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## **SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc.**

### **SFHG Presidents Report:**

Another most successful year has gone by and I must congratulate our dedicated volunteers for their time spent assisting members and the general public who call into the centre. The AGM was low key and all committee positions were filled. Figures presented to the meeting showed over 800 persons passed through the centres doors over the past 12 months.

The library resources are being kept up to date with many new purchases of CD's and printed material, showing the financial position of the group is healthy.

Members continue to attend book launches at the Shepparton Library, expos' and Government information offices in Melbourne. I must not forget the people who have donated various family history books and other items that are found very useful in researching local family history ie; Murray division electoral rolls, old phone books etc.

Finally I thank the members for seeing fit to again elect me as president for another 12 months.

Bruce Manson (President).

### **Vale Don Reid 21/3/1934 – 21/10/2005.**

All members of the Shepparton Family History Group will be saddened to learn of the recent passing of Alexander Donald Reid at Shepparton. Our sympathy goes out to Lorraine and family on this sad occasion. Don was well known to everyone interested in local history not only for his seemingly endless enthusiasm for indexing early Shepparton newspapers but also for his history writings and his willingness to share his knowledge with others. Everyone who can now quickly and easily locate items from the Shepparton News microfilm should spare a few moments thought for Don and the thousands of hours he dedicated to searching and cataloguing this information.

### **Research Requests**

Recent research requests forwarded to the SFHG have included the following surnames or items: Skerry William and Eleanor, Thompson James William, Culleton Richard, Ford Francis, Ford and Hurlstone, Murray Alice and Rickard James, Gemmell James, Bristol Charles, , McDonald Hugh, Connelly Denis, Phillips Mary and Thomas, Prosser Arthur of Dookie, McIntyre James, Mundy Henry.

## Coming Events

- **SHIRLEY HAYAT-RANDLES 1.30pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005**

Presenting “No Locked Doors” The story of Jewish life in the Shepparton District.  
Members a plate please.

- **GMAGS EXPO Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

The sixth annual **Goulburn and Murray Association of Local and Family History Groups** is on once again. It is essential that all members support this very worthwhile day to ensure that it continues to be a major Family History Expo in the Murray Goulburn region.

Venue: Mulwala and District Services Club Mulwala.

Cost: \$ 10 (includes guest speakers)

Raffle tickets available for \$200 fuel voucher from SFHG rooms.

See attached flyer for more information or visit [www.vicnet.net.au/~gmags](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~gmags)

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### **Recent Additions to SFHG library:-**

History of Postal Services in Victoria

Cape Otway—Coast of Secrets

Holy Trinity Nathalia

St Mels Parish Shepparton 1955-2005

Reflections of 50 years St Mels Parish 1955-2005

Langwarrin State School Register

Pine Lodge North State School - Plaque Commemoration Day booklet

Yabba South State School - Plaque Commemoration Day booklet

St Kilda Cemetery –Transcripts of Memorial Inscriptions and Name Index (CD)

Private Lives - Public Records A PROV Publication.

“From Hargest to Argus” : History of Argus Families of Australia and New Zealand

“Furphy – The Water Cart and The Word” John Barnes and Andrew Furphy

Electoral Rolls for Murray Electorate 1955/1964/1968/1970/1972/1980

Telephone Directories Northern and Central Victoria 1960’s and 1970’s (assorted)

Voters List: East Riding of the Shire of Goulburn 1972

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### **From “ANCESTOR”**

Noted from Ancestor Vol 27 No 7 that the Hobart branch of Tasmania Family History Society have released a CD with an index of Hobart Mercury BDM’s 1854 – 1930. Available from GSV bookshop Melbourne.

Also noted is an interesting article from same copy of Ancestor on Page 4 titled “London Ancestor”. Definitely worth reading if you have British ancestors. This magazine held at the SFHG rooms.

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### **The Internet**

#### **Web Pages of Interest**

[www.lostcousins.com](http://www.lostcousins.com) Find others researching your family names from British 1881 census

[www.familyrelatives.org](http://www.familyrelatives.org) Research of forebears from England & Wales

[www.1837online.com](http://www.1837online.com) Search British records incl 1861 census

[www.bmdindex.co.uk](http://www.bmdindex.co.uk) Search BMD in Britain from 1837

[www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk) Free searching of part BMD index for 1837-1983

[www.northshorecity.govt.nz](http://www.northshorecity.govt.nz) link to Cemetery Search Auckland district

[www.oldbaileyonline.org](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org) Old Bailey court proceedings searchable

[www.londonancestor.com](http://www.londonancestor.com) Genealogy, Local & Family History in London, England

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/search.htm> The NSW BDM index is free online (births to 1905, marriages to 1954, deaths to 1974)

## Local Cemetery Burials

## Brigadier Colonel Sir Murray Bouchier

Murray William James Bouchier was born near Ballarat in April 1881 but grew up on his father's property in Northern Victoria at Strathmerton. He married Miss Minona Madden in 1921 and had three children. He moved to England in 1936 and died on Dec 16 1937. A funeral service was conducted at Golder's Green Crematorium and a memorial service at St Clements Dane Church, near Australia House and he was later buried in the Shepparton Cemetery. Brigadier Bouchier was posthumously Knighted in 1938.

Bouchier St in Shepparton was named after Sir Murray Bouchier.

Extracts from his Obituary in the Shepparton News Dec 20 1937 read.

### **Brigadier M.W.J. Bouchier**

As a result of an illness which lasted for several weeks, Brigadier Bouchier, Agent General for Victoria in London, died late on Thursday night.

Several weeks ago Brigadier Bouchier, who was aged 56 years, contracted pleurisy, from which pneumonia developed, and his condition gradually became worse.

Mrs Bouchier received messages of sympathy from the Victorian Government and many friends in Australia and England.

Brigadier Murray William James Bouchier was one of the most spectacular cavalry leaders in the Great War and he gave distinguished service to his country. After the war he was a member of the State Parliament for 16 years, and a Minister of the Crown for nearly five years.

Brigadier Bouchier was born in Ballarat in 1881, and was educated privately in New South Wales and Victoria. Before the war he followed the occupation of a grazier at Katandra North.

He left Australia with the first contingent of the Australian Imperial Forces as a lieutenant in 1914, and returned after serving continuously throughout the war as commander of his regiment. Although not present at the famous Gallipoli landing, he served for seven months on the peninsula. He assisted in the evacuation, and subsequently served with the Light Horse through the Egyptian, Sinai, Palestine and Syrian campaigns. He also took part after the Armistice in suppressing the rebellion in Egypt in 1919.

### AWARDED D.S.O.

While on Gallipoli he was appointed captain and adjutant of the Fourth Light Horse Regiment, and was promoted to the rank of major in 1916. In 1917 he became a lieutenant-colonel, and was awarded the D.S.O. for distinguished service in the cavalry operations at Bersheeba, Palestine on December 16 of that year.

The Bersheeba operations are regarded as of such importance that they are quoted in military text of the books. Brigadier Bouchier was in charge of the Fourth Light Horse Regiment N.S.W, under Col. Cameron, when an attack was made on the Turkish and German Trenches at Bersheeba. Brigadier Bouchier commanded both regiments.

In 1919 Brigadier Bouchier was awarded the C.M.G. While serving with the forces he was mentioned in despatches three times.

Upon his return to Australia he successfully contested the Goulburn Valley seat as a member of the Country party, and was elected at subsequent elections. When the late Mr John Allan formed his cabinet in 1925 Mr Bouchier was given the portfolio of Minister for Agriculture.



In 1922 he was appointed to command the Fifth Cavalry Brigade for five years and was promoted to the rank of colonel.

Brigadier Bouchier became leader of the State Parliamentary Country party in 1933.

### Mr McDonald's Tribute


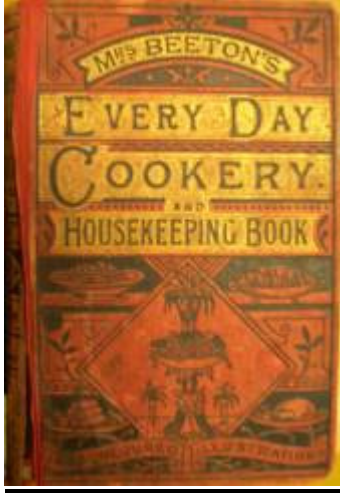


Mr J.G.B. McDonald, MLA, who succeeded Brigadier Bouchier as the Goulburn Valley's representative in the Legislative Assembly stated last night:-  
 "I deeply deplore the passing of a very good friend- Brigadier Murray Bouchier. His straight forward manliness, absolute integrity and outstanding ability will be a very real loss, not only to the Goulburn Valley, but to the state of Victoria. It was a privilege and a pleasure to know him and to have worked with him during some of the most difficult years of the establishment of irrigation and closer settlement areas. His wide experience and human sympathies made him one who immediately inspired confidence.



**Sir Murray and Lady Bouchier's grave at Shepparton Cemetery**

“My family coat of arms ties at the back. Is that normal?”  
(Stawell FHG Newsletter)

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**Are these those recipes you may have misplaced?** ( Extracts from **Mrs Beeton's Book**)

<p><b>CALF'S HEAD, to Carve.</b></p> <p>This is not altogether the most easy-looking dish to cut when it is put before a carver for the first time; there is not much real difficulty in the operation, however, when the head has been attentively examined, and, after the manner of a phrenologist, you get to know its bumps, good and bad. In the first place, inserting the knife quite down to the bone, cut slices in the direction of the line 1 to 2; with each of these should be helped a piece of what is called the throat sweetbread, cut in the direction of from 3 to 4. The eye, and the flesh round, are favourite morsels with many, and should be given to those at the table who are known to be the greatest connoisseurs. The jawbone being removed, there will then be found some nice lean; and the palate, which is reckoned by some a tit-bit, lies under the head. On a separate dish there is always served the tongue and brains, and each guest should be asked to take some of these.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">CALF'S HEAD.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Beeton's late 1800's advice to the lady of the house.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Garnished Tongue</p>	<p><b>HARE, Roast, to Carve.</b></p> <p>The "Grand Carver" of olden times, a functionary of no ordinary dignity, was pleased when he had a hare to manipulate, for his skill and grace had an opportunity of display. <i>Diners à la Russe</i> may possibly, ere-while, save modern gentlemen the necessity of learning the art which was in auld lang syne one of the necessary accomplishments of the youthful squire; but, until side-tables become universal, or till we see the office of "grand carver" once more instituted, it will be well for all to learn how to assist at the carving of this dish, which, if not the most elegant in appearance, is a very general favourite. The hare, having its head to the left, as shown in the woodcut, should be first served by cutting slices from each side of the backbone, in the direction of the lines from 3 to 4. After these prime parts are disposed of, the leg should next be disengaged by cutting round the line indicated by the figures 5 to 6. The shoulders will then be taken off by passing the knife round from 7 to 8. The back of the hare should now be divided by cutting quite through its spine, as shown by the line 1 to 2, taking care to feel with the point of the knife for a joint where the back may be readily</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">ROAST HARE.</p>
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**Genealogical Research Directory**

Shepparton Family History Members please note that the 2006 Genealogical Research Directory surname entries are due in by Wednesday 16 November. The GRD has world wide coverage and is an ideal publication to use if you are seeking information from overseas. An entry form was attached to the last newsletter. Please return the completed form (or fill in an entry form at the Family History Rooms) if you require the surnames you are researching, to be included in the next GRD. (\$2.50 per entry)

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**We have been busy!**

During the past three months we have had 183 members and visitors sign in to do research at the rooms. Our financial members have the advantage of free research time, (\$5.00 for non members), access to our lending library and the twice yearly newsletter. We not only have local family history information but also many state, interstate, overseas, cemetery and school records. Please visit our rooms where a free cuppa and bikkies are always available during research hours.

**Contributions Please!**

To ensure that our newsletter contains interesting items of local information we need input from our readers. Items you may have for sale pertaining to family history eg, Computer programs, Genealogy Books etc, or maybe an article on your families early contribution to the Goulburn Valley area.

Please send information to our P.O. box or leave at our club rooms.

## Public Records Office Victoria (PROV) Excursion

Eight of our members travelled to the Public Records Office Victoria on the 29<sup>th</sup> October to conduct Family History Research and to listen to the talk “Good Morning Boys and Girls” by Jack Martin, relating to Education Department records held by the PROV and how best to locate and access these records.

The following is a very brief précis of this very informative session which gave details on finding records, as well as photographs, of teachers, schools and students.

- The PROV is the archival authority for the state of Victoria, established in 1973.
- Responsibilities include management of public records, preservation of and providing access to same. Management involves the identification and preservation of permanent public records. Only 3-5% of all public records created are deemed to be of permanent value.
- Public records are those created or received by government officials in the course of their duty.
- There are several levels of information about records, including Victorian Agency (VA) number, Victorian Public Record Series (VPRS) number, Unit and Item.

This information controls access to over 87 kilometres of records stored in the repository.

- The “List of Holdings” 1985 is available in print form in the reading rooms. A “Summary Guide” is available in the reading rooms only. Paper lists of records “Records Description Lists” available in the reading rooms. Many of these are being progressively incorporated into the “Online Catalogue”.
- Some records are closed under sections of the Public Records Act. The period of closure varies from 30 to 99 years depending on the nature of the record.
- Copyright. See [www.copyright.org.au](http://www.copyright.org.au) for general advice. PROV guide 25 also has details.
- Finding Education records in Victoria?

1848-1851 VA 920 Board of National Education NSW established.

1848-1862 VA 703 Denomination Schools Board established.

1851-1862 VA 919 National Schools Board established.

1862-1873 VA 713 Board of Education established.

1873 VA 714 Education Department. The Central Education Agencies major

responsibilities include, providing teachers for state schools, general administration of school building provision and maintenance, teachers salaries and student transport to school.

- Major records are correspondence with schools. Most records are arranged or findable by school name or school roll number. Other correspondence is arranged in registered correspondence number order.
- Records about teachers include: VPRS no’s 14440, 14390, 13579, 13974 and 11480.
- Records about schools include: VPRS no’s 795, 3916, 7882, 14519, 3916 and 10249.
- Records about Students include: VPRS no’s 61, 795 and 14519.
- Records of Photographs include: VPRS no’s 14513 thru 14520, 14557, 14562, 14570 and 14581.

The new online web pages provide a starting point for searching educational records. The PROV staff will assist in locating the records you may be seeking.

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A conducted tour of the PROV facilities is a great way of seeing first hand the immense task of keeping so many records safe and readily accessible. The very spacious and comfortable reading room provides facilities for searching a range of records including microfiche, microfilm, photographic prints and negatives, vinyl disc records, audio and video tapes as well as more exotic items. Direct access to the online catalogue is provided as are facilities for digital photography of records and laptop computer ports.

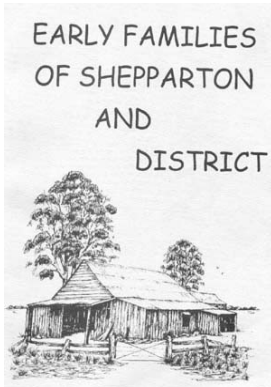
The repository at present holds 300 million pages (54 km) of files. 104 thousand volumes ( 6.5 km), and 650 thousand plans. These are housed at a constant temperature and humidity, in different areas depending on the type of record. The thousands of metres of compactable shelving has to be seen to appreciate the work involved in locating and then transporting up to the reading room each record we order.

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As we search through the records there are always the small items that break the possible monotony of research. These have included

- A bunch of lucerne neatly filed with a farmer’s notes to explain why his farm wasn’t producing enough feed for his cows.
- A will written on a brown paper lunch bag whilst the writer was a patient at the Alfred hospital. Only one witness, a doctor, signed the will but it was not dated. The will was later declared void.

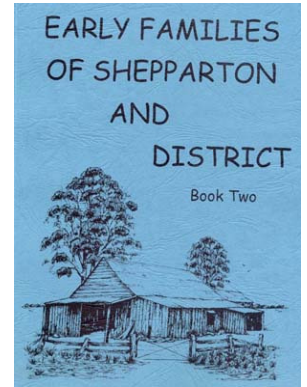
## Books for Sale



Book 1 "Early Families of Shepparton and District" is available to purchase from the SFHG. There are 135 family stories from early days in the Goulburn Valley.  
Price: \$25.00

Book 2 compiled by the SFHG contains 70 stories, over 50 photographs and also articles of historical value relating to the beginning of the irrigation scheme in the Shepparton area in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is a valuable historical reference and social history of life in the Shepparton area prior to the 1930's. The index contains some 700 entries. Price: \$20.00

P & P is \$7.50 for up to 3 books.



*Elizabeth Malcolm catered for a household of ten, herself and her husband, their six children, her father and a boarder-Gordon Brandon. She became actively occupied with the Shepparton Benevolent Society and there was rarely a week went by when some itinerant traveller (a swagman or swaggie) would not appear at the back door, begging for food. She would give them some bread, some German sausage, some dripping and a twist of tea and they would go on their way.*

These are just a few lines from the many very interesting stories in the "Early Families of Shepparton"

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### Membership Subscriptions Due

Membership fees of \$25 single, \$45 joint, are now due. Please make payment to the Treasurer (P O Box 1529 Shepparton 3632) or at the Family History Rooms (open days only).

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### Meeting and Research Times Shepparton Family History Group inc

Address: 154 Welsford St. Shepparton (Cnr Welsford and High St)  
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 Meeting Times: 8.00pm Third Wednesday of each month at the SFHG Club Rooms  
 Research Times: Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.  
 Even Dated Sundays 1.00 to 4.00 pm.  
 Odd Dated Fridays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Fees remain the same: \$5.00 joining fee (once only), plus \$25 per annum single or \$45 double.

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