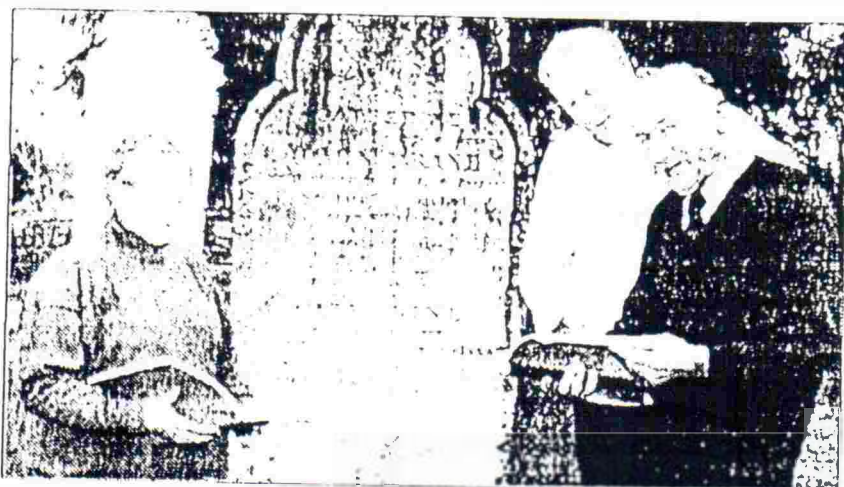


THE  
MID GIPPSLAND  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.  
NEWSLETTER



*Mid-Gippsland History Society members Florence Butcher and Eddie Tunn look through the new book with Traralgon Cemetery Trust secretary Harold Bickerton.*

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## SEMINAR REPORT

In September, our society held its most successful seminar for a number of years, with 64 people attending. Guest speakers included Judy Bilszta from the Royal Historical Society, who spoke on the holdings of the Society which would be useful for people researching their family trees. Quite a number of members and visitors have added the RHSV to the list of places to visit when they are next in Melbourne. [unfortunately, I missed Judy's talk, but it is worth visiting the Mint just to experience the building - it is magnificent. - ed.]

David Thompson gave an interesting and informative talk on Scottish records. He brought down a varied collection of Scottish parish books, which during the breaks, were devoured by our Scottish people.

After lunch, Ada Ackerley covered the Equity Court records in her speech entitled "Cut off without a shilling", using case studies of people around Williamstown (her stamping ground) to illuminate the records.

Florence Chuk covered Assisted Immigration, providing an overview of the history of the program and using case studies to illustrate her points. Of particular note were her points about families or village groups coming out together, or being influenced to follow relatives or neighbours to this country.

Macbeth Genealogical Services once again supplied a fine selection of books and microfiche for sale, making our day even more interesting. The very successful raffle was won by Pam Pratt (hamper), Robyn Hammond (quilt) and Andrea Price (wine)

As usual, there are a group of hard working members to whom we owe the success of the day. Gaye and Jean for organising the seminar; Dot and Sally for providing overnight accommodation for two of our speakers; Anne and Jean who organised and handled the door and raffle money on the day; David and David who helped with the heavy work all day; Rosemary, who organised the books from Macbeths and Lorraine and Bob who helped her at the bookstall; Leonie Robinson for the beautiful quilt, Mavis who chaired the morning sessions and Dawn who did the honours in the afternoon; Glad and her band of helpers (Lori, Leonie, Gaye, Elaine and all the other people who worked hard all day) busy with lunch and morning/afternoon teas;

It is inevitable with the work that goes into this sort of day that I will have missed thanking someone. If this someone is you, rest assured that your work was greatly appreciated. Thank you one and all.

Special thanks go to the Moe Presbyterian Church who provided the venue for the day and made us very welcome.

## REUNIONS

A family gathering is being planned for Sunday 10th March 1996 (Labour Day Long Weekend for the decendants of

### John & Susan Hadley

John came from Wolverhampton to Tasmania in 1841. Married Susan (nee Gordon) at St James Cathedral Melbourne in 1850. Worked in the Bulla, Sunbury area, then later settled at Tinambra via Maffra in Gippsland. Their children were William, John, Matilda (Weatherley), Annie (Heyne), 2nd marriage Vinnll), Margaret (Reid), Lavinia (CASEY), Mary Ann (Thomas, 2nd marriage Taylor); Joseph & Stanford.

The reunion is to be held at the Tinambra Hall commencing at 10.30am. Lunch, tea & coffee provided

Further details: contact Brian Hadley 03) 9801-6902 after 6pm.

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#### FOR SALE

#### MICROFICHE READERS

2secondhand, good condition

\$70 & \$50

Contact Gaye on 27 4259

#### DAYS OF THE WEEK

Czech

Nedele	Sunday
Pondeli	Monday
Utery	Tuesday
Streda	Wednesday
Stvrtcek	Thursday
Patek	Friday
Sobato	Saturday

## OCCUPATIONS

**Algnager:** a sworn officer appointed to examine and attest to the quality and measurement of woollen goods.

**Boniface:** general term for an innkeeper.

**Bowyer:** maker of bows.

## ROLL CALL AT THE PEACE

(continuing the list of SECV personnel who served with the armed forces in WORLD WAR II from S.E.C. Magazine 12th Dec 945.)

### THE NAVY

#### Power Production

##### Metro area

Allen, W. J.  
Burt, S. A. (K.)  
Connor, W. J. (DR)  
Frencham, L. (DNR)  
Harrison, G. E.  
Hazeldene, W.  
Howard, A. T. (DR)  
Lukies, R. J.  
McCull, J. J.  
McFarlane, C. J.  
MacPherson, C. B.  
(DR)  
Moffitt, W. R. (K)  
Noy, D. H.  
Powell, A. R. (DNR)  
Richards, J. J. H. (DR)  
Sheridan, C. E.

##### YALLOURN

Boyes, T. F.  
Dardel, J. H. (DR)  
Holyoak, C. G. (DR)  
Kerr, W. J.  
Oakley, D. J.  
Roberts, M. F.  
Rudge, W. G.  
Saunders, L. W.  
Smith, D. N.

##### Kiewa

Chase, J. W.  
Clarke, S. A.  
Hall, F. E.  
Kurth, L. F. (DR)  
Wright, E.

##### Ballarat

Sowden, E. C. J.  
Geelong  
Hall, F. R.  
McConkey, A. H.  
Electricity Supply  
Metro Area  
Beech, H. R.  
Bell, G. J.

Bell, T. R.  
Bravington, W. H. C.  
Breedon, A. D. (DR)  
Cake, E. F.  
Clemens, A. J. E.  
DeSilva, T. M. (DR)  
Dockery, R. M.  
Douglas, D. C.  
Esh, E. V.  
Farquaharson, R. E.  
(DR)  
Freeman, C.  
Gray, R. E.  
Hudson, A. A.  
James, S.  
Lambden, B. M.  
Locke, J. F.  
Lloyd, C. C.  
Maxwell, T. G. (DR)  
Monger, R. N.  
Mooney, T. E. (POW)  
Moye, T. A.  
Neall, S. J.  
Parks, N. L.  
Pryn, R. T.  
Robertson, A. J.  
Salisbury, E. S.  
Saxe, J. H.  
Silsby, A. E.  
Simmons, R. A. (DR)  
Simpson, R. G.  
Slade, J. H.  
Smith, M. H.  
Spark, E. A.  
Spring, J. C.  
Underwood, W. M.  
(DR)  
Wilson, G. F.  
Yelland, R. W.  
Ballarat  
Cunningham, A. W.  
Hustwaite, N.  
O'Brien, C. R. H.  
Bendigo  
Gale, M. B.

##### Eastern Metro

Daff, B. H.  
North-Eastern  
Crawford, S. A.  
Tabuteau, J. S.  
Gippsland  
Larkin, J. R.  
South-Western  
Brown, J. E.  
Kester, N. J.  
Briquette Prod't  
Yallourn  
Coyle, J. W.  
Jackson, J. A. (DR)  
Pennington, R. J.  
Skinner, W. F.  
Coal Supply Dept  
Alexander, B.  
Mundy, W. H. (DR)  
Shaw, S., Jr. (DR)  
Yallourn Admin  
Berwick, G. R. (K)  
Carter, J. B.  
Given, L. R.  
Irvine, R. J.  
Nugent, G. B. (DR)  
Parry, L. C.  
Quinn, S. A.  
Reilly, J. B. (K)  
Renwick, J. (DR)  
Tattersson, J.  
Virtue, C. V. E.  
Welsh, W. C.  
Admin Dept  
Clarke, S. A.  
Dimmitt, O. V.  
French, F. J.  
Isaacs, N. H.  
Jamieson, D. A.  
Jones, A. R.  
Jones, E. G.  
Kruse, H. K.  
McCall, C. T.  
MacKinnon, E. J.  
MacPherson, A. D.

## THE NAVY

(cont)

Skinner, P. N.  
Thaw, W. J. S.  
Waugh, A. B.  
Wright, E.  
**Fuel Sales**  
Bond, L. G.  
Haag, P. V. (K)  
Hamilton, K. G.  
(DRL)  
Jones, T. E.  
Middling, H. A. (DR)  
Wilkinson, S. G.  
**Audit Branch**  
Mitchell, J. G.  
**WRANS**  
Callander, Miss J.  
Carlyon, Miss E. P.  
Hassall, Miss F. M.  
Jewell, Miss V. H.  
Morris, Miss E. W.  
Ratray, Miss N. H.  
Shanks, Miss N.

## THE ARMY

**Metro area**  
Adams, R. F.  
Allan, G. G.  
Anderson, J. H.  
Anstee, L. B. C.  
Ashford, H. (DR)  
Atkinson, C. E. (DR)  
Baker, W. A. (DR)  
Bayly, L. J. (M)  
Bell, H. W.  
Bennett, M. J.  
Bloomfield, K. D.  
Bolton, M. H. (DR)  
Borbidge, W. R.  
Borrie, D. R. (POW)  
Bowe, P.  
Brosnan, T. C. (DNR)  
Bruce, M. M. (DR)  
Bryceson, E. W.  
Burn, J. R.  
Burton, E. (DR)

Bussell, G. J. (POW)  
Butler, H. R.  
Callinan, N. L. (DR)  
Callow, J. R.  
Carter, R. S. N.  
Cawsey, G. F.  
Chambers, S. J.  
Chinnock, A. J.  
Cockburn, J. A.  
Cockerell, J. A.  
Crabbe, C. J. (POW)  
Craig, C. K. (DR)  
Cross, T. R.  
Crossman, W. C.  
Davison, A. E.  
Deegan, E. N. (DR)  
Denison, J. A.  
Donald, J. K. (DR)  
Easton, T. C.  
Eberbach, A. A. L.  
Edwards, H. C.  
Elliott, H. C.  
Fisher, H. A. (DR)  
Flecker, G. C.  
Fleming, E. M.  
Foy, C. W.  
Fraser, K. W. (DR)  
Gadd, T. (DNR)  
Gale, H. F. L. (DR)  
Gibson, D. S.  
Ginniff, J. H. (DR)  
Gladman, C.  
Gould, G. B.  
Gray, G. H.  
Griffin, J. K.  
Griffiths, A. J. (AK)  
Groux, G. A.  
Hall, M. R.  
Hall, T. D.  
Hamley, C. (POW)  
Hankin, F. J.  
Hansby, C. W.  
Hardie, W.  
Harris, L. A. C.  
Hartley, C. R.  
Heffernan, M. R.  
Heriot, D. J. (DR)  
Hogan, D. G. (DR)  
Hogg, F. G. (DR)  
Holdsworth, J. F.  
Hollway, H. G. (DR)  
Hooper, F. R.  
Houghton, F. H.  
Hughes, F. J.  
Hunter, J. P.  
Hunter, L. C. (DR)  
Ilett, E. W.  
Ind, J. F. (DR)  
Innes, A. (DR)  
Izzard, F. J.  
Jeffrey, N. E. (DNR)  
Johns, R. R. (POW)  
Johnstone, H. (DR)  
Kane, T. L. (DNR)  
Kearney, D. J.  
Kemp, M. W. (POW)  
Kennedy, J. M. (DR)  
Lawrence, J.  
Layburn, L. A. (DR)  
Leatham, W. N.  
Levison, S. F. (DR)  
Lewis, R.  
Lofel, T. S.  
Long, J. W. (DR)  
Lorner, W. S.  
Lukies, A. R.  
Lyon, J. (K)  
MacGavin, G. J.  
McGrath, J. G.  
McGregor, R. R.  
McIntosh, T. W.  
McKenzie, W. (DR)  
McLay, E. (DR)  
McLure, P. J.  
McMaster, G. P.  
McNamara, J. W.  
McQueen, T. A.  
McRae, K. D.  
Magill, R. H.  
Manning, C. J. (DI)  
Mansfield, J. S. (DR)  
Matthews, A. J.  
Miller, R. J.  
Miller, W. H.  
Mitchell, J. B.  
Mollison, C. A. (DNR)  
Morris, J. McM (DR)  
Nimon, R. G.  
O' Brien M. J.  
O' Callaghan, B.

Page, K. E. (DNR)  
Parker, F. P. (DR)  
Parrett, R. A.  
Payte, J. B. (DR)  
Peter, C. W.  
Peverell, D. G.  
Pollard, E. J.  
Potter, J. W.  
Potts, R. S.  
Prentice, W. (DR)  
Quirk, W. M. (DR)  
Richardson, W. B.  
Rickman, G. H.  
Riddler, A. (DR)  
Roberts, F. A.  
Rosenwax, M. H.  
Rosewarne, F. W.  
Russell, W. B.  
Ryan, V.  
Savage, J. C.  
Saywell, P. G.  
Senior, J. (DNR)  
Short, T. W. (DR)  
Sieber, E. L. (DR)  
Smith, G. E. L. (DNR)  
Smith, P. A. (DR)  
Smood, M. (DNR)  
Spencer, A.  
Spurling, G. F. (DR)  
Stafford, R. W.  
Stapleton, R. J. (DR)  
Steane, W. (DR)  
Stell, F. L.  
Stephens, J. B.  
Tetley, A. F.  
Townsend, A. G.  
Tytrel, L. K.  
Urnston, P. (DR)  
Waddell, J. E. (POW)  
Wade, W. H.  
Watkins, H. G.  
Watson, I. P.  
Wedderspoon, J.  
West, T. H.  
Wilkins, D.  
Williams, E. J.  
Williamson, J.  
Woodman, J. H.  
Yallourn

Abbott, L. E. (POW)

Adamson, F. W. (AD)  
Barclay, W. F. (DR)  
Beulke, D. J.  
Boag, W. R. J. (DR)  
Bourke, T. M. (DR)  
Boyde, L. K.  
Brennan, E. G. (DR)  
Briggs, G. H. (DR)  
Brown, G. M.  
Cameron, H. (DR)  
Cameron, J. (DR)  
Casey, K. S. (DR)  
Collier, L. S.  
Cottee, J. M. (DR)  
Daniel, W. E. (DR)  
Davies, F. (DR)  
Degner, F. E. (DR)  
Dennis, G. T.  
Dillon, W. A. (DR)  
Dinsdale, W. (DR)  
Douglas, A. E. (DR)  
Douglas, A. P. (DR)  
Dudley, F. C. (DR)  
Edmunds, F. E. (DW)  
Forbes, B. (DR)  
Graham, W.  
Grenfell, K. L. (DR)  
Hart, E. (POW)  
Hateley, C. V.  
Hilditch, L. E. (DR)  
House, P. W. B. (DR)  
Johnstone, E. F. (DR)  
Johnstone, R. (POW)  
Kennedy, L. A. (K)  
Kong, A. L.  
MacDonald, A. J. D.  
(DR)  
McInnes, A.  
McPhee, C. M.  
Murray, W.  
Nicoll, J. A. (DR)  
Noonan, R. F. (DR)  
Quirk, W. M.  
Robertson, R. J. (DR)  
Saunders, L. C.  
Scholes, J.  
Sprigg, T.  
Summerton, A.  
Taylor, G. L. (DR)  
Tickle, R. H. (DR)

Tolson, E. Jr., (DR)  
Toogood, R. (DR)  
Vary, J. A. (DR)  
Walton, A. B.  
Williams, C. E. (DR)  
Williams, E. R.  
Williams, J. D. (DNR)  
**Kiewit**  
Anderson, W. (DR)  
Anglin, D. (DR)  
Balmer, P. A. (POW)  
Barnes, E. A. (DR)  
Bartel, I. E. (DNR)  
Bishop, G. R.  
Bishop, J. G.  
Blair, F.  
Brown, W. H. (DR)  
Calder, K. F.  
Canning, H. G. (DNR)  
Charlesworth, R.  
Commons, A. G.  
Crowe, P. S.  
Damm, G. (K)  
De Piazza, C. (DNR)  
Doyle, L. K.  
Duffell, P. H. A. (DR)  
Dwyer, M. (DR)  
Eames, W. E.  
Essex, J. J.  
Falconer, F. B. (DNR)  
Farrelly, R. P. (K)  
Fergusson, A. W. (DR)  
Fergusson, H. H.  
(DNR)  
Ford, W. W.  
Galloway, R. (POW)  
Grant, D. C.  
Grant, I. C. (DR)  
Grealey, H. J.  
Grealey, F. C.  
Guatta, F. (DR)  
Guy, J. (POW)  
Harkin, J. J. (DR)  
Harper, D.  
Harrison, H.  
Hewitt, H. J.  
Heyne, R. W.  
Higgins, J. (M)  
Higgins, M. (POW)  
Hobbs, G. H. C.

Hocking, J. R. (POW)  
 Hore, D. G.  
 Hore, H. R. (DR)  
 Howe, W.  
 Jackson, W. C.  
 Jones, A. M.  
 Kendall, H. L.  
 Kerr, E. R.  
 La Fontaine, C. G.  
 (DNR)  
 Leahy, W. J. (DI)  
 Leighton, H.  
 Lorenze, A. (DNR)  
 Luth, A. V.  
 Matthews, C. H.  
 (POW)  
 Matthews, E. L. (DR)  
 Melbourne, A. (DR)  
 Montgomery, H. K.  
 (POW)  
 Morgan, P.  
 Murn, F. H.  
 Murnane, J. L.  
 McGrath, J. L.  
 McPherson, D. (DR)  
 Nohm, J. (DR)  
 Oakes, G. O. H.  
 O'Connell, W.  
 O'Rufferty, R. (DR)  
 O'Sullivan, G. K.  
 Parfitt, R. F.  
 Peart, N. H. (DR)  
 Power, H. J.  
 Pumpa, H. J. (DNR)

Regan, J. A. (DNR)  
 Ring, R. C.  
 Roche, A. L. (DNR)  
 Rowan, H. D. (DR)  
 Ryan, J. G. F. (DNR)  
 Ryman, V.  
 Salmon, S. A.  
 Sewell, L. (DR)  
 Simmons, M. L.  
 Spurr, L. G. (DR)  
 Thomson, J. (DNR)  
 Tiller, P. J.  
 Townsend, J.  
 Turner, N. A. (DR)  
 Upward, H. W. (DR)  
 Waldron, W. A. (DNR)  
 Webster, R. E.  
 Wentworth, J. T.  
 White, F. A. (DR)  
 Woodall, R. J. (DNR)  
**Rubicon**  
 Le Brun, E. H. (DR)  
 Lowerson, A. G.  
 Lowerson, R.  
 Mahoney, G. H.  
 Payne, L. N.  
**Ballarat**  
 Joiner, F. H.  
 McGregor, H. D.  
 Myers, J.  
 Warrilow, A.  
**Geelong**  
 Chambers, S. A.  
 Chapman, J. L.

Elliott, L. R.  
 Field, H. G.  
 Hayes, W. E.  
 Holman, B. H.  
 Tipple, W. L. E.  
 Wiffen, A. G.  
**Electricity Supply  
 Metro Area**  
 Adams, R. G. (M)  
 Alexander, H. W.  
 Alexander, S. W.  
 Allan, R. W.  
 Anderson, J. A.  
 Andrews, C. S. H.  
 (DR)  
 Ansaldo, J. F. (DW)  
 Ansell, J. R.  
 Archibald, H. L.  
 Austen, A. W.  
 Austen, C. E.  
 Avery, G. B.  
 Badrock, K. T.  
 Bailey, A. H.  
 Banks, J. C.  
 Barnard, R. A.  
 Batey, W. J.  
 Bath, G. W. (DR)  
 Batterham, B. D.  
 Beech, S. T. (DR)  
 Bellion, A. G. L.  
 Bennett, G. J. (DR)  
 Benton, G.  
 Beveridge, E. A.  
 Birmingham, C.

Symbols:

(M)	Missing
(DNR)	Discharged, did not resume duty with the Commission
(DRI)	Discharged, resume, and subsequently left the service
Commission's	
(DR)	Discharged, resumed duty with the Commission
(DI)	Died of Illness
	(DW) Died Of wounds
(POW)	Prisoner Of War
(K)	Killed In Action
(AD)	Accidently drowned
(AK)	Accidently killed



*GENEALOGICAL PERPLEXITIES*

A correspondent of the 'Drawer' is involved in domestic perplexities. He writes: I got acquainted with a young widow, who lived with her stepdaughter in the same house. I married. My father fell, shortly afterwards, in love with the stepdaughter of my wife, and married her.

My wife became the mother-in-law and also the daughter-in-law of my own father; my wife's stepdaughter is my step-mother, and I am the step-father of my mother-in-law. My step-mother, who is the step-daughter of my wife, has a boy; he is naturally my step-brother, because he is the son of my father and of my step-mother; but because he is the son of my wife's stepdaughter, so is my wife the grandmother of the little boy, and I am the grandfather of my step-brother.

My wife has also a little boy; my step-mother is consequently the step-sister of my boy, and is also his grandmother because he is the child of her step-son, and my father is the brother-in-law of my son.

I am the brother of my own son, who is the son of my step-mother, my wife is the aunt of her own son, my son is the grandson of my father, and I am my own grandfather.

Miners Standard 04 Dec 1902

A Sydney man has just been divorced from his wife, or his wife has just been divorced from him, the chief grievance against his wife being that she made a pet of a possum, and took it to bed with her. The Sydneyite is being very unreasonable.

Now he might have objected under the circumstances if his wife had made a pet of a porcupine.

source unknown 08 Apr 1902

Madam Frescobaldi, born in Florence in 1570, had 52 children.

David Wilson, born in Indiana in 1850, had 47 children.

Mr Greenhill, born in Abbots Langely, had 89 children.

Rev. Dr. Irskine, born in Scotland in 1760, had 38 children.

Madame Frescobaldi had usually three children at a birth.

Fedor Vassileff, of Moscow, had 83 children living, when pensioned by the Czar. He had 69 children by his first wife and 27 births, and after her death he had 18 more by his second wife in 8 births

Lucas Suez returned to Spain in June 1883, from the United States, with 37 children, 79 grandchildren, and 81 great-grandchildren - in all 107 males and 90 females, his eldest son being aged 70.

source unknown 10 Dec 1901

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

**CAMPBELL, William.** born 1822 in Glasgow, Scotland to William Campbell and Jane Gill Burne. William was married in 1864 to Margaret Pinkerton. Lived in the Toongabbie area for the birth of their children until 1872. Margaret Campbell's death was registered in 1920 aged 90 years at Heyfield. Looking for death or burial details of William.  
(Ian H, Jennings, PO Box 75, Wendouree, Vic 3355)

**McCormack, Angus.** son of Dugald McCormack and Ann McVickers, selectors at Donald. Angus opened a Blacksmith shop in Donald in 1884. At some time, he moved to Traralgon, where he died in 1939.  
(Mrs Alison Gilevski, 23 Hannah Cres, Dysart, QLD 4745)

**Halliday, George,** son of John Travis Halliday and Margaret (nee Watt). Emigrated from Scotland to Ballarat. Dairyfarmer in Gippsland around 1911. (Olga Newton, 199 The Esplanade, Mt Pleasant, WA 6153)

**Diver, Jabez.** married to Emily Sarah Moore. Died at Childers in 1879. Looking for descendants. (Judy Steele, 10 Cochran Ave, Cambervell 3124)

**Morton, Mrs Hazel.** someone from the Morwell area was helping this lady research the family of William Pitt who arrived in Port Melbourne around 1853. Mrs Morton's daughter would like to contact this person.  
(Dorothy Coullton, 18 Cameron St., Wonthaggi 3955)

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### NSW BDM TRANSCRIPTIONS

Members are advised that a new service offered by Transcription Agents to provide a transcription service for NSW births, deaths, and marriages. The agents are able to provide all the information from the Registrars in a format other than the certified copies currently provided, and at a cheaper cost. Some order forms (a golden orange colour) detailing fees and records available are in the Library

# Society documents local cemetery history

THE Mid-Gippsland History Society recently handed over a copy of a two volume book entitled *Traralgon Public Cemetery 1872-1994* to the Traralgon Cemetery Trust.

The books transcribe the cemetery's headstones and plaques and provide a detailed map to each section of the cemetery.

The Traralgon cemetery has operated in its present location since 1872, however the cemetery's records were accidentally destroyed by a fire in 1957.

Local historian John Davidson suggested the first burial at the cemetery was of John Salmon, an engineer who died from asphyxia after falling into a drain near the Traralgon Homestead while under the influence of alcohol.

Mourners at the first funeral carried axes and literally cut a track through the trees and scrub to the cemetery, which took them hours.

Work on the book began three years ago, when members of the society visited the cemetery with paper, pen and chalk over several weekends.

Each person was allocated a section of the cemetery and they

wrote down the exact words engraved on each headstone.

Headstones in other community language were translated by people from those communities.

The book is part of a series on Mid-Gippsland cemeteries, which have been produced by the Mid-Gippsland Family History Society.

Records from Childers, Trafalgar and Willow Grove cemeteries are already available.

The society will be publishing further records from Traralgon as well as from the Moe and Morwell cemeteries over the next 12 months.

The society believes *Traralgon Public Cemetery 1872-1994* will be an invaluable source of information for local historians.

They hope it will also be widely used nation-wide and internationally by family historians.

The book, which will be available for \$40 (\$35 for Traralgon Historical Society members) can be ordered with payment by writing to the Mid-Gippsland Family History Society, PO Box 767, Morwell.

The volumes will also be available on microfiche soon. For more details contact Eddie Tunn on 26 1085.

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