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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

Shepparton Family History Group Inc Report

“ It just seems like yesterday” is a common reply when someone is reminded of an event which took place many years earlier.

Many of the original members of the Shepparton Family History Group may well have the same response when reminded that it was 30 years ago since the inception of our group. The first meeting of SFHG was held on the 18th April 1984, in the Shepparton South Technical School library, with 25 people present.

Office bearers elected that evening were; Chairman-Keith Bryant, Secretary-Gary Gray and Treasurer-John Waterman. At the second meeting John Watters became Vice-President and Val Spencer temporary librarian.

From humble beginnings at the Shepparton South Technical College we have grown to be a group which can proudly say that our resources, facilities and member dedication is the envy of many other genealogy groups. Thanks to the foresight of these community minded people and other early members, some who are still involved with our group like Val Spencer, Alice and Joan Esam, our club started on a firm footing from which it has steadily grown year by year.

The article and photographs included in this newsletter (p 5-7) show just some of the many members who have contributed to our success and also the improvement in facilities and resources over the years. We are indebted to “*The Shepparton News*” for the many stories and photographs they have printed giving us some extremely valuable publicity for upcoming events, achievements or books we have had published.



Afternoon tea 30 years on.

Our document copying facility has once again been put to good use, this time two of our members, Kerry and Wilma, travelled to John Hancox’s Museum at Stanhope to photograph a copy of the Lauderdale/ Stanhope State School records dating from 1917. Unfortunately Some records were missing for part of the 1940s & 50s.

To complete the task all the names on the record will need to be indexed so that a searchable database can be loaded on to our computers to allow instant searching of all the names. A link to the original image will show full details of each students enrolment.

Past Events

Bendigo Family History Expo

Our members once again travelled to Bendigo in March for the annual Family History Expo. With Jenny fielding questions on New Zealand research and our other members being available to answer queries regarding the Shepparton district, our regular presence at this event over the years has helped



many a family history researcher as well as publicising our name. As with other years our members always enjoy catching up with other genie friends we have made over the years.

Book Launch

Fryers Street State School 1469, 1944 - 1958

Compiled by Marlene Turner-Kuhn the book launch was held at the Shepparton RSL on 31st May.

The 464 page book contains several hundred photographs, stories, poems and memories from former teachers and students.

The first print of 170 copies was sold out before the launch but more are being printed. They will be available from Lovell's Newsagent Wyndham St Shepparton. The cost is \$30 b & w or \$40 colour.

Coming Events

Deniliquin Family History Genealogy Muster

24th and 25th October 2014

\$10 per day entry fee Deniliquin R.S.L Club
<http://members.bordernet.com.au/denifhg>

A great selection of NSW exhibitors as well as several interstate groups. Seminars will also be conducted on both days.

SFHG members will be attending and exhibiting a selection of our resources as well as having a range of our books for sale.

Coming Events (cont'd)

SFHG Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the SFHG will be held on 16th July at 2.00 pm.

BOOK LAUNCH

Early Families of Shepparton and District Book 3 will be launched later this year. Publicity details will be in local newspapers, radio and television. Flyers will also be in the Goulburn Valley Regional Libraries.

WW1 Naming Project

In 2015 Australia will mark the 100 year anniversary of the Anzac forces landing at Gallipoli.

During the Anzac centenary period (2014–18), the Victorian government is conducting a commemorative naming project in partnership with naming authorities, primarily councils.

The project is an opportunity for Victorians to acknowledge the wartime service and sacrifice of their local municipality's military service people or locals who supported Australia's military cause.

If you have a WW1 ancestor you would like to nominate for inclusion on the database, forms can be obtained from the Greater Shepparton City Council offices or downloaded from their website (Google: Naming Project Shepparton Council).

National Family History Month **www.familyhistorymonth.org.au**

Be a part of National Family History month in August 2014!

This is a great opportunity to learn about the value of researching family history and of understanding the social context within which our ancestors lived.

Join the fun and excitement of National Family History Month.

- Start tracing your family tree
- Organise your family photographs
- Write your life story
- Interview and record a relative's life story
- Visit government archives
- Browse the genealogy section of your local public library
- Visit your local family history society
- Have a family reunion
- Visit areas of family significance
- See what genealogy magazines are on sale at your local newsagent
- Log on and explore family history sites on the internet

---Typist Required --

We have a member of the Group who is indexing the Parish Maps (Selection Maps) which we have in our library. We need someone with a little spare time who could type up her hand written lists onto an Excel spreadsheet.

The typing can be done at home or at the SFHG during opening hours. It involves about five to eight pages roughly every two to four weeks.

Please contact Kerry on 58216596 if you can assist us.

Recent Library Additions

Goulburn River Aboriginal Protectorate. A History of the Goulburn River Aboriginal Protectorate Station at Murchison. By Ian D Clarke

Greater Shepparton City Council Heritage Study, Stage 11B. Datasheets for Precincts May 2013 and data sheets for Individually Significant Places July 2013.

Beginnings 1902-2002. 100 Years of the Sisters of Mercy and Catholic Secondary Education in Shepparton

Tooborac 1836-1986. A History of the Township and District by the Back to Tooborac Committee 1986

Aylett Family Descendants in Australia compiled by Joy and Bob Bell

Don John of Balaclava by Miles Lewis

The Patrick Family. Descendants of George and Catherine

The passion and the Dream. Shepparton Villages. The first 50 Years by Stella M. Barber

Who's Who in Australia 1965, 1968 and 1993 through 1999.

Smile Awhile

A Lexophile is somebody who likes playing with words.

Here are a few samples:

1. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I will show you A-Flat Miner.
2. When a clock is hungry it goes back 4 seconds
3. When you are stuck with debt you just can't budge it.
4. A calendar's days are numbered.
5. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
6. A dentist and a manicurist got married but they fought tooth and nail.
7. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the whole point.

Thank You Fay

One of our long time members has recently retired from our group and it would be remiss of us if we did not acknowledge her valuable assistance. Very many people, searching for family history information, would have benefitted from the many hundreds of hours Fay put into researching, transcribing and indexing over the past 20 years.

Even without this, the time spent caring for the nature strip garden and keeping our rooms in a tidy state would have been enough to make her one of our more valuable members.

The Shepparton Family History Group thank Fay for her friendship and dedication to family history research and in helping make our club as strong as it is today.



Our group would like to acknowledge the tremendous assistance given to us over the years by Libby who has recently retired from the Goulburn Valley Regional Library.

Libby is also a member of the SFHG and we look forward to keeping in contact with her in her retirement.

Unusually Named Occupations

Maybe you have come across one of these Scottish occupations when researching your family history.

Baxter:	Baker
Cadger:	Travelling Pedlar
Candler:	Maker or seller of candles
Cowan/Dyker:	Builder of dry stone walls
Flesher:	Butcher
Hortulanus:	Gardener
Journeyman:	Qualified tradesman
Lineator:	Surveyor or measurer
Madras maker:	Fine Linen maker
Pirn winder:	Yarn threader of weaving looms
Resetter:	Receiver of stolen goods
Souter:	Shoemaker
Tambourer:	Embroiderer using hoops to hold cloth
Tapsman:	Head servant in charge
Tidewaiter:	Custom house officer duty collector
Vabster:	Weaver
Vestiarus:	Keeper of the wardrobe

Prominent People of the Goulburn Valley

JOHN QUIGGIN 1819-1893

Among the names of businessmen who played an important part in Mooroopna's early development is that of John Quiggin.

John Quiggin was born at Ramsay, Isle of Man, the eldest son of Philip Quiggin, a ship owner. At the age of 19 he emigrated to Canada where he set up saw mills along St Lawrence River to provide timber for the pioneering population as they moved westward. At Kingston, Ontario, he married Hannah Vincent, daughter of a local newspaper proprietor. In 1865 he moved his operation to the USA; however, with the outbreak of the civil war, he decided it prudent to return to Canada.

Quiggin and his family then settled in Melbourne and he was soon in business as a Shipping and Commission agent. Success again accompanied his efforts and he eventually became the owner of a number of sailing vessels. Foreseeing that steam would replace sailing, he disposed of his shipping fleet but retained his timber and commission business.

In 1876, anticipating the extension of the railway beyond Nagambie, he visited the Goulburn Valley to appraise the red gum forests along the river, travelling as far as McCoy's Bridge.

In the following year, Quiggin opened a saw mill, in Mill St Mooroopna, opposite the Presbyterian Church. This was followed by others along the Goulburn River (see list). The Mooroopna mill, the largest and most important of his mills employed many men. Its closure after eight years resulted from the exhaustion of local supplies of red gum.

The Government's changed plans to build a railway on the west side of the river was a great disappointment to John Quiggin but, not deterred, his mills continued to provide most of the timber for the line between Nagambie and Shepparton, as well as red gum weather boards for many of the houses and buildings in Mooroopna (including the hospital) and surrounds.

In 1878 John Quiggin opened a hardware store at the eastern corner of Mill and Main Streets and a further store in Shepparton. An advertisement in the *Toolamba Telegraph* (20/1/1882) clearly demonstrates the extent of his business activities in this area. In addition to his mill and stores, Quiggin owned some 50 acres of land adjacent to Echuca and McFarlane Roads. During his time in Mooroopna, he was a member of the Hospital Committee.

In 1886, Quiggin transferred the local businesses to his sons, John, William and Charles, and moved his saw mills to Gippsland.

In 1893, this remarkable pioneer of three countries, died at the age of 74, as the result of a stroke. He is buried in the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew.

He had a fine home (his second in Melbourne) at Hawthorn which he named *Ontario* after his wife's home Canadian province. Hawthorn Football Club records show that a John Quiggin took notes at the first meeting in 1873, to establish that club.

Local mills owned by John Quiggin:

Goulburn Valley Steam Saw Mills Mooroopna, Kialla Saw Mill, Cooma Saw Mills, Toolamba Saw Mill, Murchison Saw Mill, Coonboona Saw Mill.

From "*Mooroopna Memories*" by Elsie Brady

*** Last chance to get your family story in Book Three of

"Early Families of Shepparton and District"

Was your family in Shepparton and district before 1940?

Would you like your family included?

Write an account of no more than 1,000 words.

Include one (or two) photographs if you wish.

This is a great opportunity to have some of your family history published and a permanent record kept in the State and National Libraries.

*****Submissions MUST be in by 4th July 2014.**

Contact details are:-

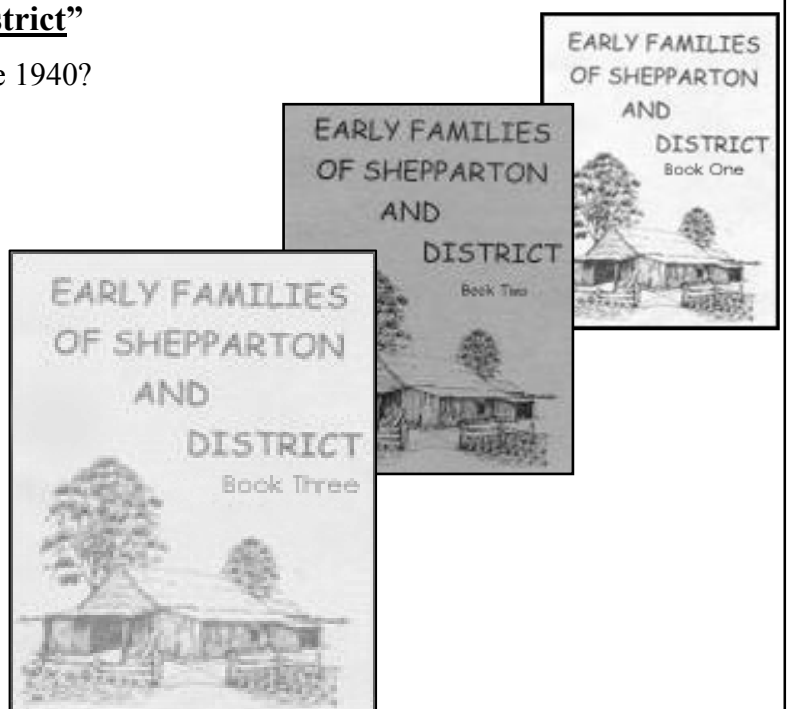
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Shepparton Family History Group Inc

A Brief History

In early 1984 several teachers at the Shepparton South Technical School organised a public meeting to determine the amount of public interest in forming a local genealogy group.

An entry in the initial minute book of the Shepparton family History Group is as follows:

SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th April 1984 to form a family history group in Shepparton Vic.

Keith Bryant, convener of the meeting took the chair and started the meeting at 8.00pm by welcoming all those present (25)

After a brief summary of possible aims and objectives. Keith introduced Ruth James from the Nathalia group. Ruth explained the trials and tribulations of forming a group and some of the activities they have attempted.

Motion 1

It was agreed that we adopt the name "Shepparton Family History Group"

Motion 2

It was agreed that we become "affiliated" with the G.S.V and become the Shepparton group of that society.

Moved: Terry Tremellan

2nd : John Watters

Keith called for nominations for office-bearers and the following were accepted.

Chairman—Keith Bryant

Secretary—Gary Grey

Treasurer—John Waterman

Motion 3

It was agreed that the treasurer open a bank account in the above name.

Meeting Room

Possible meeting venues were suggested. The rental and conditions will be found by the next meeting.

Meeting Times

It was agreed that the group would meet at 8.00pm the 3rd Wednesday of each calendar month. Moved K. Bryant.

The next meeting will be held on 16th May.

Early members and meeting attendees of the SFHG. (as listed in the 1984 / 85 minute books)

Keith Bryant, Beth Chamberlain, Margaret Eddy, Joan and Alice Esam, Gary Gray, Colleen Pethybridge, John & Roslyn Waterman, John & Margaret Watters, Leo Wigney, Vicki Jones, Norma Lawler, John & Lynne Rhodes, Jean & Stewart Barton, Dora Blackley, Beryl Granger, Eileen Torney, Ann Windsor, Gary Carman, Val Spencer, Margaret Thorne, Albert Glasson, Mary Wormald.

Early minutes note the donation of nine sets of records by Joan and Alice Esam. Thirty years later our group is still receiving resource donations from the Esam family. Alice is a life member of the Shepparton Family History Group.



Joan and Alice Esam

The collage of photographs on the following pages are a snapshot of both the early days and the present times of the Shepparton Family History Group.

Surname Research Requests

Some recent requests to our researchers include:

Sir J. LONGSTAFF

Sir A. FAIRLEY

Annie MOSS / nee WORTH

Ellen Olive CHAPPELL

MADDEN / MILLER families

S. J. ENGLEFIELD / Undera

IRWIN family

DOW / MURPHY

Chas. BARROT.

KITTLE & ROE.

VICKERS, ADAMS & GRANT.

Robert DURRANT / CHESSELLS / TREWIN /

DOWKER / ROSS

COGHILL / LePAGE / EVANS Ulupna

Any information on the above family names can be forwarded to the Shepparton Family History Group (see page 8 for contact details).

SFHG Activities 1984-2014





New home

After spending life as the Shepparton Museum's 'Treasure Trove', and later moving to the Shepparton Library, the Shepparton Family History Group has found its permanent home.

The group, an all-volunteer, non-profit organisation, is based in Richard Street. It is an extension of the Shepparton Museum's mission, and is a part of the regional history, which has developed over the years, starting as a 'club' and growing into a 'group'.

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Pam Williams is the Shepparton Family History Group's Treasurer.

2004 20 years

Milestone for history group

Eileen Torney, Joan Esam and Lorraine Phillips are all dedicated volunteers of Shepparton Family History Group.



The new history book 'Early Pioneers of Shepparton and District' is the Shepparton Family History Group's latest publication.



Web Sites of interest

LASSI

<http://services.land.vic.gov.au/maps/lassi.jsp>

This is a great site for locating a block of land within Victoria. A simple search requires only the street / road name and number plus the Suburb / Town.

Other searches can also be performed using co-ordinates, Council property No, Allotment number, Melway reference, etc.

A variable scale map will then show the outline of the property.

Boundary measurements or land area can then easily be measured.

Royal Women's Hospital Index (Melbourne)

The Royal Women's Hospital (Victoria) have digitised

their Midwifery Book No. 1 (1856-1876) and made it available online. www.ozgenonline.com/vicdata (or Google: Index Royal Women's Hospital ozgen online)

New Zealand Immigration and Emigration 1839-1973

Google (familysearch newzealand immigration emigration)

Scroll down page to several online shipping indexes and follow links.

Church of Ireland (Anglican) Parish Registers

Various parish records: (including baptism, confirmation, marriage and burial). Follow link to Online Parish Records.

www.ireland.anglican.org/

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Membership

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Members please note that 2014/15 subs will be due from July and payable to:

The Treasurer, P.O.Box 1529 Shepparton Vic 3632.

Current membership is: Single \$25.00. Couple \$45.00. New member joining fee \$5.00



Don't Forget

Members only research days.

The first odd dated Sunday of each month 1.00 to 4.00pm is set aside for research only by our members.

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General Meetings Third Wednesday ** 2.00 pm **

Research Times Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Even Dated Sundays 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Odd Dated Fridays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

First odd dated Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm .(For SFHG members research only)

Shepparton Family History Group

2013-2014 Office Bearers

- Bruce Manson (President)
- Wilma Emmett (Secretary)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)

- Garry Wallden (Vice President)
- Lorraine Waldron (Research Officer)
- Kerry Betts (Librarian)

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