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### ***CHRISTMAS BREAKUP GORMANDALE CEMETERY***

Members will be meeting at the above cemetery at 11am on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> November to transcribe the headstones and have lunch. As well as your lunch bring along some paper, pen and a clip board, your chairs and don't forget the bug spray. The cemetery is signposted.

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**Website:** <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs>

#### **Meetings:**

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each Month, except December, at the Meeting Room, entrance at the rear door of the Moe Library, Kirk Street Moe. Our Library will be open at 7pm with meetings commencing at approximately 7.30pm. Membership fees 2005/2006: Single \$25; Family \$30 payable in July.

#### **Library Hours:**

Our Library is open to the public on *Wednesday Afternoons between 1pm and 4pm*. Volunteers from our group are available to assist with research at this time. The Library is also available to members at all times that the Meeting room has not been booked by other organizations. (Check with the Public Library Staff) The library is available to members on the first Saturday of each month. Library Fees: Gold Coin donation per visit for non – members.

#### **Research:**

*There is a research fee, minimum of \$10 plus a stamped addressed envelope* for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

Please direct all enquires to The Secretary, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840 and mark the envelope "Research Enquiry".

#### **In This Issue:**

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Mid Gippsland Family History Society  
Would like to wish all our  
Members and Friends  
"A Very Happy Christmas  
And a Bright New Year"



#### MEMBERS INTERESTS

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BUCKLEY	1785-1850	YORKSHIRE	YKS	ENG
BUCKLEY	1785-1850	MOSSLEY	LAN	ENG
BROWN	1810-1890	FIFESHIRE	FIF	SCT
McEWAN	1815-1890	PERTHSHIRE	PER	SCT
RAWLINGS	1800-1850	KENT	KEN	ENG
SHEPPARD	1790-1860	TIDDINGTON	OXF	ENG
TIPPING	1790-1850	TIDDINGTON	OXF	ENG
SMITH	1790-1850	OXFORD	OXF	ENG
TAYLOR	1800-1870	MIDDLESEX	MDX	ENG
SALES/SAYLES	1810-1870	LONDON	LND	ENG
KAY	1800-1890		IRL	IRL
RAGAN	1800-1890		IRL	IRL



#### VICKI'S SITES WORTH SEEING

Norway-Heritage: Hands Across the Sea. Emigrant ship databases.

<http://www.norwayheritage.com/>

Minnesota's Historic Shipwrecks

<http://www.mnhs.org/places/nationalregister/shipwrecks/>

Hunting New England Shipwrecks

<http://www.wreckhunter.net/>

Canada. Shipwrecks of Nova Scotia

<http://nswrecks.net/>

Australia. Victorian Ships' Graveyard Wrecks

<http://www.vicshipwrecks.com/>

Western Australian Maritime Museum Shipwreck Database

<http://dbase.mm.wa.gov.au/Shipwrecks/shipwreck.php>

#### REMEMBER Keep collecting Pauls Milk Bottle Tops



#### Computers for Newbie's

Attaching a  
Family Tree Maker, (FTW)  
Genealogy report to an email  
using Windows

While you are in Family Tree  
Maker

Under REPORTS choose  
GENEALOGY report  
Under EDIT choose COPY  
Genealogy report. Then  
PASTE into WORD or the  
body of an email message

PASTE is under EDIT on the  
top menu bar on WORD

To SAVE your word file.  
While in Word; under FILE  
go to SAVE AS - At the top  
of the Save As box you will  
see SAVE IN, name your file  
and save it to My Documents

The FTW report (2005) will  
**NOT** paste into **note pad** or a  
**plain text** email.

On the e-mail message bar,  
that's the row that begins with  
SEND, you will see a box that  
when clicked shows what  
type of message you are  
sending. HTML or Rich Text  
or Plain Text. Choose HTML

To send the attachment  
Write your email, then go to  
INSERT (on the top menu  
bar) Click, then go down to  
file, click FILE. The INSERT  
FILE box will come up; the  
default should be My  
Documents, if not go to -  
Look In: (On the top of the  
Insert file box) Click on your  
saved file, it will now be blue;  
Click on Insert (on the bottom  
right hand of the box) and  
your file will now be  
inserted.

**Mid Gippsland Family History Society**  
**Writing Competition - 2007**

TOPIC	Essay /Article concerning family history	
RULES	Open to Financial Members of MGFHS <u>only</u>	
PRIZES	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$100 cash
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$50 book Voucher
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	To be announced, if more than 15 entries received

**DEADLINE**

**1st April 2007**

The Winner will be announced at May's Members meeting at which the Prizes will be presented.  
The winning submission will be included in May's newsletter.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**Essay/Article:** A 2 page word document which may include pictures or photos.

Use the title as your **HEADING**, and **NO AUTHOR'S NAME**.

The font 'TIMES NEW ROMAN' and a size of 10, 11 or 12 is recommended.

**Cover page:** This page is to have the **TITLE** of your article and your name and address

Send it to the Editor via email or post to the editor's address (on the front page of the newsletter)

If posting, please include a floppy or CD.

Those with out a computer may type or hand write – **PRINT** - your article.

Please send printed articles in to the editor by the 14<sup>th</sup> March to allow time for typing.

The computers in the meeting room are available for your use.

**JUDGES**

The judging will be carried out by members from another Gippsland, Family History Group



**VICKI'S FINDS on the NET**

Arresting Tale - By Frank Gill in York, Pennsylvania, USA

A few years ago I was chosen for the juror pool at the county courthouse in Pennsylvania. The defendant's counsel asked if any body knew or was related to any law-enforcement people.

I indicated that I knew someone in that field -- state trooper John "Gotcha"!

Well, the courtroom burst out in laughter, including the judge. Needless to say, I was dismissed as a juror.

Leisure and Hindrance - By Jill Warland in Canada

My husband's family has a Thankful DOOLITTLE who raised 10 children

Do little? Yeah, right.

By Wilbur Hanson Kalb

This is the actual headline from a newspaper in Ohio, the Columbus

Dispatch: "Lack of brains hinders research." That's so true!

From Rootsweb.



**VALE**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jeanette Rennie and her family, on the passing of her mother.

**Death of Father Egan  
Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1888**

**The Moe Register**

Feelings, of the deepest sorrow were expressed amongst all classes on Saturday when it became known that the Rev. T. J. Egan has died at the Presbytery, most unexpectedly, at half past 10 o'clock in the morning. On Friday, fortnight Father Egan was suddenly called to

Jeetho, some distance beyond Poowong. The long ride, over a wretched road proved too much of a test of his strength, and he was considerably exhausted afterwards. The rev. gentleman, however, attended to his duties as usual, and on Sunday week made the Journey to Yarragon and Trafalgar by trolley. He complained of feeling ill on the afternoon of that day, on his return, and took to his bed, which he never afterwards left. Drs., Nolan, Trumpy, and Wilmott, the later coming from Melbourne, were most unremitting in their attention, and did all that human aid could do. Father Egan, however, passed peacefully away a little after 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, the cause of death, it is said, was acute inflammation of the lungs, brought on by continual colds, at the early age of 43 years.

We learn that the deceased gentleman came to the colony about a quarter of a century ago, and was at first connected with the Wangaratta parish as assistant to Father Galew. Father Egan shortly afterwards succeeded Father Galen (sic) who died. Wangaratta, it may be mentioned, was one of the most extensive and most important parishes in the colony, and Father Egan was the youngest priest. He became, one of the most popular men in the North-East, and he was held in the highest esteem, by all classes. He was most amiable and generous to a fault, an enthusiastic athlete, and an excellent horseman. He was foremost in every movement calculated to benefit the district, no matter from what source it emanated.

It was his large mindedness and total disregard of self which ever manifested themselves, and which made him everybody's friend, without respect to creed. Father Egan was also a most zealous worker. When he first went to Wangaratta he had a large church completed and freed from debt. He was also a strong advocate for schools, and exerted himself to establish them wherever and whenever an opportunity presented itself. The presbytery at Wangaratta - built by his untiring energy - was considered the best building in the district. It was he who provided the town of Wangaratta with the handsome St Patrick's Hall. At Moyhu, Major Plains and Benalla, his influence for good was felt, schools being established at the two first named localities, while a splendid church was raised at Benalla. Owing to ill health Father Egan was obliged to ask to be removed from Wangaratta. Before leaving he was the recipient of a most

flattering testimonial, which was subscribed to by all classes throughout the length and breadth of his extensive parish. After spending some time in the Geelong Mission he was removed to Sale and thence to Warragul, in the beginning of this year. During his mission in this parish Father Egan endeared himself to his flock, and made numerous friends outside of his own church. The deceased gentleman's parents and brothers reside at Colac. Miss Egan, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt, has been staying with her brother at the presbytery. We had almost omitted to say that Father Egan was for years president of the Wangaratta hospital, and he was also interested in the hospital movement here, as evidence of which we may state he was one of the first to subscribe liberally towards the funds. The remains of the deceased were removed from the Presbytery to the Roman Catholic Chapel at 9 o'clock on Sunday Morning. On Monday morning at 5 o'clock mass was celebrated Father Heffernan officiating. The remains encased in a plain but neat coffin, were conveyed to the railway station, thence to Colac by Rail where the interment took place yesterday (19 Oct 1883). From the Warragul News



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

**This Newsletter is for Your Use.**

**Why not send in a Members Profile for inclusion? Doing so might gain you contacts with other people researching the same family lines.**

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 fairy would give you the answer to one question what would it be?

Include your Contact details

Then send it to the EDITOR whose contact details are on the front of the newsletter.



**Latrobe Shire Cemetery Contacts**

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Hazelwood Cemetery	Moe Cemetery
Sue Johnston	Peter Lerstang
51339183	51262106

## A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE ON THE RAILWAY

**August 11<sup>th</sup> 1888 - The Moe Register**

A most miraculous escape from death occurred on Saturday night last to a young man named Arthur Doherty, a resident of the two-mile. It appears that he had occasion to come to Moe for provisions, and left at about 11 o'clock at night for his home, walking on the railway line, being a much better road than the bush track. The Narracan train is later on Saturday nights in proceeding to its destination owing to the boiler of its engine having to be cleaned out, and was about to start a few minutes after 11 o'clock. A goods train for Sale arrived in the meantime at the local station, and started on its journey before the Narracan train. The unfortunate man had proceeded about a quarter of a mile when he heard a train coming, and believing it to be the Narracan train, did not attempt to get off the main line when the goods train overtook him before he was aware of his danger. Fortunately the goods train was fitted with a cowcatcher for clearing the line, and this swept Doherty off the track, and thus no doubt saved his life. Cahill, the engine driver, who happened to be looking out, saw something thrown off the line, and thinking some animal had been run over, went forward on the foot plate to see if any damage had been done, to the engine, when he found a bag containing provisions on one of the buffers. The train was at once brought to a standstill, and a search made, guard Bennett at the same time coming back to Moe to protect the train as well as to obtain assistance. After some considerable time, Doherty was found a short distance from the rails, bleeding profusely from the head, but quite conscious. He was at once placed in the van of the goods train and taken on to the Sale station, the laden trucks being left at Morwell, and the distance of 40 miles was accomplished in the space of an hour. On arriving at Sale the injured man was carried on a stretcher to the Gippsland Hospital, where he was at once attended to by Dr. M'Lean, who after thoroughly examining him, found that he had several wounds on his head and face and that several small bones on his right leg were broken, but after receiving treatment from the doctor was found to be improving considerably, and is not so seriously hurt as was first supposed. Mr G. Kearsey, porter at the local station, kindly volunteered to accompany the sufferer to the hospital, and did all that was possible to alleviate the pains of the unfortunate man. Had Doherty walked another 20 paces he would have got clear of the main line. Some few months ago a man named Jacob Green was run over by a train near the same spot where the accident occurred, and was so seriously injured that he died a few hours after admission to the hospital.

## MOE COAL-MINING COMPANY

**July 28<sup>th</sup> 1888 - The Moe Register**

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Moe Coal Mining Company was held on Thursday at Scott's Hotel. There was a large attendance of shareholders and Dr. George Moore, chairman of the company, occupied the chair. The business of the meeting was to consider the report of the mining manager of the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the condition of the mine generally, and to discuss the question of sinking a shaft south of the present workings. The mining manager Mr. Devey, who was present, reported that in extending the main tunnel, which was in a distance of 1,600ft. towards the top of the range, frequent faults were met, and the coal was thinner as the covering ground got shallower. It would be necessary to sink a shaft to strike the seam at a depth of 150ft. or upwards and drive under the lofty tableland, where he was certain that good coal would be found. A long discussion took place, and a motion requesting the directors to proceed with the sinking of the shaft, and an amendment suggesting the winding-up of the company, were proposed and seconded. The motion was carried by 18 to 13, and on a poll being taken the numbers were about 8,000 to 3,500 in favour of the motion. The site of the proposed shaft will depend a good deal on the reduction on the royalty at present paid to one of the proprietors of the land leased for mining purposes, which the company cannot afford to pay. It was mentioned at the meeting that during the last 12 months 1,000 tons of coal had been sent from the mine, which realised £4,900, but this had left no profit to the company. The Railway Department was a large customer, but the price given was not considered proportionate to that paid for New South Wales coal, quality considered, and with carriage added to Warragul and other stations more distant to Melbourne. When the Railway Department erected a weighbridge at Moe a lengthened competing trial would be asked for. In other matters every facility was rendered by the department to the company. The carriage of the coal was also too high, and an effort would be made to get a fairer rate established. The mine was handicapped at present all round. With a good modification of these three items, and an improvement in the regularity, thickness, and quality of the coal, which might be anticipated at either of the two sites where it was proposed to sink the new shaft, a more prosperous state of affairs might be expected.

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 PO Box 767 Morwell Victoria 3840 ALL checks to be made payable to Mid Gippsland F.H.S. Inc.

### Books (postage cost on application)

Boolarra Cemetery Register 1887 - 1998,	plus Transcriptions	- 2005	\$16.50
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Gippsland Crematorium Register		1985- 1995	\$16.50
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Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873-1994	\$16.50
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Moe Cemetery Register		1891-1996	\$11.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions		1881-1997	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register		1872-1995	\$ 9.00
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873-1994	\$ 8.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Register		1887-1995	\$ 9.00
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions		1886-1994	\$ 8.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions		1872-1994	\$27.50
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions		1869-1995	\$11.00
Willow Grove Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1898-1993	\$ 5.50

Erica Cemetery Index On-Line <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs>

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