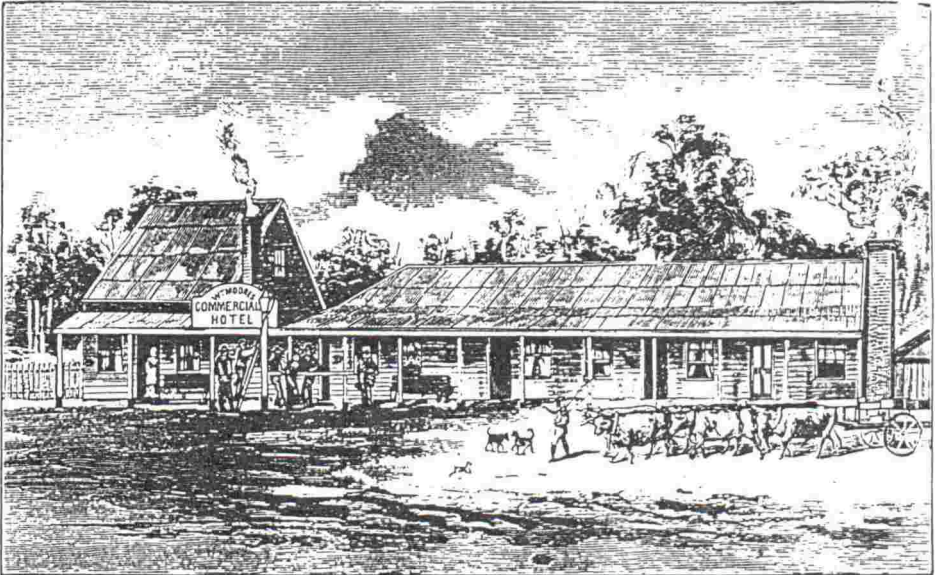


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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear of the Moe Library, Kirk St, Moe. Our Library will open at 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

Fees 97/98: Membership Single \$16; Family \$22
Library: gold coin donation per visit for non-members

There is a research fee of \$10 plus SAE 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.

MEETING MATTERS

JANUARY

January's meeting kicked off with a small number of members and a larger number of flies picnicking and barbecuing at the Botanical Gardens. By time

the meeting started the numbers had increased but it was still a fairly quiet meeting with little to report from over the Christmas-New Year break.

Elaine reported on the December Combined History Group meeting which she attended. Eddie urged members to share, via our newsletter, any good but maybe not so obvious sources that we find (see his article in this issue). Florence had her usual interesting snippets from here and there including information on National Photos who will develop your photographic film as normal and for an extra \$5.95 they will also develop it onto computer disc. For more details contact National Photos, free call 1800 074237, e-mail help@national-photos.com.au or their web home page www.national-photos.com.au She also suggested that we keep our eyes and ears open for more on First Families 2001. I took her advice and have included some information on the project later on in this newsletter. If you use Reunion see Florence as she had some news on that as well.

We also learnt that Maxi, an electronic service delivery network, is now available at Traralgon Plaza. Maxi links you directly to government offices including the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Irene informed us that her mum is a cousin of the fellow who turned 107 and Bob reported that he had a good response from the Australian Archives in Canberra after e-mailing them regarding a naturalisation.

That's all folks.

P.S More on Maxi: I've checked the kiosk out and it wasn't working! I then checked the phone number out and learnt that you can purchase the B.D.M. indexes through the 'kiosk' and on the internet. Actual certificates can only be purchased through the internet at this stage but in the future you will be able to do this at the kiosk or over the phone. If you fax 190 224 0550 application forms for B.D.Ms can be faxed straight back to you. You can access Maxi by phone on 132723, the internet at www.maxi.com.au or the kiosk in Traralgon Plaza (at the bottom of the escalators) 24 hours a day seven days a week.

COVER Moore's Commercial Hotel, Toongabbie copied from *Gippsland Heritage Journal No. 21*. The original engraving is in the *New Tourists' Guide and Victorian View Album*, published in 1889 by Cooke, Durre & Co. The guide contains an assortment of information ranging from the menus available from railway station refreshment rooms to the history of Victoria. There are entries on all Victorian towns and these are dispersed with illustrations, advertisements and full page features that profile a local business or proprietor, you never know one of your ancestors may be featured! The Centre For Gippsland Studies and the Traralgon Historical Society hold copies.

The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc. is now operating from its modern, light and more spacious premises:

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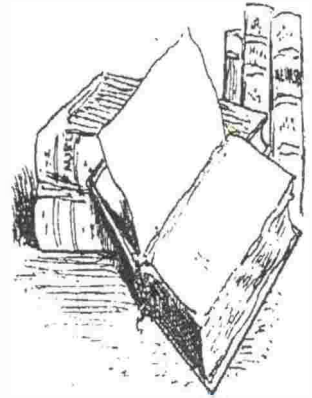
10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m. Friday

12.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. Saturday.

A NEW BOOK FOR OUR LIBRARY

The Settlement of Gippsland A Regional History by Patrick Morgan



By the time Gippsland was penetrated by explorers a large portion of European history in Australia had already gone. Large areas of land were taken up by squatters, so few towns were established. Entry to Gippsland was from the north via Omeo, or south via Port Albert. Much later the main east west route was opened. Few early buildings remain because they were built of timber, no local stone being available as in the Western District.

This book traces the story of the local aborigines, the opening of the land for grazing and the establishment of towns. Many aboriginal names are used today for town names - Warragul, Yinnar, etc., and many streets within those towns commemorate the families of those early settlers - Pearson Street in Sale, Cunningham Arm at the Lakes, Johnson Street in Maffra.

The Gippsland story is told right up to the present time when Latrobe Valley coal and power assets are being sold off.

submitted by Elaine Johnson

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

While pursuing my family history research I often come across new or different areas of information and often wonder if what I am looking at would be of interest to other people. So, through the medium of the M.G.F.H. group newsletter I would like to mention a few of my recent finds.

In March 1921 the then Director for Education in the State of Victoria Frank Tate wrote a forward for a most interesting book called The Education Department's Record of War Service.

The subject covers the first world war and consists of 304 pages of invaluable information for those people researching that period who have ancestors who were employed by the Education Department.

Page 15 lists, in alphabetical order, the 750 men and 2 women who enlisted in the 14/18 war. It also gives the number and name of the last school they were connected with before joining up.

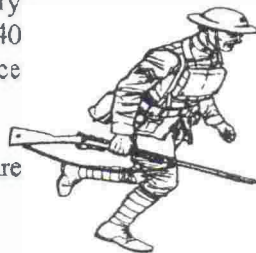
Pages 27 to 101 list all the men who were killed, it also includes a photo of each person and, an account of their life. Pages 107 to 196 gives an account of those who returned though this section does not have as many photos as the previous section. Page 197 shows the honors and decorations awarded to employees of the Education Department.

Family history buffs who feel they have little or no connection with the Education Department should not be put off: for, on page 198 there is a heading 'Men Who Volunteered and were Rejected' and again on pages 102 to 104 there is a section headed, 'Inspectors, Teachers, and other Departmental Officers Whose Sons or Brothers Died in Service'.

So you see there is a vast amount of information for the family history researcher to pour over.

As the book was published in 1921 it does not have an ISBN reference. My copy was picked up at an antique shop on pier at Williamstown and, having seen it I just had to buy it. However, as it is obviously an ex library copy it still has a mark on it showing the number 940 above the letter A, so this may give some clue to its place in the library system.

Again may I recommend this book to all those who are researching in this particular time and place.



Submitted by Edward M. Tunn

FIRST FAMILIES 2001

First Families 2001 is an initiative of the State Library of Victoria and is a database about the people of Australia, past and present. It will be completed by 2001 in time to celebrate 100 years of Federation. It is accessible to everyone through the internet and everyone can contribute. You don't have to have a computer. Information will be gathered on the earliest members of a family known to have lived in Australia. It will also become a directory of their descendants allowing people to accept and exchange information.

If you wish to contribute details of your first families you need to collect information and enter it into the database. There are two ways to do this:

- Directly, via the internet at home or at the local library.
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~family>
- If you prefer to or do not have access to the internet you can photocopy and fill in a data entry form for each first family you have and send it to:

First Families 2001 at the State Library of Victoria
328 Swanston Street
Melbourne 3000

Volunteers will then enter your information into the database.

For more information, examples, answers to tricky questions, data entry forms and a list of resources including website addresses for research see FIRST FAMILIES 2001 The Essential Guide. I'll make sure there is one in our library. You can also find out more through: Email: family@vicnet.net.au

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~family>

Phone: Genealogy Centre 9669 9080

article by Robyn Byrne.

Reference- *FIRST FAMILIES 2001 The Essential Guide.*

We can also commemorate our first relative to come to Victoria at the new Immigration Museum. For a \$100.00 registration fee your ancestors name, along with that of thousands of other immigrants, will feature on polished granite, over which water will flow, representing the passage over oceans to Victoria's shore. This will be in the museum's Tribute Garden. Registration forms need to be in by May 31st. Phone the Immigration Museum on 9927 2727

NEWSLETTER NOTES



In the December newsletter from the Bass Coast group - a list of **Burials in Hobart Town 1824-1825**.

The December issue of *Traceback* (Sunbury) has an article on researching **British Ancestors in India**.

December's *Link* (Ballarat) has **Extracts from 'Chief Inspectors Reports' Names of miners killed in Ballarat District between 1874 and 1884**.

The Mt Isa F.H.S has printed the **electoral lists for the District of Flinders Mt Isa Division-1925 and District for Mitchell 1892** in their newsletter. A member from this group attended the 3rd Irish Genealogical Congress and handouts he received there, covering many aspects of **Irish research**, are printed in the newsletter also.

Crossing Place December (Casino & District) continues the list of **employees at Woorooloolgen, Richmond River**.

Roses & Thorns (Benalla & District) informed me that at one of their meetings they discussed my query as to how to type £ on the computer and in their December issue they tell us how to type è, ü, ø, and the symbols for male, female, half and quarter. The latter ones didn't work for me, using Microsoft Word.

I found the following internet address, for **Canadian researchers**, in the *Port Fairy Genealogical News*, Dec.1997 - Jan. 1998

<http://www.islandnet.com/~iveinot/cghl.html>

It may be worth checking this is correct as I had trouble reading my own writing. In the same newsletter is the beginning of a **Local Cemeteries Series** and a list of **Teachers of St Patricks School Belfast 1849-1913**. The **Gloucestershire Directory for 1830** and **Voters in Galway 1832-37** are continued.

The following is the internet address for the **N.S.W Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages** as printed in *Genealogist* Dec. 1997.

<http://www.agd.nsw.gov.au/bdm/>

This doesn't give you the indexes but tells you all you need to know about obtaining records along with other background information.



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