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#### Meetings:

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each Month, except December, in the Meeting Room, of the Moe library, Kirk Street. The entrance for evening meetings is via the rear door of the Library. Our Library will be open at 7pm with meetings commencing at approximately 7.30pm.

#### Membership Details:

2009 - 2010, Single member: \$25.00.

Family membership, \$30.00.

Membership is due and 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) MGFHS research facilities are also available to members on the first Saturday of each month.

*Library Visitors: Gold Coin donation per visit for non-members.*

#### Research:

There is a minimum research fee of \$20, plus a stamped, self addressed business size envelope, for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be clear and concise.

#### Cemetery Lookups

MGFHS charge a fee for lookups in their cemetery's.

For \$2 per name we will provide you with the register details plus a transcription of the head stone if there is one.

Please send a business size SSAE with your enquiry to:

The Research Officers, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840

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## NEW MEMBERS INTERESTS

SURNAME	GIVEN	DATE	PLACE	STATE /COUNTY	COUNTRY
FERGUSON	Allan	1921	Carlton	NSW	AUS
RRANKLIN	Lynne	1951		VIC	AUS
THURLOW	Jessie				
DYKE	Frank				
FRANKLIN	George				

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Unlock the Past is about promoting HISTORY, GENEALOGY and HERITAGE in Australia and New Zealand. It is a collaborative venture involving a team of expert speakers, writers, organisations and commercial partners throughout Australia, New Zealand and overseas

A major events resource - supporting existing events and running some major events of their own.

A publishing brand - watch for important new guide books during 2010.

A major go-to place for resources. A significant free content site.

A cost effective marketing platform for partners, societies, libraries and commercial partners.

A leader in use of, and education in, social media. Promoting heritage tourism and much more

Societies can submit coming events for publication on the site, Promote themselves and their products.

Explore their web site. Take a poll. Join the mailing list to keep up with any changes.

Sign up for their newsletter. Check out the blogs for news and useful information from their experts.

For the most up-to-date notice of what is happening you can follow them on Twitter and Facebook!

**GO ON A GENEALOGY CRUISE:** Unlock The Past History and Genealogy Cruise 2011. Try out the newly refurbished ship Pacific Dawn. This cruise departs from Brisbane on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Some members of MGFHS have already expressed an interest in going along on this inaugural Unlock the Past 2011 Genealogy cruise.

All the usual cruise activities will be available for your partner too, just in case they aren't interested in attending the conferences.



A relaxing 7 night cruise to the stunning South Pacific combined with a fascinating conference schedule with an opportunity to enjoy both formal and informal conference activities.

Main presentations in the International Show Lounge

More informal presentations & workshops on a variety of topics in the Dome. Also Smaller special groups in other areas on topics for which there is sufficient interest.

Day to day interaction at meal and other times with people with similar interests. . A genealogists dream comes true!

For more information check out the UNLOCK THE PAST web site.

Sponsors of the site include Family Photo Book, Gould Genealogy, & Shauna Hicks History Enterprises

[http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded\\_and\\_missing/](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/wounded_and_missing/)

### **Australian War Memorial Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files**

The files on the above web site consist of approximately 32,000 individual case files of Australian personnel reported as wounded or missing during the First World War. While the bulk of the records relate to those in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), there are a few that relate to Australians wounded, missing or captured while serving with the Merchant Navy or as civilians in occupied countries.

Read eye-witness accounts by men who knew the soldier concerned or statements by men who served in the same unit or the same action as that soldier. These statements may include such information as: the circumstances of the death or wounding; a physical description of the soldier and the place of burial. The truth and accuracy of this information was dependent on the memory and reliability of the soldier giving the statement.

Searches may find a little information or a lot.

For more Military service records go to:

The National Archives of Australia: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/>

This web-site has a beginner's research guide to help you find information

They suggest you

1. Gather all your information
2. Check we hold the type of records you want
3. Use RecordSearch database to find records
4. View records online
5. Request records to view in a reading room
6. Order copies
7. Confirm details and do further research
8. Make a reference inquiry
9. Request access examination
10. Visit a reading room to research

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/research/index.aspx>

For additional information on Military personal check "The Argus" newspaper online:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>



### **ONLINE Search of Historic Australian Newspapers, 1803 to 1954.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=>

Newspaper titles include:

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842-1954). Sydney Herald (NSW : 1831-1842)  
Northern Territory Times and Gazette  
Camperdown Chronicle (Vic. : 1877-1954)  
Melbourne Argus (Vic. : 1846-1848) Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848-1954)  
Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW : 1843-1893)  
Sun-Herald (Sydney, NSW : 1953-1954)  
Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1803-1842)  
Canberra Times (ACT : 1926-1954)  
Northern Territory Times and Gazette (Darwin, NT : 1873-1927)  
Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864-1933)  
Courier (Brisbane, Qld. : 1861-1864)  
Moreton Bay Courier (Brisbane, Qld. : 1846-1861). Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866-1939)  
Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889-1931). South Australian Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1858-1889)  
Colonial Times (Hobart, Tas. : 1828-1857). Courier (Hobart, Tas. : 1840-1859)  
Hobart Town Courier (Tas. : 1827-1839). Hobart Town Daily Mercury (Tas. : 1858-1860)  
Hobart Town Courier and Van Diemen's Land Gazette (Tas. : 1839-1840)  
Perth Gazette and Independent Journal of Politics and News (WA : 1848-1864)  
Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal (WA : 1833-1847)

# NARRACAN CEMETERY



## NEW PUBLICATION

Members of MGFHS have been busy recently photographing the headstones at Narracan Cemetery. Transcriptions at Narracan were updated in 2002 and this publication is on sale by MGFHS for \$7.50.

The new CDROM "Photo Transcription Index of Narracan Cemetery Headstones, 2010" will sell at \$20 and is due for release in August. Included on the CD will be an Index of names linked to the photograph of the headstone. Expressions of interest can be mailed to "The Secretary", details on the front page.



Spot the headstone?

"Graveyard prowling has been a genealogical pastime for generations. The amateur and professional alike know that valuable data is often on old tombstones which may not be recorded elsewhere.

Where church burial records and municipal death records have been lost or destroyed, the cemetery often provides the only source of this information."

Walter Lee Sheppard Jr.

Transcribing inscriptions: Why do Genealogy Societies inscribe cemetery transcriptions?

The transcriptions on headstones are a valuable resource for the family historian. One transcription can offer the researcher a wealth of information. You will usually get at least some of the information listed.

The complete names of the person buried, as well as nick names.

Age at time of death, along with complete birth & death dates. Religion.

Marriage details (married-widowed). Spouse name. Children's and parents names.

Clubs or societies they belonged to. Wars they fought in. Immigration. Occupation. Residences.

As can be seen by the pictures above the previous transcriptions at MGFHS will be a necessary resource in the newest transcription index.

## ***Some emblematic depictions and their possible meanings.***

Acorn - Baby or Young Child

Angel, Weeping - Grief & Mourning

Book - The Bible

Bird, Flying - Resurrection

Candle Being Snuffed - Time, Mortality

Corn - Ripe Old Age

Dove - Innocence

Fruits - Eternal Plenty

Full-Bloom Rose - Prime of Life

Hand, Pointing Up - Pathway to Heaven

Handshakes - Farewell

Ivy - Friendship

Lamb - Innocence

Lily or Lily of the Valley - Purity

Oak Leaves - Ripe Old Age

Roses: Full Blow - Prime of Life

Thistle - Scottish descent

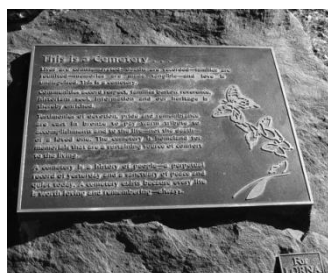
Wreath - Victory

## SURNAMES OF PERSONS WITH HEADSTONES IN NARRACAN CEMETERY

ADAMSON	CORNTHWAITE	HORSNELL	MUNRO
ALMOND	CROWE	HOWELL	MURPHY
ALLAN	CULLEN	HUXLEY	MURRY
ANDERSON	DANIELSE	INGLETON	MYRTENZA
AUCHTERLONIE	De NAVERNE	IRWIN	NARDONE
BACKHOUSE	DUGGAN	JENNINGS	NIELSEN/NIELSON
BAILEY	EDWARDS	JOHNSTON	O'CONNELL
BARRETT	ERBS	JONES	OMAR
BATCHELOR	FAHEY	JOLLY	OSLER
BENIAMINO	FELL	JONES	OWEN
BIRD	FITZHENRY	KENNEDY	POWELL
BISHOP	FIVEASH	KYNE	RAY
BLOOM	FORSYTH	LATIMER	REID
BRADBURY	FLOWELL	LAWRENCE	ROACH
BRAND	FRY	LILLEY	ROBINSON



BRIGHT	GAMBLE	LINN	ROWLINGS
BROWN	GIBBS	LITHGOW	RYAN
BUCKLEY	GIBSON	LLOYD	SAVIGE
BUDGE	GODSALL	MANN	SHACKLETON
BUTLER	GRAHAM	MCMAHON	SHEARER
CAIRNS	GRUMMISCH	MCWHINNIE	SIRING
CALDWELL	GUNN	MELBOURNE	SMITH
CARRAFA	HALDEN	MENZIES	TAYLOR
CHARLES	HAMILTON	MILLIST	THORPE
COATES	HAMMOND	MILLS	VARDON
COLLS	HARRIS	MONCUR	WEGMANN
CONDON	HEAL	MOORE	WEIR
COOK	HILL	MORRIS	WHITE
COOKE	HILLBRICK	MORRISON	WILLIS
COOPER	HIRT	MUIR	WOOKEY



This is a Cemetery...  
Lives are commemorated - deaths  
are recorded -

Families are reunited - memories are made tangible - and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.  
Community's accord respect, families bestow reverence, historians seek information and our heritage is thereby enriched.  
Testimonies of devotion, pride and remembrance are cast in bronze to pay warm tribute to accomplishments to the life - not the death - of a loved one.  
The cemetery is homeland for memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.  
A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering - always.

Smaller plaque: For LORNA

## Publications for sale by Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc. (MGFHS)

Address ALL enquiries regarding publications to 'The Secretary', Mid Gippsland Family History Soc. Inc.  
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
Childers - Thorpdale Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1879- 2008	\$ 6. 00
Gippsland Crematorium Register		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gippsland Crematorium Transcriptions		1985- 1995	\$16.50
Gormandale Cemetery Transcriptions		-2007	\$10.00
Hazelwood Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1879- 1995	\$40.00
Moe Cemetery Register		1891- 1996	\$22.00
Moe Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1881- 1997	\$40.00
Narracan Cemetery Transcriptions		-2002	\$ 7. 50
Toongabbie Cemetery Register		1872- 1995	\$16.50
Toongabbie Cemetery Transcriptions		1873- 1994	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Register		1887- 1995	\$16.50
Trafalgar Cemetery Transcriptions		1886- 1994	\$22.00
Traralgon Cemetery Transcriptions	2 Volumes	1872- 1994	\$60.00
Walhalla Cemetery Transcriptions	Updated 2005	1869- 2004	\$16.50
Willow Grove Cemetery Register	plus Transcriptions	1898- 1993	\$16.50
Yallourn Cemetery Transcriptions		1930- 2000	\$50.00

### Microfiche and CD'S are also Available

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/publications.htm>

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