

THE
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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.
NEWSLETTER

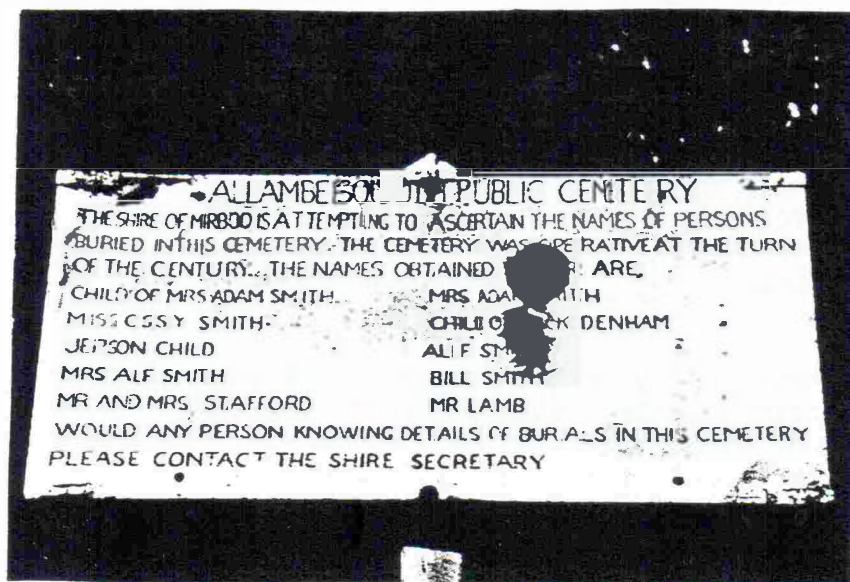


Photo: J.G. Rogers. Signboard, Allambee Cemetery
From Lonely Graves of the Central Gippsland Goldfields
and Greater Gippsland (see review inside)

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Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except December, at the Moe City Library, Kirk St., Moe. The Library will open at 7pm, with the meetings starting at approximately 7:30pm.

There is a fee of \$5 for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, P.O. Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

Articles for this newsletter are accepted in good faith and, while every effort to ensure accuracy, the editor takes no responsibility for submitted items.

That was the year that was...

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Edited from a report given to the Annual General Meeting in July.)

Fellow members, it gives me great pleasure to present this report of our activities for the past year. Once again members have been very generous with their time and talents to assist the society in many ways. This, in many instances, has been at the expense of their own family history research, so thank you for your generous donation of valuable time. More about this later.

The publication of our work on the Trafalgar and Willow Grove Cemeteries (hardcopy and microfilm) was very well received. In fact, the Willow Grove Book has been reprinted.

On Saturday 4th September, we conducted a very successful and interesting seminar in the Moe Municipal Chamber. The speakers were - Mr Ken Shewin, Migrant Shipping; Ms Ada Ackerley, Being a woman in the 1880s; Mr Bill White, What does a Genealogist at the State Trustees do ?; Mrs Edna Taylor, Using the new IGI. Also in attendance was Kevin Shine with his CD-ROM. Again, many hands made light of the many duties needed to be done. Our Librarian and her assistants were kept busy selling the many family history publications on behalf of Macbeth Books, which earned us extra income. Thanks to everyone who assisted before, during, and after the seminar.

The Group celebrated its 13th birthday with a picnic at Dot and Ian Needham's beautiful home at Willowgrove. Those who attended had a most enjoyable and friendly day with Jean McNally winning the major prize in the Hamper Competition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

During the year, our vice-president in charge of programming has arranged many interesting speakers for our meetings, as well as allowing time for library nights, competitions and workshops. Thanks, Karen, a well-thought out programme is a joy.

Our many special interest groups have had a very busy year. Particular thanks to Eddie Tunn, co-ordinator of the Cemetery Transcription team. Thanks to each member of the team.

The Librarian and her assistants have had another busy year and have greatly increased our holdings of microfiche and printed matter. They have noticed an increased interest in our holdings, with users coming from beyond our local area. Don't forget, if you are interested in any area and would like the library to purchase material, let them know the names, authors and publishers of relevant material.

The editor has managed to have sufficient material available to publish the regular bimonthly newsletter. I know she would be delighted if members contributed more articles.

To members like Leonie Robinson, our supper hostess, thank you. As mentioned earlier, many members have contributed many hours of their time, so it is my humble duty to thank them again. Special mention to our secretary, Andree Tumney and our treasurer, Ann Pawley, for duties carried out times under difficult circumstances.

Finally thanks to members who attended our meetings, functions, working bees, and shared their research problems, successes and joys with us all.

To the incoming Committee - Congratulations; and to the outgoing Thanks for a job well done.

BOOK LAUNCHING

On Sunday 15th August, 50 people, including many members, attended the launch of the book, *Lonely Graves of the Central Gippsland Goldfields and Greater Gippsland* at Gippsland Heritage House in Maffra.

Written by Gaye Rogers and Nelly Hellyar, the book details the stories of over 700 lone graves, showing the everyday fact of death and the drama of tragedy in nineteenth century Gippsland.

The book contains a wealth of carefully researched biographical and genealogical information about early Gippslanders. The authors have used contemporary newspaper and police reports to background many of the people.

Detailed maps clearly illustrate the localities covered; drawing and photographs of graves and grave sites are liberally sprinkled amongst the entries.

Lonely Graves of the Gippsland Goldfields and Greater Gippsland is an informative reference book. It is written in flowing readable style.

Congratulations Gaye & Nelly.

The Book is available from J. G. Rogers, P.O. Box 866, Moe 3825 for \$25 (\$28 posted in Vic., \$30 posted interstate).

MID-GIPPSLAND ACTIVITIES

- * Seminar Sept. 10th - see back page
- * Beginner's day Sat 5th Nov. at Moe City Offices
- * Wine & Cheese night on 28th Oct. at Dot and Ian Needham

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

(edited from a report given by Jean McNally to the Annual General Meeting in July)

Well, here we are again, another 12 months has "whizzed" past us, where has all the time gone?. I can hear you groan when I tell you that Christmas is just around the corner.

In 1993, we increased our Library's holdings so much that I didn't think we could keep up the good work, we have, so everybody, congratulations, take a bow and pat each other on the back. Don't get carried away, I want you all to keep up the good work and not rest on your laurels.

In 1994, The Society spent approximately \$1400 on books and microfiche. We have also brought another four drawer filing cabinet, as well as three more viewers (one of which is a printer) and a power pack for one of the viewers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who donated books and fiche throughout the year. As a rule I don't like to single anyone out, but Don and Glad Macreadie donated so many of their magazines and newsletters, plus ten years of The Parade, that it really helped to fill our shelves.

Now, first and foremost, I would like to thank my husband, Ken, without him I would not have been able to function as Librarian. He brought me across to Moe every month to file books and newsletters etc., as well as driving to Melbourne several times to pick up books and equipment for our group.

I would like to thank my two very able Library Assistants, Rosemary Wigg and Shirley Connaghan, for all their help and support. I couldn't have coped especially at stocktaking time.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (cont.)

Thanks to Wes Halket and Eddie Tunn, our "quiet achievers" for seeing that all the machinery and everything else runs smoothly.

I would also like to thank Moe City Library and their staff for all the work, help and co-operation that the girls have given to our group over the last 12 months. Not only do they catalogue and cover our books, but they look after them from day to day.

In winding up my report, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the energetic fundraisers for all their hard work - without your help and support, we would not have had the money to purchase all that equipment for our library.

As I am not standing for the job of Librarian this year, I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported me in any way for the past 3 years. It has been a busy time as well as fulfilling. Don't be afraid to stand for a position as you may be amazed at what you will learn. I know everyone of you will help and support the new Librarian as you did me

AUGUST ISSUE

The Member's Profile section will resume. Anyone who has not contributed to this section, start writing immediately. I will be taping on your shoulder someday soon.

The 1993/94 Annual Reports of the Schools Officer, Ann Pawley, and Cemetery Co-ordinator, Eddie Tunn will be printed.

WHAT'S ON

These are just a few of the conferences, seminars, and services being advertised at the moment:

- * AIGS is running an advanced Family History Course on Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon Sept. 9th to Oct. 14th 1994.

Venue: Suite 1, 41 Railway Parade, Blackburn
Cost : \$90 payable in advance
Covers: IGI, St. Cath's House Indexes and Registrations, Census return & parish records, Scottish & Irish records & research. Send an enrolment form with payment to Advanced Family History Course, 29 Charteris Drive., East Ivanhoe. 3079

- * AIGS FAMILY HISTORY OPEN DAY on Saturday Oct. 8th 1994 between 10am and 4pm. Admission \$6, Family \$10

Bring your family history problem along and consult an expert specialising in a wide range of area.

- * GOLDFIELDS FAMILY HISTORY EXPO on Oct. 1st & 2nd 1994 at the Bendigo Town Hall and City Library. Speakers, displays, booksales; hands-on research with expert advice a feature of the 2nd day.
Cost is \$25 for 2 days, or \$15 per day.

- * Sydney Family History Fair at Randwick Town Hall on Nov. 26th & 27th 1994.

- * Victorian Family History State Conference dates - May 6th & 7th 1995. Venue : Melbourne Town Hall, enquiries to Frances Brown, State Library.

FREE PUBLICITY FOR FOR FAMILY HISTORY ENQUIRIES

Meeting Point: Herald Sun on Thurs
44-74 Flinders St, Melbourne 3000

Miranda or What's on: Weekly Times on Wed
44-74 Flinder's St, Melbourne 3000

Your Help Line: Woman's Day (Mon)
102-108 Toorak Rd, South Yarra, 3141
Head Office: 54 Park St, Sydney, 2000

You asked for it: Australasian Post
32 Walsh St, West Melbourne 3003

Where are they now : Women's Weekly (monthly)
Covers live Relatives or Descendants of
ancestors

Australian Women's Weekly, G.P.O. Box 4178
Sydney, N.S.W., 2001

Family Enquiries (Gippsland) : Gippsland
Heritage Journal, P. O. Box 420, Maffra.

MARINE BIRTHS ON VICTORIAN MICROFICHE
(information supplied by Jean McNally)

Marine births appear after Z on the following
fiche:

1855	Fiche 88	(after page 145)
1856	Fiche 148	(page 178 - 179)
1857	Fiche 218	(page 207 - 210)
1858	Fiche 308	(page 243)
1859	Fiche 388	(page 279)
1860	none listed	
1861	Fiche 548	(page 623-624)

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Amended Index Vol. 3. Personal Notices.
The Census Returns of England & Wales
Ecclesiastical Courts, their officials and their records
The growth of British Education and their records
Titles, maps apportionment and the 1836 Act
The Gap Magazine 1969 (Bairnsdale School Magazine)
Index to Extra Birth, Death and Marriage
Certificates no. 11
Early Traralgon Pamphlets _
The Journal & Record souvenir of Traralgon
Centenary 1946
Coach News Centenary Coach trip souvenir
Traralgon centenary Celebrations 1946
"Back to traralgon Souvenir Programme 1946
Coronation Souvenir 1953 (Journal & Record)
Donated by Jean McNally
The men that God forgot
Town life in Australia
Cooper's Creek
For the term of his natural life
Donated by Barbara White
Morgan Country

NEW MICROFICHE

City of London Burial 1813-1853
Foreign Protestants (Huguenots) in England, 1618-1688
Immigration to Victoria 1846-1852 (intercolonial ports)
1904 Victorian Naturalisations
Victorian Divorce Index 1861 - 1900
Female Factory Parramatta 1826 - 1848
N.S.W. Convict Marriage Banns 1826 - 1841
N.S.W. Ship Musters (Departures) 1816 - 1825
Argus: Birth, Death & Marriage Index 1846d
gratifies the passion from
which it sprang, we call
the wisdom of our ancestors.
Sydney Smith

NEW ZEALAND BIRTH DEATH
& MARRIAGE RECORDS

Searches done
Reasonable Rates

also 1978, 1979, 1980

Victorian
Electoral Rolls
Send SAE to:

Sally Shine
P. O. Box 276
Moe 3825

It is indeed a desirable
thing to be well descended,
but the glory belongs to
our ancestors.

Plutarch

Every law which originated
in ignorance and malice, and
gratifies the passion from
which it sprang, we call
the wisdom of our ancestors.
Sydney Smith

LDS LIBRARY AT MOE

The LDS Library at Moe is now open-:

Mon. 10 am - 12 noon

Fri. 7 pm - 9 pm

Gail Vinall is organising the Library, and she tells
Jean that the Library has the following resources -:

IGI

Family Link

NSW Pioneer Index on fiche

Tas Pioneer Index on fiche

Family Search

TOLL FREE NUMBER TO LAVERTON SEARCH ROOM for Victorian
users living outside Melbourne (030) area. Ring
1800 657 452 for enquiries about services, holdings and
hours.

SATURDAY OPENING OF LAVERTON SEARCH ROOM. From Oct.
29th, Laverton Search Room will open on the last
Saturday of each month from 9:30 am - 4 pm.



MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY
HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Seminar

Saturday September 10th 1994

GUEST SPEAKERS

VENUE: Moe City Chambers Reception Room
Albert St., Moe.

COST: \$10.00 Per Head

TIME : Registration from 9.15 a.m.
9.45 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

B.Y.O. LUNCH

Morning & Afternoon Tea Supplied

MACBETH BOOKS AND MICROFISCHE
AVAILABLE FOR SALE

SPEAKERS

Dennis O'Riordan	Irish records	10-11
Olive Moore	Land Records	11-12:30
John Waghorne	Post Office Records	1:30-2:30
Jack Miller	German Research	3-4



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