow Grove and Trafalgar Cemeteries, the job of transcribing the Latrobe Valley Cemeteries has moved along at a slow but steady pace. The situation regarding further cemetery/register publications is as follows -

- * Toongabbie: work closed off at 30-6-94; has had a final "walk-over" and is being prepared for publication.
- * Traralgon: work closed off at 30-6-94; is being prepared for final "walk-over" and publication.
- * Hazelwood: work closed off at 30-6-94; is being prepared for final "walk-over" and publication.

Other cemeteries being worked on and in various stages of finalisation are -:

Moe, Narracan, Childers, Boolarra, Gormandale and the Gippsland Crematorium

In addition, the Hazelwood Register is well advanced and should be ready for publication before the end of the year. Other registers available for preparation prior to publication are -:

Moe, Narracan, Childers, Boolarra and the Gippsland Crematorium. Both Toongabbie and Traralgon will be started when the cemeteries are published.

It should be realised that all this most important work is being carried out by volunteers who work away day after day giving their time to this group project. My grateful thanks go to them for the work they have put in over the last twelve months.

CEMETERY/REGISTER TRANSCRIPTION REPORT (cont.)

Anyone with some time on their hands and an IBM computer, please contact me as I can give you a project to get your teeth into.

In closing, can I bring to your attention the recent talk in the media regarding the possibility of certain cemeteries being privatised. It has been denied that this will happen. However, as a group we need to be alert to the possibility of privatisation taking place. I feel that if privatisation does happen, people, such as the members of this family history group, will lose a valuable source of research information - not to mention the generation of funds for our other activities.

The help for cemetery work given, by way of grants, to this group by the Cities of Moe and Morwell is gratefully appreciated.

However, we do need to look to our own resources more for funding our projects.

TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH IN NSW

in 1885	in 1925
1. [Tuberculosis]	1. Heart diseases
2. [Wrong Feeding]	2. Cancer
3. Accidents	3. Pneumonia
4. Old Age	4. Accidents
5. Diarrhoea & dysentery	5. Bright's disease
6. Convulsions	6. Senility
7. Pneumonia	7. Tuberculosis
8. Diseases of the Circulation system	8. Cerebral haemorrhage
9. Bronchitis	9. Prematurity
10. Diphtheria & croup	10. Diseases of the nervous system

[information extracted from The Way It Was by T. J. Barker. Sydney: V. C. N. Blight, 1965.]

SCHOOL RECORDS OFFICER

REPORT 1993 - 1994

Over the past year I have spent most of my time experimenting with database programs that would be suit our storage of school records. The past six months have probably been the most profitable with the database being customised and the first set of school records transcribed. I chose Willung (2261) because it was a small register that was complete and the school having recently closed, would mean no further additions.

The paper copies are now housed in a sturdy carry container, and three sets of disks are being maintained to prevent complete loss of our data. As a register is transcribed and printed, a copy will be placed in a discrete file in our cabinet and members are reminded that this record **must not be photocopied or distributed**. It is important that we do not break any confidences and that we maintain the trust of the Department of School Education, especially in Gippsland.

I have included a list of the registers that I am holding on behalf of the group. By the end of 1994 I hope to double this list, but am ever mindful of the stresses that are being placed on our local principals, and am being patient with my requests.

W. Anne Pawley

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School Records Officer



<u>Sch. No.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Records</u>	<u>Status</u>
0957	Walhalla	1911 to Feb.1965	closed
2261	Willung	Pre 1913 to	Closed 17.12.1993
2419	Yinnar	cards writ. from reg.	open
2437	Erica	1908 to 1963	closed 17.12.1993
2621	Morwell North	1907 to Feb 1952	closed
2840	Tanjil South	Pre 1913 to Dec	Open
3831	Gould	Jan 1914-Feb 1960	closed
4426	Glengarry West	Oct 1959 to 1993	closed mid 1993
4699	Kosciusko St.	open 1954 to 1980	open



AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION

WALL OF HONOUR

Have YOUR ANCESTOR'S arrival into Australia permanently recorded on AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION WALL OF HONOUR.

This wall will be erected in Hervey Bay, Queensland, Australia. The official unveiling of stage one is planned for 17 March 1995 as part of the Irish Immigration Celebration. Entries will be accepted after this date for further stages.

It will be the focal point for Immigration INTO ALL STATES of Australia from ALL COUNTRIES with NO RESTRICTION for dates of inclusion. e.g. if you arrived in 1980, your name also can be included.

The wall, fashioned after the Immigration Wall on Ellis Island in New York - which already contains over half a million names - is to become a major tourist attraction in Australia.

The Immigration Wall of Honour is sponsored by:
Australia's Immigration Celebration
Besser Masonry, Hervey Bay
Hervey Bay City Council
Rotary International

For \$15.00 per entry you can record for posterity the names of your Immigrant Ancestors, their birth Town or County and Country, the Name of the Ship, Year and Port of Arrival.

There will be a special section for those who "swam" to Australia. So even though you do not know, at this stage in your research, how your ancestors arrived in Australia you can still honour them by including their names, place of origin, approx. year of entry and port (abbrev. to standard style).

SAMPLE ENTRIES:

SHUTE James, Ellen & fam, Fermanagh, Ire., 1852 Maria Somes, Bne.

SHUTE James, Pettigoe, Ire, 1852 Maria Somes, Bne.

A listing of all immigrants and the subscriber will be computerised and copies held by the Hervey Bay Family History Library and Hervey Bay City Library. If a non-subscriber finds their ancestor on the wall they may wish to find the relative who nominated this entry. This will then give them a chance to find other living members of their family. However if you do not want your name and address given out, a privacy clause is included below for you to tick.

- I agree to my name and address to be included on the Immigrant contact register.
- I do not wish for my name and address to be included on the Immigrant contact register.

Let us all acknowledge the hardships that our ancestors went through to make Australia the great nation that it is today by including their names and entry details on

AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION WALL OF HONOUR

The immigrant names will be listed alphabetically in each stage. To enter your family names please fill in the details on the other side of this form and send together with your remittance to:-

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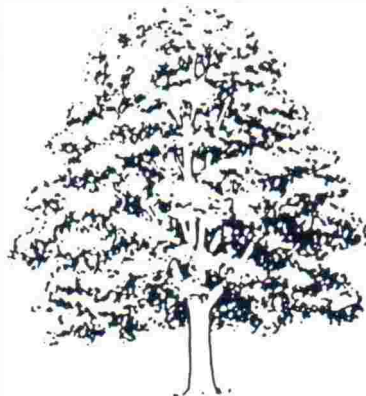
Approximate no.
of years they
preceded you by:

2	parents	25
4	grandparents	50
8	great grandparents	75
16	2x gt. grandparents	100
32	3x gt. grandparents	125
64	4x gt. grandparents	150
128	5x gt. grandparents	175
256	6x gt. grandparents	200
512	7x gt. grandparents	225
1,024	8x gt. grandparents	250
1,048,576	18x gt. grandparents	500
1,073,741,624	28x gt. grandparents	750
1,089,511,627,776	38x gt. grandparents	1000

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COMING MID-GIPPSLAND EVENTS

- ▮ Beginner's day Sat 5th Nov. at Moe City Offices
- ▮ Wine and Cheese night on 28th Oct. at Dot and Ian Needham's Willow Grove home
- ▮ Christmas Breakup: Moe Botanical Gardens. BYO lunchtime BBQ and Picnic. Members/family/friends



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