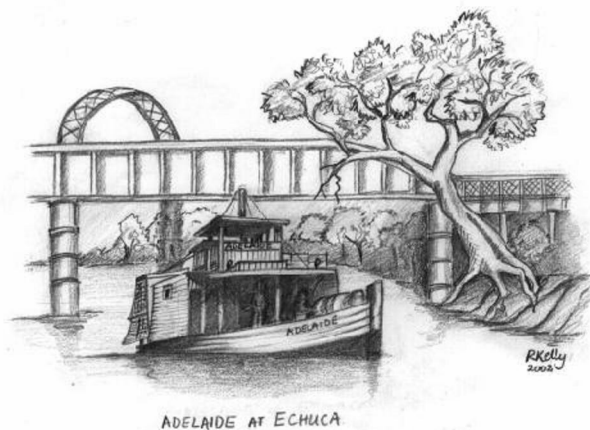


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Meetings held in the Community Health Centre, Martin Street, Moama, on the third Thursday at 7.30 pm from September to April, and the third Saturday at 1.30 pm from May to August. No meetings December or January.

The **Research Room** is open and manned every Monday from 11.00am-3.00pm, and the first and third Friday of each month from 11.00am-3.00pm

At other times contact Pearl Collins for information.

Program of forthcoming Speakers

20th March - Ros Harris on Family History Scrap Booking

17th April - Sylvia Wright from State Trustees of Victoria

17th May - John Sigley from Numurkah Historical Society

Despite the fact that some of the packets go missing, the Meeting has decided to continue to circulate the Newsletter packs around interested members. If you find you have an over due pack, please either pass it on ASAP, or leave it in the Room. Please **do not** just leave packs on members door-steps without contacting them first. Sometimes they are out of town!

The Editors welcomes articles, notes, queries, book reviews, comments and any items of interest. Contributions to Bridges & Branches are accepted in good faith but the Echuca-Moama Family History Group Inc or the Editors, do not accept responsibility for the accuracy of information nor for the opinions expressed.

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President's Report

Welcome to 2008 and to another exciting year of family history research

It is now two months into the year and the research rooms have been a hive of activity, particularly in the Christmas break when there was a steady stream of inquiries from visitors to the area. The committee has been busy over the Christmas break holding two meetings, addressing the correspondence and planning events for the coming year. We have been holding our meetings in the 'long room' of the Murray Hotel where we are currently located, and with the aid of a good fan we have found the air conditioning reasonable. I am sure that previous residents of the hotel in the 1890's would have appreciated a good fan.

We have had a response to our application to the NSW Clubs for the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) Funding from the Murray Shire, as one of the clubs passed on the application to the shire. There is still an opportunity to continue with the application, but the CDSE Committee has determined priority areas, and we have to further research to see if we fit into those priority areas. The committee will consider these priority areas and report back to a general meeting.

In other news over the long break the committee sent Australia Day Nominations to Campaspe Shire and to Murray Shire. Betty Harrison was nominated in Campaspe Shire for her extensive contribution to our family history group since its inception in 1980. Our other nominee for the Murray Shire was Pearl Collins, who has been a member since 1981 and also made an extensive contribution to our family history in her roles as a teacher and research officer for our group. While our candidates were not successful on the day, the committee hopes that both Betty and Pearl understand how highly we value their contributions to preserving family history in the district, and their long standing membership of our group. Murray Shire acknowledged all the nominations for the award and invited all nominees to the Australia Day celebrations, but unfortunately Campaspe Shire did not have the same approach of acknowledging all nominees.

Our Librarian Lorraine Johnson has been particularly busy over the last few months, as we have had an enormous number of donations of books to our library, apart from the books we have purchased. Lorraine tells me that we have had 205 books come into the library since June 2007, so she has had a baptism of fire as our new librarian, spending many hours preparing the books for the shelves, and also finding new shelves too. She also had time to organize a very successful Christmas Raffle too. Great Work Lorraine!

We must thank Marilyn Wicking has also toiled for many hours putting together a consolidated base of the group's resources to be called The Wicking Index. This has been a tremendous amount of work and Marilyn has been able to draw on her skills as a trained librarian to create the data base. She may have finished the current resources when we go to print. There is a list of the resources in the data base near Computer 1 and the data base is installed on that computer. This will be an ongoing task. We must also thank John Howe for putting out a very informative email newsletter in February for those of us on line.

Family history workshops will be starting next month and many of the topics will be how to use the resources in our rooms. Members can make suggestions for topics. They will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Happy and productive researching in 2008. *Judy McCleary*

Melbourne Tram and Omnibus Company Information from the Lockington Community News

A tram which was donated by Bon Williams of Lockington is being restored by local Bernie Crumpler. In the Lockington Community News some interesting details tell us of a bit of the Tramway history of Melbourne. It runs like this: After several moves from its original surroundings the tram was moved from Bon's back yard to the Lockington Heritage complex.

A matter of discussion is what colour to paint the tram. In the 1870's the Melbourne Tramways Trust was set up as the construction authority for the tracks and the Melbourne Tram and Omnibus Company (MTO) as the trams operators. By 1920 however, all companies were amalgamated under the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (M&MTB) and in 1923-4 all trams were painted brown and cream with respective contrasting pinstriping and with M&MTB painted in large letters on the lower sides, which were found on Bon's tram after careful sanding. In 1885 twenty tramsets – dummies and trailers were imported from New York to start on the Richmond line, which was the first line ready. Assuming chronological numbering, Bon's tram at number 214, was from the later era when they were manufactured by the MTO workshops in Nicholson St North Fitzroy. By 1891 there were 350 tramsets which puts Bon's tram as manufactured in the late 1880's. Another pointer to this era is the MTO Co. in bold lettering on some of the castings. Certainly there has been no change to the numbering of the tram. almost every piece that Bernie has pulled off, whether brass or wood is stamped

with the number 214 on the back. The peak use of cable trams was 1923 there being 592 tramsets in use at the time – which is a surprising number. Melbourne's population at the turn of the century was about 500,000 people.

Prior to the standard colouring of the M&MTB each route had its specific colour that was painted on the upper bulkheads and the platform aprons at each end. Scraping of paint layers under the verandahs (where there has been protection from the weather) shows the bottom layer of paint as red. This was the colour for four routes: Brunswick, Victoria Bridge, Prahran-Johnson Street and Northcote. There is no evidence of red, however on the timberwork over the windows, which is where it also should have been. The other route colours were blue, green, brown, yellow and white. Red blue or green would have been relatively easy to pick but the others could easily disappear into the weathering of the timber. It would be nice to paint the tram in its original livery but without some definite evidence of its history we will have to paint it in the 1923-4 colours of M&MTB. The MTO era trams were brightly coloured with suburb and street destinations written on all sides and coloured route identification light on each end. One of the cable trams at Bylands that Bernie saw, had a known history and although painted in M&MTB colours when donated to the museum, was restored to its original livery.

Bernie enquired about the early Melbourne history of tram 214 but met 'can't help you' response. However Colin Ayres of Bendigo Tramways was

particularly helpful.

He said if you have a tram, then you must have a set of wheels and not only did he find wheels, but a full set of axles, springs and fittings and a pair of missing platform ends all for scrap price, a tidy sum!

The tram will have to put up with having four wheel arches in the tram but that will not be a problem since the wheel arches were under the seats which went the full

length of each side but not as suitable to the intended layout of tables and chairs.

The next project is the ceiling.

Pearl Collins

P.S An interesting several hours can be spent at the Lockington Heritage complex west of Echuca as can be at Bylands Tram museum on the way to Melbourne. Did your relative drive the Cable trams of Melbourne?

<p style="text-align: center;">Australia Day Award nomination Campaspe Shire Betty Harrison</p>

Betty Harrison has lived all her life in the Campaspe Shire. She was a foundation member of the Echuca Moama Family History Group Inc then known as the Echuca Genealogical Society when members of the community joined together to preserve and assist members in the pursuit of material relating to their family history. This fledgling Group commenced in June 1980 and during this time Betty has been an executive office bearer and encouraged members at all levels of their endeavour.

Her two most valuable contributions have been that of preserving public and known records within the Shire and assisting members and visitors alike of events and persons and places within the Shire.

She has made available records of marriages published in various newspapers in the Terrick / Lockington / Tennyson area in the 1930's and 1940's. She collected all the Debutante Ball details for 20 years relating to the St Andrews Church Echuca.

She indexed details of marriages in the late

1800's and early 1900 of marriages at St Andrews Church. Betty continues to preserve important details by cutting out significant details from various newspapers and pastes them onto a card system so that those wishing to research details of their ancestors and relatives have a huge information base in which to look.

Members of the Echuca Moama Family History Group Inc appreciate her helpful support in general knowledge about where to look for their particular family as well as providing the historical setting of the early days. Communities are indeed fortunate to have persons such as Betty who assist in preserving dwindling records of their town's history.

In the recent past Betty experienced a life threatening illness. We are grateful that she has recovered and in doing so, showed the same resolve and tenacity as she has to all of her family research.

We believe Betty is a person worthy of recognition in the preservation of Echuca's significant history and her willingness to share her general information.

Echuca Moama, as seen by a visitor
(Adapted from an undated "Bendigo Advertiser" cutting 1905c)

Echuca is situated at a bend on the Murray, and lies between the mouths of the Goulburn and of the Campaspe, which are not more than eight miles apart. Echuca is the nearest point along the Murray to Victoria's greatest seaport; thus, all the goods brought by barge and steamers from the Darling, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee, and higher up the Murray are brought to Echuca and taken thence by rail to the metropolis or to the ports of Hobson's Bay. Although Echuca is older than many towns of larger size, yet from its position it must in time be a great city; its growth will not be rapid, but will be steady and sure. Even at present Echuca is a thriving town of about 5000 inhabitants; brisk business is noticeable everywhere, large cattle, sheep and horse sales are regularly held, flour and other mills are very busy turning out their products for home and local consumption.

Opposite Echuca on the NSW bank of the river is the small town of Moama. Moama seems to owe its independent existence to pre-federation days - the inter state duties accounted for the presence of contiguous towns - but it is now apparently being absorbed by its busier and larger neighbour. Since the removal of interstate duties, the trade naturally drifts from the smaller to the larger adjoining towns, and thus Echuca and many other thriving towns on the skirts of the States, which had a good start, materially benefited by the union of the States. That it is on the main stock route from New South Wales and Queensland is evidenced by the large boards giving instructions to drovers as to what streets to follow to get on the different stock routes.

Moama is connected with Deniliquin by a railway, the passenger accommodation of which is by no means of the best, and the

fare (second-class) for the single journey of 40 miles is nine shillings. This line is in the hands of a private company. Although our Victorian State-owned lines have faults, yet any trip on this privately-owned line soon convinces one of the benefits of State ownership.

Connecting Moama and Echuca is a long iron bridge, including approaches the total length is more than three-quarters of a mile. It is divided into two tracks, one for pedestrians, the other for vehicles and the trains from the 'Deniliquin and Moama' railway. When trains are crossing vehicles are for a time stopped.

The town of Echuca is built on very flat land. It has many fine buildings, particularly some splendid churches. The streets are freely planted with trees. Most of the newer buildings are being erected in the south end of the town, as in the north end is the Victorian Sanatorium, a convalescent home for those in the early stages of consumption. The sanatorium is a small villa, but on vacant land adjoining it are erected house-tents, in which many of the patients sleep. These tents are left open night and day, so that the patient is always practically in the open air. In the grounds are several sun-houses, in which patents can bask in the warm sunshine, being at the same time sheltered from any cold winds.

Thriving industries are carried on in the town. Flour milling occupies a prominent place, and the saw-mills, on the bank of the river, turn out vast quantities of red gum for street paving, and for building. No timber is wasted; the rough and crooked parts of the logs are cut into three feet lengths, and sold for firewood.

Do I detect a wee tad of interstate bias? SD

The Shaw Family of Echuca.

John Francis Shaw was born 18th Dec 1881 in Echuca, the eldest son of Frank Shaw (1852 – 1934) and Louisa Dix (1862 – 1940). He died 1st Jan 1942 and is buried in Echuca.

He married in 1907 Annie Maud Rofe who was born 1882 in Echuca, the 7th child of John Rofe (1839 – 1916) and Mary Ann Brady (1848 – 1934). * Annie died in Camberwell on 25th Jan 1973 and is buried with her husband in Echuca.

Our Ladies' Column. By "Pansy"

At Christ Church, Echuca, on Monday last a wedding took place which, if not of an ostentatious nature, was of no little interest to a large proportion of Echuca people, the contracting parties being Mr Frank Shaw, eldest son of Mr F. Shaw, and Miss Annie Rofe, youngest daughter of Mr J. Rofe. Weddings are always items of interest, but this event had a special feature of regard for all who knew the happy couple, inasmuch that both bride and bridegroom had been reared in the town, and their many friends who had watched their advancement in life since the days when they went to school, could not but wish them "good Luck" on their marriage day. And had not their modest disposition forbidden a display, the wedding would certainly not have passed off so quietly as it did, for their social connection in the district would have hailed the opportunity to help them celebrate their union in a right royal manner, and I am told that had the bridegroom consented he would have had the inspiring accompaniment of the Federal Brass Band to help him bear up in the trying moment. But the ceremony, which took place at 1.30p.m., was witnessed by a good number of friends. The Rev. H.B. Hewett was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a travelling dress of navy blue taffetas, Eton coat and skirt, white silk blouse; white felt hat, trimmed with chiffon and ribbon. The bridesmaids were Miss Bertha Brown, of Kanyapella, and Miss Ethel Shaw (sister of the bridegroom). The former was daintily dressed in cream muslin, pink picture hat; the latter in cream voile with hat en suite. Mr Albert Manger acted as bestman and Mr Bert Rofe as groomsman. After the wedding ceremony the party was driven to the residence of the bride's parents, where a light breakfast was prepared, and afterwards the company proceeded to the railway station, where the happy couple found that their friends had burdened their pockets with large supplies of rice and confetti for the purpose of wishing them good-bye in the usual afflicting but good-natured manner on their departure for Ballarat, where the honeymoon was spent. The bridegroom's gift to bride was a gold muff chain; bride to bridegroom, gold sleeve links; bridegroom to bridesmaids, gold dagger brooches. the presents were numerous.

OBITUARY: Mr John Francis Shaw.

The death of Mr John Francis Shaw removes one who for many years was associated with the commercial and sporting activities of Echuca.

Born at Echuca on 18th December, 1881, the deceased was the eldest son of the late Francis and Louisa Shaw. He learned the trade of carpenter with the firm of McBride and Nicholls, hardware and timber merchants, and assisted with the construction of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In 1909 he commenced business on his own account, trading as J.F. Shaw and Co., and carried on until 1939. In his

younger days the late Mr Shaw was a prominent athlete and took part as a footrunner and cyclist in several local sports meetings. He had been a playing member of the old Echuca East Football Club, playing member and secretary of the Federal Band, and for more than 40 years was associated with the M.U.I.O.O.F. Lodge. He was also a member of the Millewa Masonic Lodge for 30 years. During his long association with the town and its activities, the late Mr Shaw made many sincere friends who will deeply regret his passing at the comparatively early age of 60 years. He is survived by his widow, and three daughters. Amy (Mrs W. Timlin), Dorothy and Winifred. Surviving members of his family are one sister, Ethel (Mrs H.O. Lewis, Echuca) and three brothers, Ernest (Brunswick), Charles (Parkdale) and Leslie (Glen Iris).

The funeral took place yesterday, the cortege moving from the residence to the Echuca Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest in the presence of relatives and many friends. The casket was borne to the grave by Messrs A. Neale, B. Holmfield, W.H. Dowling, K. Muller, Max Carter and R. Norris, the pallbearers being Messrs G.

G. Templeman, F.H. Johns, F. Lockwood, H.O. Lewis, H.W. Hayes, and B. Rofe. The burial service was conducted by Rev Canon H.W.G. Nichols, whilst the Masonic service was read by Bro. G.H. Templeman and that of the M.U.I.O.O.F. by Bro. J. Norris, senior.

The funeral was arranged and conducted by W. McIntosh.

ADDENDUM:

*Annie lived in Camberwell for the last 10 years of her life where she was cared for by her daughter Winifred.

Amy Timlin nee Shaw died in Melbourne, October 1992 aged 84 years. She is survived by her son John Timlin.

Dorothy Turnbull nee Shaw died in Echuca, 25th December 1998 aged 81 years. No issue.

Winifred Harris nee Shaw lives at home in Hawthorn East (aged 89) with her husband Arthur Leslie Harris (aged 97). They are both cared for by their daughter Dorothy. Dorothy has two brothers John Francis Harris of Bendigo and David Arthur Harris of Box Hill.

Graeme & Helen Hutchinson

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Foundlings in London:

A report on a talk by Mary Ball who was a guest speaker at the February Meeting.

A foundling hospital was established in London in 1739 to address the serious problem of the enormous number of babies born to unmarried mothers. These babies were often killed and discarded on the dung hills in London. Many unmarried mothers were pushed out of households too, so Thomas Coram, who was a retired sea captain, encouraged a substantial number of important people among who were members of the royal family, earls, bankers and even the 18th century artist Hogarth, to meet to discuss the problem.

A house and lands were purchased and a foundling hospital was established. Large baskets were left at the front gates where the babies were left, and the mothers were encouraged to leave tokens on the baby, so

they, (the mothers) could identify them later if they wanted to reclaim them. These tokens were many and various ranging from badges, necklaces, poems, crucifixes etc. the hospital provided wet nurses and injections against smallpox in later times. All babies were christened in the Anglican faith. Eventually the Foundling hospital became the Thomas Coram Foundation. The foundation was still operating in the 1950's when Mary Ball worked there as a nurse, but now it is a museum with remarkable records. Many of the foundlings grew up to live very productive and happy lives and some became quite famous.

Judy McCleary

Wamboota

(from the Riverine Herald pre 1894)

A temperance meeting in connection with the Band of Hope was held in the Bible Christian Church, Wamboota, on Tuesday evening last, the Rev. H.M.C. Fowler presiding. After praise and prayer, recitations were given by Misses M. Grimison, G. Grimison and K. Littlewood, and a solo by Miss E. Johnson, which were much applauded, followed by an address from Mr J. Denny, recitations from Mr F. Edwards, G. Grimison and the Chairman, succeeded by a solo from Miss S. McKindlay, "Home Rule for Ireland," which raised a good deal of enthusiasm and was encored. Recitations from Master R. Denny and B. Denny were followed by a solo from Mr Pratt which was encored. The Chairman and Mr Denny again impressed upon the audience the benefits of temperance, at the close of which several came forward and donned the blue.

The choir rendered some excellent pieces during the evening, the organ being presided over by Miss A. Leitch. Out of a full house only three or four left unpledged. If the people were everywhere like they are in this neighbourhood the liquor question would soon be decided.

This is just a small example of the wealth of information about our families, the districts where they lived and the attitudes of the times, which was published in the Riverine Herald. The Echuca based newspaper commenced in 1863. The EMFHG now hold copies of the paper up to 1980, and our major fund raising project, is to purchase a somewhat more efficient reader than we now possess, to give us easier access to this wonderful source of information. SD

Research hints using the Internet

This amazingly useful tip was found on the Kent Archaeology Website:

"GOOGLE, (see <http://www.google.com>) has a SEARCH option which is not commonly known. Here is how it works... Let's say I was searching for the surname JOHNSON. So, I type in the following in the Google Search window slot (not the Internet Explorer address slot):-

/Research/Libr/MIs/ johnson site:<http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk>

It is vital that a space is left before the letter j in johnson and after the last letter n. I am then presented with 22 references to JOHNSONs in the MIs, all nicely high-lighted. A click on the link, in blue and underlined, for any entry will take you straight to the list of Memorial Inscriptions (MIs) on this website.

The same can apply to a placename or occupation etc, such as WIGHT (for Isle of Wight) thus:- /Research/Libr/MIs/ wight site:<http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk>

I then am presented with several references to Wight in the MIs. Any subsequent search for a different place name or surname will result in Google being be very helpful and when you type the first '/' forward slash, a window will drop down displaying the previous searches you carried out. Just click on the first entry and then it only requires that the 'name' be changed. It's very easy and very quick. To remove an entry on the dropdown list, just highlight and press delete. One point to remember is that when a new list of MIs from a Churchyard is added to the list, it may take up to four weeks for Google to find it, so check the Updated 17-05-2007 section for recent additions." (from <http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/Libr/MIs/MIsSearch.htm>)

Further to the above I tried this using other search engines (www.ask.com and www.dogpile.com and it worked with them also)

I also found that to search any website such as our groups website for the name HOWE, I entered the following: / howe site:<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~emhist> this resulted in 13 references to HOWE on both Google and Dogpile.

Births, Marriages and Deaths Indexes for England & Wales Free Online at The National Archives

The National Archives UK has recently publicised the fact that, in response to growing demand, it has agreed free onsite internet access to the births, deaths and marriages indexes, through findmypast.com, the UK family history website. For more information visit

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/180.htm?news=rss

(from Kent Family History Society members mailing list)

John Howe

Vale

Smokey Dawson one of Australia's treasures. In 1944 he married an Echuca girl Florence Cheers known as Dot. Smokey was 96 and Dot is now 101

Members research surnames

Armour, Frawley, Hattwell, Maher, Phyland, Williams **1232**
Cox, Mitchell, Stewart, Turner **1233**
Griffiths ex Korong Vale, Cornish, Grieves, Holden, King **1247**
Bott, Cussen, Matthews, Parr, Teasdale **1248**
Austin, Bateman, Budgeon, Donat/t, Garvie, Sheldon Spall **1249**
Collis, Crumpler, Galbraith, Linskill, Stringer **1273**
Duggan, Jerome, Pousty, Unwin, **1274**
Adlard, Bryan, Burrows, Freeman, Gunter, Gunther, Harrison, Jarvis, Jones, Loriot,
Norbury, Nott, Rattray, Sawyer, Scott, Sibbly, Sibley, Willoughby **1275.**
Moore, Morrissey **1276**
Harrison, Jobling, Painter, Smith, Sutherland, Taylor **1283**
Belbin, Disher, Drowley, Hanslow, Hannaford, Horsburgh, Smith, Pearce **1289**
Bowley, Brinkworth, Burns, Debney, Edmeades, Fraser, Green, Halliday, Harvey, Hatherly,
Hayward, Herbert, Hindmarsh, Kent, McDonald, McDonnell, Morris, Neil, Newell,
Nowland, Pettit, Reid, Ring, Roach, Robertson, Rumsby, Siebert, Stanley, Tucker, **1293**
Gillham Alf, Foster **1307**
Bridle, Butterworth, Moss, Munro, Reid, Stark, Wegmann **1308**
Cerini, Ilesley Loft, Scott **1309**
Hickey, Remfrey **1311**
Colby, Evans, Ferguson, Forrest, Gapps, Hocking, McKechnie **1315**
Beavis, Daniel, Morgan **1316**
*To contact the member who has lodged these surnames, address your letter to Member
Number, c/- P.O.Box 707, Echuca 3564. Your letter will be forwarded on.*

Women in the War

Thankyou to the person who left 3 sheets of print outs about 3 Echuca women who travelled on the *RMS Somali* on 30th June 1917 and served overseas

1. Caroline Louise BECKER an Echuca girl was aged 31 a staff nurse, Church of England, single, enlisted on 18.6.1917. Her mother is given as next of kin Mrs G.B. Becker, Sutton Street Echuca East, Victoria. Her unit 'Nurses July 15-Nov 1918' No further information is given.

2. Olive Catherine Emma CAMPBELL also an Echuca girl also 31, a trained nurse, single, enlisted on 2.5.1917 and date of enlistment from nominal roll 28.5.1917. She was the daughter of W.G.G.

Campbell, Commercial Bank Echuca. Her unit was also 'Nurses' and the dates as above. Her rank from the Nominal Roll was Staff Nurse and unit from Nominal Roll was Australian Army Nursing Service. She returned to Australia on 22.7.1918

3. Fanny Isabella NICOL was 30yrs a Nurse from Rochester single Presbyterian and enlisted on 11.7.1917. Her father was J. Nicol, Tower Farm, Rochester. Her rank on enlistment was Staff Nurse. Her unit was the same as her two colleagues. She returned to Australia on 1.4.1919

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Pearl Collins (filed under War)

Australia Day Award nomination Murray Shire, Pearl Collins

Pearl Collins has lived most of her life in the local Murray River environment. She has been a member of the Echuca Moama Family History Group Inc since 1981. This group was then known as the Echuca Genealogical Society. Its aim was not only to assist its members and the public in the pursuit of material relating to their family history, but to gather resources about local families and house them in one location. This Group was incorporated in 1991 and in 1996 its name was changed to Echuca Moama Family History Group Inc.

During her time in the Group Pearl has been an integral part of its development and consequently a driving force in preserving the pioneer history of local families in the Murray River area. Pearl is and has been an executive office bearer involving herself in all aspects of the group. She has conducted classes for beginners in genealogy for the last five years at the club rooms, taught at Adult Education classes, the local Community House, at Rushworth and in Shepparton. She is also the group's research officer and willingly gives her time to all members of the public who drop into the rooms, ring for help or contact the group through Bridges and Branches, the quarterly magazine. Pearl was co producer of the first edition of this magazine in 1988. It is now circulated through Victoria and across Australia four times a year.

Other valuable contributions that Pearl has made are the completion of a computerised index of names from war memorials in Echuca Moama and surrounding districts containing over 12,000 names, as well as the coordination of recording the monument memorials in the Echuca cemetery, (published on microfiche in 1999 with an index to the burial records). Another major ongoing project is the indexing of all books in the group's library. Pearl also takes cemetery walks that she helped prepare. There are many other research projects and indexes that Pearl has had a hand in during the last twenty seven years she has been a member of the group. For her services to the group she has been made a life member. This on going commitment to the welfare of the group is also evident in other aspects of her life as she is a member of Rostrum and is active in community service there.

Members of the Echuca Moama Family History Group Inc and also the public who have sought information appreciate Pearl's helpful support. Communities are indeed fortunate to have a person such as Pearl who has voluntarily given so much of her time, to assist in preserving dwindling records of the local areas history.

We believe Pearl is a person worthy of public recognition in the preservation of Echuca and Moama's significant history.

Workshops

As mentioned in the President's Report, the Group is starting to run a series of 'In Service Days' for all interested members.

The days will be held in the Research Room, between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Suggested Program:-
28th March, CD's mainly B.D.& M.; 11th April, Burial Index (England);
25th April, Closed Anzac Day; 9th May Wicking Database; 23rd May Shipping;
13th June Microfiche 27th June Microfilm; 11th July, Books;

Topic suggestions for future Workshops are welcome

An index to Pearl's collection of Funeral Sheets held in the Resource Room.

For more information contact the Research Officer. *To be continued.*

NB. A date which is followed by an * is the date of a memorial service not the date of death

DARGAN	John Alphonsus	23.09.1999	GIBSON	Beryl	14.11.1999*
DARGAN	Yvonne	16.01.2005	GILL	Eileen	14.11.1999*
DAVIES	Colin John	27.09.2002	GLASSON	Jean Margaret	12.03.2003
DAVINE	Raymond Francis	21.09.2006	GLENN	Adrienne Margaret	07.03.2003
DAVON	Lynette Joy	17.01.2007	GRACE	Arthur	14.11.1999*
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Wednesday 30th April

Leaving Tongala 8.00am, Echuca Railway Station 8.80am

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