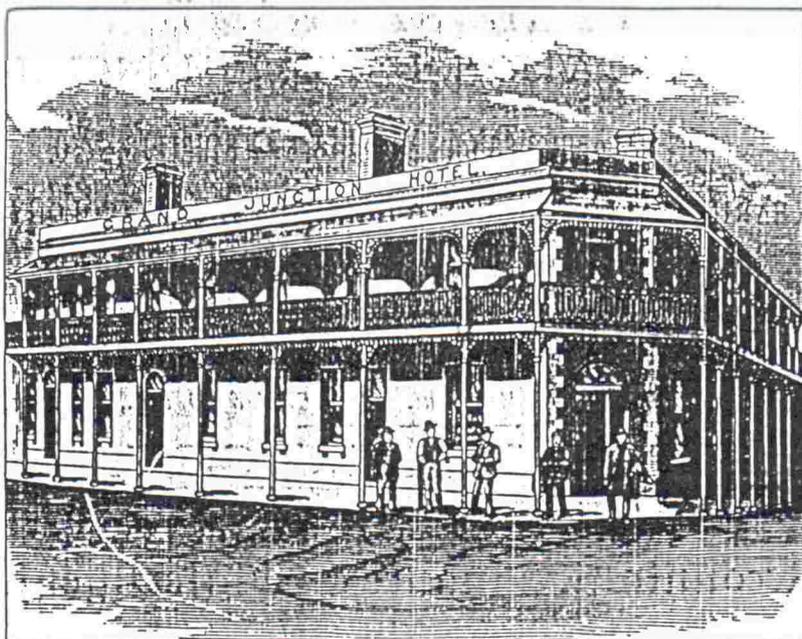


THE  
MID GIPPSLAND  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.  
NEWSLETTER



MR. THOMAS WALKER having purchased the above hotel, has made EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS and it is now the LARGEST AND MOST CONVENIENT Hotel in GIPPSLAND, and directly opposite the RAILWAY STATION.

TRARALGON.

ON TRACK

JUNE 96

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OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1995-1996

PRESIDENT:	Dawn Cowley
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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 7:00 pm, with meetings starting at approxiamately 7:30pm.

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There is a research fee of \$10 for any enquiries requiring research, with additional charges for large amounts of photocopying and/or postage. Enquires should be as detailed as possible. Please direct all enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 767, Morwell, 3840, and mark the envelope "Research Query".

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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.

The Annual Meeting of the Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc. will be held on Thursday 25th July 1996 at 7:30 pm in the Moe Library.

- Business-            Receiving of Annual Reports
- Setting annual subscription for the coming year
- Election of Office-bearers
- Election of Committee
- Any business notified in writing to Secretary by 18/7/96

As several present office-bearers are not standing for re-election it is ESSENTIAL that all members give serious thought to either offering themselves for election or approaching others they consider suitable

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**NOMINATION FORM 1996.**

I, a financial member of Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc, nominate

(Name) ..... of (address) .....

for the position of ..... for 1996/97

Signature of Nominee .....

Signature of Proposer .....

Please post or hand to the Secretary by 18/7/96

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**PROXY FORM**

I, ....., a financial member of Mid Gippsland Family History Society Inc., hereby appoint (Name) .....

as my proxy for the Annual Meeting on 25th July 1996.

Voting Instructions.

## SUDDEN DEATH

### MRS MATES, OF TRARALGON

Residents of Traralgon received a very painful surprise on Wednesday evening when it became known that Mrs Mates, the wife of Mr R. Mates, of the Club Hotel, Traralgon, had passed away after a brief illness of only a few days duration.

A few days ago, a small and apparently insignificant pimple appeared on one of the eyelids. From this pimple, erysipelas quickly developed in the face. The medical attendant, Dr T. A. McLean, knowing that his patient had a weak heart, became somewhat anxious, as the poison introduced in the system would necessarily affect the organ.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Mates' condition became still more critical, and on Wednesday afternoon the advice of Dr Hagenauer of Sale was sought. He arrived by train the same evening, but, unhappily, the two doctors were unable to arrest the progress of the disease. Mrs Mates gradually sank and passed away at 8pm that evening.

The husband and large family of sons and daughters were stunned at the

terribly sad and sudden bereavement. They could not realise that wife and mother was no more, as the blow came so quickly.

Mrs Mates was [yet] in the prime of life - only 47 years of age - and previous to this illness she was particularly 'robust', and had always enjoyed the best of health. She was an exemplary mother, and exceedingly industrious, loved by her family, and very much esteemed by all who knew her.

The late Mrs Mates was born in Geelong, where she spent her childhood. After her marriage to Mr Richard Mates, which took place at Dandenong, she lived in different parts of Gippsland, Dandenong, Korumburra, Welshpool, Carrabung, Sale and lastly Traralgon. She leaves a husband and a family of two sons and five daughters, and it is not necessary to add that the bereaved ones have the sympathy of residents of Traralgon and district.

The interment will take place this afternoon at the Traralgon Cemetery and the cortege will leave the Catholic Church at 2pm.

from the Gippsland Farmer's Journal 29th Traralgon Dec 1911

Also from the Farmers' Journal on Dec 29th 1911, Mr George Buckleton, of Moe, who was on a brief holiday trip to Sale met with an accident in a very simple way at the swimming matches on Tuesday. He was watching the hobble skirt race when someone bumped up against him and knocked him over the shafts of a buggy. The result (says the "Times") was a broken leg and Mr Buckleton is now in the Gippsland Hospital, with characteristic good humour making the best of his bad luck.

## PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

### TALKS PROGRAMME

- 11th Jul Pupils, teachers and school : an introduction to selected records *Little Bourke St. 10:30am - 11:30am*
- 1st Aug Indexes and registers - the neglected records.  
*Laverton 10:30am -11:30am.*
- 12th Sept A beginner's guide to the Public Records Office; a half day introduction to Archives with a tour of the Public Records Office. Afternoon tea provided -  
*Laverton 1pm - 4:30pm.*
- 24th Oct Coming south : passenger records at the Public Records Office. *Little Bourke, 10:30am - 11:30am*

*Note that numbers are limited so that bookings are essential. Contact Bronwyn Fensham on 03)9369 3244*

The PRO's holdings to 1995 are now available through the Internet. PRO's address is <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~provic/>

**SATURDAY OPENING :** The Laverton Search Room is open on the last Saturday of every month from February to November from 9:30am-4:00pm.

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### *SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DEATH INDEXES*

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs, Birth, Death and Marriage Registration Office has released the index to Deaths in South Australia for 1916- 1970

The index contains 122 microfiche and can be purchased on written application to the Office at GPO Box 1351, Adelaide 5001. Cost is \$120 per set plus \$7:50 p&p.

## ROLL CALL AT THE PE ACE

(continuing the list of SECV personnel who served with the armed forces in WORLD WAR II from S.E.C. Magazine 12th Dec 945.)

### THE ARMY

Electricity Supply

Department Geelong

Branch (cont)

Dendle, F. P.

Farrow, J. N.

Fawdrey, G. C. (DR)

Field, H. G. (DR)

Fisher, C. M.

Fisher, R. E.

Forsyth, S. E.

Gliddon, R. A.

Gowan, A. E.

Gubby, G. A. (DR)

Hayes, H. E. (DR)

Hindson, E. (DR)

Hood, F. C. (DR)

Impey, J. S.

Jones, A. T.

Jones, C. U.

Kennedy, B.

Kennedy, L.

Kosciaska, A. (DNR)

Lancaster, R. C. (DW)

Lloyd, G. M.

Lloyd, F. G. L.

Lyons, G. M.

Mawson, L. N.

Moreland, S. J.

McConaghy, D.

Newton, W. J. (DR)

Niblett, D. J. M.

Northfield, H. G.

(POW)

Quake, D. G.

Rayson, E. G. (DR)

**Redmond, H. J. (DR)**

**Reed, I. M. (AD)**

Riley, H. J.

Ruffin, C. A. (DI)

Scorgi, R. L. (DNR)

Searle, J. T. (DR)

Shope, S. M. (DR)

Smith, L. M. (DR)

Smith, W. H. (DNR)

Stevens, R. M. (DNR)

Witlin, A. G. (DR)

Williams, P. E.

(DNR)

Woff, K. E. R.

Gippsland Branch

Bissett, K. D.

Chenhall, J. K.

Creak, L. B.

Goold, F. J.

Gray, G. E.

Ham, K. E.

Harris, H. J.

Jackson, L. B.

(POW)

Joyce, J. D.

Kneeshaw, R. J.

Lingham, H. A.

Mole, J.

McGrath, R. W.

McQueen, D. McD.

(POW)

Pollard, L. J.

Quine, G. H.

(DNR)

Reid, G.

Renahan, J. W.

Rose, C.

Ross, J. A.

Sartori, J. S.

Somers, I. S. G. (DR)

Spaull, N. W. (DNR)

Wain, I. S.

Wells, B. J. (DR)

Williams, T. E.

**Midlands Branch**

Bottomley, O. G.

Grant, J. G.

Haussen, M. J.

Lowe, D. G. H. (DR)

Richardson, S. L.

(DR)

Skehan, P.

Slingo, D. H.

Vereker, D. W. (DR)

Wayth, G.

North-Eastern Branch

Archer, J. H.

Briggs, H. V. (DR)

Burns, W. J. (DR)

Cornell, J. H. (DR)

Daughters, J. S.

(POW)

Digney, B. (DR)

Duro, S.

Eade, C. W.

Gourley, A. E.

Hodges, F. F.

Hooker, W. (DR)

Kelton, H. W.

Lee, L. H.

Matchett, G. L.

Maynard, H. (DNR)

McAuliffe, J. P.

(DR)

Oats, L.

Sherlock, T. H. (DR)

Smith, H. V.

Staff, H. J. (DR)

Thompson, J. H. B.

Trudgen, J. H.

Walker, T.

Wallis, S. S.

Webster, R. A.

**South-western**

**branch**

Boyes, L. G.

Broderick, R. S. (K)

Churchland, L. S.

Euman, J. H.

Goding, K. A.

**THE ARMY****South-west****Branch (cont)**

Goldie, R.  
 Hancock, J. C. (DR)  
 Hodges, M. D.  
 Ingham, W. A.  
 Jones, V. M.  
 Longmore, C. H.  
 Lynch, A.  
 McCunnie, P. J.  
 Sayers, R. F.  
 Snowden, S. C.  
 Vincent, L. W.  
 Williams, F. W. E. (DR)

**Briquette Proctuction****Dept. Metro Area**

Schmedes, W.  
 Soncum, N. F.

**Yallourn**

Atherton, C.  
 Austin, -  
 Blake, E. E. (DR)  
 Block, A. G. (DR)  
 Collins, J. A. (DR)  
 Dorman, H. C.  
 Easterbrook, J. (DR)  
 Fitzclarence, N. H. (DI)  
 Fleming, W. J. (M)  
 Guymer, D. J. (DR)  
 Hemmings, A. J. (DR)  
 James, S. L. D.  
 Johnston, E. A. (DR)

Lazarus, C. L.  
 Leitch, M. C.  
 Lloyd, W. (DNR)  
 Luby, J. I. (DNR)  
 Mills, S. W. I. (DR)  
 Mitchell, M. (DR)  
 Morris, H. (DR)  
 Murdoch, C. C.  
 McCrory, T. L. (DR)  
 McIntosh, R. (DR)  
 Nicholas, L. A. (DR)  
 Priest, S. P. (DR)  
 Randall, V. G.  
 Sprigg, J. J.  
 Sullivan, D. J. (DR)  
 Thompson, C. L. (DR)  
 Wills, K. E. (DR)

**Coal Supply Dept****Yallourn**

Adams, A. C. (DNR)  
 Allford, M. G. (DR)  
 Baker, D. J. T.  
 Barter, S. A.  
 Bilston, R.  
 Bloom, L. J.  
 Bolton, C. R. (M)  
 Brasher, J.  
 Brennan, J. A. (DR)  
 Brien, J. F. (K)  
 Burgoyne, W. (DR)  
 Bury, M. K.  
 Carter, J. A.  
 Christensen, S. J.

Church, H. R. (DR)  
 Clarke, F. A. (DR)  
 Collins, C. P. (DR)  
 Corcoran, J.  
 Couzner, A. J. (DNR)  
 Cowell, L. E. (DR)  
 Cox, A. H. (DR)  
 Curl, J. T. (DR)  
 Dahlberg, K. E.  
 Darnley, J. (DR)  
 Davey, L. T. (DNR)  
 Dunstan, A. J. (DR)  
 Elliott, R. B.  
 Falls, S. H. (DR)  
 Farrell, E. M. (DNR)  
 Fisher, R. J. (DR)  
 Foote, T. W. (DR)  
 French, C. E. (DR)  
 Gibson, I. A. (DNR)  
 Gill, P. A. (DR)  
 Goldie, E. J. (DR)  
 Goodall, G. W. (DNR)  
 Goon, E. (M)  
 Goss, M. A. (DR)  
 Grigsby, S. J. (DR)  
 Grimme, A. J.  
 Hammond, T.  
 Harper, H. B. (DR)  
 Harvey, T. V. (M)  
 Hede, F. J. (DR)  
 Hitchcock, J. H. (DR)  
 Hopkins, J. S. (DR)  
 Howard, F. K. (DR)

**Symbols:**

(M)	Missing
(DNR)	Discharged, did not resume duty with the Commission
(DRL)	Discharged, resume, and subsequently left the Commission's service
(DR)	Discharged, resumed duty with the Commission
(DI)	Died of illness
(DW)	Died OF wounds
(POW)	Prisoner Of War
(K)	Killed In Action
(AD)	Accidently drowned
(AK)	Accidently killed

## The Catacombs of Paris

from an article submitted by Elaine Johnston

Most people know about the Roman Catacombs which have the origin with the early days of Christianity, and Roman persecution of Christians; fewer people are aware of the Parisian catacombs. While the catacombs of Paris take their name from those of Rome, their origin is quite different.

The Parisian catacombs were set up in the hollowed out galleries of the former subterranean limestone quarries that were used to construct Paris.

In the 1700s, the Cemetery of Innocents in Paris's city centre had been harbouring the mortal remain of Parisians for centuries. The land was not getting any bigger, and the cemetery was overflowing.

In the XIV century, charnel houses had been built around the cemetery to receive bones from overflowing graves, which could be emptied and used again; by the XIV century, local residents were complaining about the putrefaction caused by stack corpses. Pollution from the cemetery was a problem. The cemetery was closed in 1780 following an accident when a communal grave cracked, spilling its contents into the cellars of neighbouring houses

It was decided to transfer the cemetery to the former quarries, which were situated at the time outside Paris. Conversion work was done on the site, and it was blessed and consecrated.

Ceremonial transfer of the remains from the Cemetery Of the Innocents began in April 1786 and continued until 1788. The ceremonies were always held at dusk with a procession of priests intoning the burial service, as the bone-laden carts, covered in black veils, made their way to the Ossuary.

The workmen build a rampart made up of large bones, meticulously laid out, and lined up skulls for decorative effect. Beyond this wall, the bones were thrown haphazardly, reaching thirty metres at times.

Bones from various cemeteries continued to be deposited in the catacombs as late as 1859. Today it is estimated that approximately 6 million anonymous Parisians ended up at the site. Only one is identified with a tombstone - Francoise Gellain, who devoted her life to the release of Latude from the Bastille.



## TRARALGON FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

### CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS

When the FHC was upgraded a few years ago, there was a need to operate for at least 20 hours a week.

Now that there are centres at Sale, Moe and Pakenham as well as Bairnsdale, the need does not now apply.

So therefore from Saturday 29th June,  
the Traralgon Family History Centre  
will be open

<b>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</b>	10am - 3pm
<b>Fridays</b>	7pm - 10pm
<b>Saturdays</b>	10am - 2pm

Librarians are welcome to remain afterhours to continue their own research and as previously to use times on other days

Leon Bartlett



## MOE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Ollerton Ave  
(opp the Hospital)

<b>FRIDAYS</b>	7pm - 9pm
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Ring the Director Gayle Vinall to book the computer

Gayle's home phone number is 051278310

## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE SOCIETIES

GSV, **28th July** at 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne. 9:45am Ballarat seminar. Bookings essential. Cost \$15 - includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Bookings essential. Topics include the Eureka Stockade, reseaching the area around Ballarat, the Mechanics Institute

**Moe, 7th Sept Mid-Gippsland Family History Society  
Annual Seminar. Saturday, 9:30am -4:00**

Elsternwick, **7th-8th Sept** Scottish Genealogy Conference presented by the Scottish Ancestry Group of the GSV in the Caulfield RSL Club, 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick. Cost \$60 plus Scottish Dinner Saturday night \$25.00. Registration essential by 23rd August. Contact Margaret Rist, tel 03) 9528 1673

**Toora, 22nd Sept visit by prominent British Genealogist, Mrs Gwen Kingsley. Sunday from 12noon at the Toora Public Hall**

North Ryde, Sydney, **27th-29th Sept**. New South Wales Association of Family History Societies. State Conference. Macquarie University. Registration fees apply.

Maryborough, **2nd-3rd Nov** State Conference - Welcome Stranger. Registration (early) \$80, (late) \$100. Includes women on the goldfields, Was your ancestor a new chum. Medical professions in the 1850s. Contact Elaine Stevens, 18 Green St Carisbrook tel. 054) 642453

Hervey Bay, Qld, **31st Oct-2nd Nov**, Celtic Family History Seminar with speakers Tom O'Leary (Cork), Andrew McLeod (Edinburgh), Janet Reakes. Contact PO Box 937, Hervey Bay Qld tel 071) 284458

Christchurch, New Zealand, **6th - 9th February 1997**: The Australasian Congress on Genealogy and heraldry. Registration fees for four days will be in the region of \$180. Registration booklet due after July

## GIPPSLAND HERITAGE JOURNAL

March 1996

The latest edition of Gippsland Heritage Journal has just landed in my letter box. It maintains its usual high standard with well researched articles, interesting snippets and fascinating photographs.

Articles of interest to family historians in this current issue include The Baragwanaths of Gippsland (including an interesting portfolio of photographs); Where was Alfonso Spaghetti; Great War Nurses - Matha Jane Wordsworth and May Hennessy; The Wonthaggi Miners' Women's Auxiliary.

The last few issues have included **Abstracts from Historical Society Journals**, which is well worth skimming if you are interested in Gippsland history or if you have ancestors in Gippsland. **Booknotes** provides a useful way of keeping up to date with what is being published in Gippsland, and of promoting your own book when you launch it. Each issue features a significant historical Gippsland map and a **Help Needed** column for family historians.

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### **Bites of Reptiles and Insects**

Take two ounces of oil of turpentine and four ounces of olive oil. Mix these together, and rub on the parts affected two or three times a day> Hornet stings are cured by an application of vinegar. Spirits of turpentine are also very good. In any bite from insects tobacco juice well rubbed in is beneficial, particularly in bites from spiders. If the part is

made to bleed freely, all the better; it should be sucked and then the tobacco juice rubbed in. Bee stings are cured by an application of the Blue Bag, or ordinary baking soda. In sucking a wound that is known to be poisonous, the mouth should be half filled with water first, and rinsed out after every mouthful is put out.

from the Australian Enquiry Book by Mrs Lance Rawson (1894)



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