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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

Shepparton Family History Group Inc report

SCAN PRO 3000

A new microfilm / microfiche reader has been purchased for the City of Greater Shepparton Library with funding organised by the Shepparton Family History Group Inc. This funding of almost \$19,000 was from several grants given by the following local organizations:

- Community Connect
- Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation
- City of Greater Shepparton matching grant

The Scan Pro 3000 enables the viewing of a microfilm or microfiche image which can then be expanded, cropped and either printed or saved to a USB drive as a searchable PDF file (providing the original image is typewritten). Odd shaped articles can be copied as also several articles on the one page can be copied and printed on a single page.

The ScanPro 3000 microfilm scanner features a 26 megapixel camera, nearly twice the optical resolution of any microfilm scanner. The ScanPro 3000 captures 26 megapixels of optical image information using a conventional sensor. This provides users with exceptional image quality never before seen in the micrographics industry. The optical resolution is over 500 dpi on a letter page and saved files are both archival quality and small in size.

Deniliquin Family History Expo

The Shepparton Family History Group once again took part in the Expo held in Deniliquin in October. Although visitor numbers were down on previous years we still had a number of enquiries pertaining to family history in the Shepparton area.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

To all our members and fellow family history researchers we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2018.

Our rooms will be closed from December 21st through January 9th to give our hard working volunteers a well earned rest before commencing again January 10th 2018.

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Coming Events

Christmas Break Up An afternoon tea will be held at our rooms on Wednesday 20th December



from 2.00 pm. Members to bring a plate to share on the day.

A short general meeting may be held if there are any matters arising that need attention.

Victorian Association Of Family History Organisations

> VAFHO Family History Expo 21st April 2018



COME AND JOIN US AT OUR FAMILY HISTORY EXPO AT SALE WHEN: SATURDAY 21ST APRIL, 2018 WHERE: SALE MEMORIAL HALL & 88 MACALISTER ST. TIME: 10.00AM TILL 4.00PM COST: \$15 PER PERSON (WHETHER EXHIBITOR OR GENERAL PUBLIC) GUEST SPEAKERS: TO BE ADVISED DISPLAY & TRADING TABLES: WE ARE LOOKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IF YOU ARE INTERESTED RSVP: to Gina Annand Email: gina.annand5@gmail.com FOOD: May be purchased from numerous eateries close by. The venue is only a block from the main street.

New Members

The Shepparton Family History Group welcome new members Faye and Bernie also past members Ruth, Charlie and Trish to the group.

We look forward to seeing you at our rooms and successfully continuing your family history research.

Past Events

Deniliquin Family History Expo

Deniliquin Genealogical Society Inc once again hosted one of their very well organized Family History Expos on the13th and 14th of October 2017. Numbers were down on previous expos even though there was an excellent spread of stall holders and speakers.

A Family Tree Maker information session was held on the Sunday explaining the new FTM 2017 program. This session was very informative and well attended.

Congratulations to all the hard working team from the Deniliquin Genealogical Society for this well run





Deniliquin Family History Expo Participants

WE NEED YOU !

Volunteers are an essential part of every organisation, if you can help with indexing, newspaper cataloguing or even being on duty during our open days it will help to ease the workload on some of our overworked members and improve our club's resources.

Could you spare some time to learn about our resources and then help others with their research? If so we would love to hear from you. Please call at our rooms during opening hours.

Local History Books Indexed

Many previously non-indexed local history books have been indexed by our members, Lorraine, Eileen, Kerry and Linley. The indexes are available to purchase from the SFHG.

100 Years Of Local Government 1880 - 1980 The History of the Euroa Shire

A Place: The Story of Kaarimba Hall

1880 - 1890 The First Decade All Saints Church of England, Tatura

No Locked Doors Appendix III

The Story of Bunbartha 1841 - 1981 & The School Centenary 1881 - 1981

Caniambo, Gowangardie, Tamleugh 2

Caniambo Gowangardie Tamleugh

The Centenary of Congupna Schools and District 1884 - 1984

Dookie The Years to 1988

Dookie - the next 25 years 1988 - 2013

Drumanure And District Changing Times

Fruits Of Our Labour

Great Australians Joseph Furphy

Grahamvale Re-Union 1911 - 1986

Heart of the Valley Toolamba 1840 - 1983

History of Shepparton 1838 - 1938

The History of the Kialla Village Settlement (Honeysuckle Park) 1893 - 1993

Invergordon District Centenary of Education 1878 - 1978

Kaarimba Hall # 2

Katunga Centenary 1888 - 1988

Kialla Park Bowls Club inc. Est. 1985

Kialla Park Bowls Club Inc.

Kialla Settlement Honeysuckle Park 2

Lemnos Looks Back

School Diamond Jubilee 1927 - 1987

Methodist Church In Goulburn Valley 1873 - 1977

No Locked Doors Jewish Life in Shepparton

People, Places and Things of the North East

Pine Lodge District Centenary 1877 - 1977

St. Mel's Parish Shepparton 1955 - 1980

Shepparton High School. Souvenir - Official Opening 1937

Shepparton Bowling Club

Shepparton Bowling Club - Ladies Associates

Shepparton Bowling Club - presidents board

Jubilee Year of Shepparton Presbyterian Charge 1885 - 1935. Including, Orrvale, Kialla, Pine Lodge

Shepparton East Primary School No. 1713 Tallygaroopna and District Times and Tales The History of Kialla Village Settlement The Pennyweight Kids Story of the Shepparton High School 1946 Those Were The Days Youanmite - Since First Settlement 1848 - 2008 125 Years Shepparton East Primary School 1876 - 2001 Shepparton East Primary School Centenary 1876 - 1976 Wunghnu Primary School Centenary 1877 - 1977 History of Mooroopna, Ardmona & District 1841 - 1936 Prosperous and Progressive Shepparton Shepparton Past and Present Golden Jubilee Gala Procession Addendum to "Shepparton Past and Present" 125 Years Shepparton East P.S. 1876 to 2001 Grahamvale P.S. One Hundred Years Shepparton Technical College Silver Jubilee1953 - 1978

Winter Irving by Warwick Findlay

A Consensual Contract: Rituals and Records of Marriage in Scotland

The following is a short précis of a very informative article written by Susan McLean (December 2017 issue of "Thistle" published by the Scottish Ancestry Group).

"By the law of Scotland marriage is a consensual contract requiring no particular solemnity, nor even written evidence, but deliberate and unconditional consent alone. There is no restraint on account of non-age, but that which proceeds from incapacity of consent in persons under puberty. There is no absolute necessity for publication, or solemnity, or particular place or time of celebration. There is no necessity for the consent of parents or of guardians."

This definition of marriage is taken from "Principles of Law in Scotland" first published in 1829. ... There was a requirement for a minimum age, 14 for boys and 12 for girls, which remained up until 1929 when the minimum age was raised for both boys and girls to 16.

(Much more detail is included in the article under the headings:)

Regular Marriage

This includes further explanation of the terms:

- Proclamation of Banns of Marriage
- Records of Marriage. Parish Register
- Penny Weddings
- Hidden Gems in Parish Registers
- Records of Marriage Civil Register

from p3

Irregular Marriage

- By declaration (a couple need only declare themselves married in front of witnesses)
- A promise of marriage (*was regarded as a legal marriage, but had to be backed up by some kind of proof*)
- By Habit and Repute (legal if couple presented themselves in public as husband and wife)

Children of an irregular marriage were legitimate and had the same inheritance rights as those of regularly married parents

Further reading gives an insight into:

- Irregular Marriages after 1855
- Marriage Law 1939 2017 (irregular marriages were abolished in 1939 except for those married by "Habit and Repute" until 2006. Same sex marriage was approved in 2014)
- Irregular Marriage Border Weddings (after 1753 English couples began to travel to Scotland to be married, especially many non-Church of England couples who did not want to be married by a Church of England priest in England)
- Scottish Marriage Records Before 1855. Why you may never find what you are looking for.

(reasons for missing marriage records included: Lost or damaged, misplaced, avoidance of tax on registrations, conflict / war, dissent.

Some parishes never kept any records.

Prahran Mechanics Institute (PMI)

PMI is a subscription library situated at 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran, Victoria, Australia The library was previously situated in High Street, Prahran (1915-2014) and Chapel Street, Prahran (1854-1915). The Prahran Mechanics' Institute was established in 1854 in Chapel Street, Prahran by subscriptions and donations of the local community. It is one of the oldest surviving Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria and one of only six still operating a lending library. It is the only mechanics' institute in Victoria still governed by its own Act of Parliament.

History

In 1908 the Prahran Mechanics' Institute established the Prahran Technical School which operated firstly at Chapel Street, then at the High Street site from 1915 until 1971. In 2004 the High Street building was included in the Victorian Heritage Register for its architectural and cultural significance.

In 2009 the PMI sold the High Street building to the Swinburne University. The PMI then purchased a building in nearby St Edmonds Road, Prahran and relocated in 2014.

Since 1980 the PMI library has specialised as a Victorian history research collection and as the only lending collection of its kind in Australia. More recently it also collects Australian history and interstate local history publications. In the long tradition of mechanics' institutes, Prahran Mechanics' Institute runs a programme of educational activities including free public lectures. It also operates Prahran Mechanics' Institute Press, a not-for-profit publishing service for authors of works about aspects of the history of Victoria.

Source: Wikipedia

Our aim is to collect published resources about every locality in Victoria and every aspect of the history of the state. It is the only lending collection of its kind in Australia that is available for loan to the general public.

As a PMI member you can:

- Borrow items from the Victorian History Library.
- Public access computers for historical and genealogical research, including Ancestry Library Edition.
- Free wifi

• Digital and microfiche resources for use within the library

• Enjoy free tea, coffee and hot chocolate in our tea room.

• Bimonthly Newsletter and monthly Recent Additions List.

- Buy second hand history books from our book sales, and receive a 10% discount on all new books available.
- Members only book covering service
- Photocopying, printing and scanning available

• Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a not-for-profit, community organisation and one of the oldest libraries in Victoria

Loan Information

• Standard loan period of 3 weeks - inter library loan period of 6 weeks

• New members may borrow 3 items at a time for the first 6 months

- Free and unlimited reservations and renewals, unless an item is reserved by another borrower
- After hours return chute
- Overdue items attract a fine of 30c per item per week.
- Staff assisted reference service

• We provide interlibrary loans to any library within Australia

Reserve and renew items and view loans record online

Membership Fees

- Individual: \$15
 - Individual (5 year membership): \$50
- Life Membership (over 60's only): \$100

Source: PMI Web site.

Many local history books from the Goulburn Valley have been purchased by the Prahran Mechanics Institute and it can be a great resource for anyone searching for out of print local history books.

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"The Most Beautiful Girl in the Village: An Italian Journey of Love" By Liz Zito

Former Shepparton resident Liz Zito was the guest speaker at the International Settlers Group (ISG) AGM in August 2017.

The first part of the title for this presentation came from someone in the village of Calabria where Liz Zito visited in 2010. "Those sisters were the most beautiful girls in the village!" They were talking about Francesca, Liz's mother and her two Mammone sisters. This was part of the fascinating journey that Liz has undertaken in the last few years in her attempt to know more about her family history.

Fleeting Childhood Memories

As the youngest of nine children, Liz had only fleeting memories of her father, Carmine, who died when she was only four years old. Becoming a mother herself in 1984, Liz started to ask questions about her parents' early life in Italy, noticing in particular the "lack of stories" about her father. He had arrived in Australia at the age of 20 in

1925 to take up work at Ardmona, in the fruit growing area of Victoria. It was eleven years later that her parents were married by proxy and that her mother came out to join Carmine. He had wooed her by post after seeing her



photo and it was a L12 love match which lasted.

Liz Zito delivering her presentation

Liz's Journey of Discovery

During her presentation Liz vividly described the story of her journey, starting with the box of family papers, including letters and funeral cards and her parent's naturalisation papers, for which she became the custodian. Place names took on new meaning when the internet became available and she could see photos of villages on Google. The National Archives of Australia provided 21 pages of precious information, including the application for naturalisation papers of her mother and her father's passport. Liz started to keep journals, planned a family reunion, developed a chart and asked family members to fill in gaps in information.

In 2010 she set out for Calabria with two cousins, unsure what she could ask when she got there. The local shire office in Scilla, her great grandmother's village, held leather bound books of records, with thin paper and beautiful writing; there were thick olive trees in the Messignadi cemetery where there was an eerie feeling at the Ossario and in Molochio, her father's village, where the Zito name appeared on a plaque. However, without precise questions, Liz got no real answers. She didn't know exactly where her father had lived.

It was more satisfying at her mother's village, Piminoro, which she knew much more about from her mother's accounts. She found the family house with the green door opposite the church in the piazza; it was here that she found the 94-year-old villager who remembered the three beautiful sisters. Liz was able to get a family certificate for her mother's family at Oppido Mammertina, where the Piminoro records are held.

Research in Australia

On her return to Australia, Liz moved from country Victoria to Melbourne, where she discovered the joys of the city and its family history resources: the Museo Italiano, the International Settlers Group, an Italian family history seminar, access to LDS filmstrips. Yvonne Izatt and Diana Hookham, both of the ISG, informed and motivated Liz. At a meeting years earlier with the writer Arnold Zable, he pointed out that Liz was "the keeper of the stories," a comment which imbued Liz with a sense of responsibility for recording her family history.

And yet there was the problem of language: the LDS files were all in Italian, which she didn't read. They came in different formats! Liz had to be patient and methodical, not her natural way at all, but she gradually grew more confident as she learnt to identify key words.

From scratch she made a family tree from her father's side, using Legacy software. During this time she received her father's family certificate from the commune in Molochio. Further, Liz found a LDS file of her fathers birth record, which verified the address for his house in the village.

A Further Trip to Italy

In 2015 she went back to Molochio with her cousin, where, this time, she was received at the comune with open arms. She found the street that her father lived in for the first two decades of his life, found her grandparents' death records, met her father's two great nephews and their families, who still lived in the village, and found out from them that there was a sister in Cobram, Victoria, not far from where Liz grew up. She has now met this relative and others and stays in touch.

New Developments

New developments continue to add information to Liz's family stories. Along with cousins, Liz has recently done a DNA test with Ancestry and is awaiting results. Letters written by Carmine to Francesca have all disappeared; Liz found by chance his message on the back of a photo dated 1935; she has her fathers round backed mandolin, which other family members remember him playing, especially at home and when other family members gathered.

There is no doubt that Arnold Zable spotted it right: Liz is the keeper of the stories.

For an hour or so during the course of her presentation, she had members of the DSG sitting on the edge of their seats, as they listened to the tale of Lizzie's quest and the gradual unfolding of new information.

** This is an extract from the *International Settlers Group Newsletter* October 2017, summarised by committee member Marie-Thérèse Jensen.

Terminus Hotel

Shepparton's Terminus Hotel has been in existence for over 130 years, undergoing several reincarnations throughout its history. It has recently been offered for sale by the present owners, this may see the end of 60 years of continuous ownership and service to the community by members of the Stainsby family.

A brief history of the hotel is as follows:

- 1878 Coghlan's Hotel built (details are sketchy)
- 1880 Rail came to Shepparton
- 1881 Mid 1880's Hotel changed to Coghlan's Terminus Hotel (terminus of railway line)
- 1885 Agnes Houston was born in Scotland
- 1916 Licencee of Terminus Hotel, James McDonald charged with selling adulterated whisky
- 1918 Original weatherboard hotel burnt down. Re built as a single story brick structure to a design by well known local architect J.A.K. Clarke.
- 1921 Agnes and John Houston migrated to Australia with daughter Margaret
- 1928 Bryant and Shiel sell their Goulburn Valley hotels, including the *Terminus*, *Court House* and *Union* in Shepparton, the *Royal Mail* and *Commercial* in Mooroopna, Tallygaroopna's *Victoria*, Dookie's *Gladstone* and the *Pine Lodge Hotel*.
- 1938 Major renovation to building adding a first story and changing façade to classic art deco
- 1941 Agnes Houston opened account with Carlton and United Breweries 27 July. Agnes took over lease of Terminus Hotel the following day
- 1943 Bob Stainsby sent to Shepparton by the P.M.G. to build Radio Australia. He stayed at the Terminus Hotel where he met Margaret Houston. They married in 1944
- 1945 Margaret became licensee of hotel as Agnes Houston had lost her licence for allowing S.P. bookmakers on the premises

1950 Bob and Margaret's first child, Robert is born

1955 Fire damages dining room and kitchen, alarm raised by four year old son Robert. A daughter Diane Margaret born to Bob and Margaret

1960 Third child Karen Charlotte Stainsby born to Bob and Margaret

- 1961 Stainsby family purchase freehold of hotel
- 1971 Drive in bottle shop built
- 1972 Major bar renovation and bistro built
- 1973 Robert Stainsby (jnr) starts work in hotel
- 1978 Agnes Houston passes away. She served in the bar until shortly before her death
- 1983 "Pippins" a classy wine bar is built
- 1985 Diane's husband Ern Meharry starts work as bottle shop manager
- 1986 Daughter Karen starts working at the hotel
- 1992 Margaret Stainsby passes away
- 1995 Exterior of hotel restored to Art Deco splendour
- 1996 Ownership of hotel passes to the three children Robert, Diane and Karen.
- 2001 The family celebrates 60 years and four generations in the business
- 2017 The Terminus Hotel advertised for sale

Victorian Placename Abbreviations

Steve Parker has developed his own website with a list of currently 2955 place name abbreviations used in the Victorian Birth, Death and Marriage registry indexes.

Some places no longer exist or are now known under a different name.

Often there are several abbreviations for a single place from different time periods, and some abbreviations can represent a number of places. Also available at his website by clicking on "Steve's Headstone photos" are cemetery index listings (not cemetery registers) for the following cemeteries:

Epping, Greensborough, Heidelberg Old, Preston General (partial, ongoing project), St Helena, Scots Church, Thomastown Lutheran, Thomastown Wesleyan, and Will Rook, from which you can request photos of tombstone. Photos are free for personal use.

Extract from "Mallee Roots" August 2017

Check out the website:

http://bdmabbreviations.steveparker.id.au/ or Google: steve parker bdm

Local History Scrapbook Launched

A scrapbook of local newspaper cuttings put together during the early 1900's has been copied and published by the Katandra and District History Group.

The original scrapbook was created early last century by Ruth Tate, born in 1901, and a well known identity of our district. Having played the piano in various bands for more than 50 years, there would be very few people in the Goulburn Valley from that era who would not have danced to or been entertained by Ruth's music.

One of Ruth's passions from the age of twelve was to keep a newspaper scrapbook record of events of interest to her family and the local community. Her first book covered the years 1913 to 1923 and includes articles covering the Great War, weddings, funerals, accidents, football matches and many other community events.

Now 100 years on the articles relating to WW1 are of great significance, they give an insight into the send offs of many young men, their letters home from the front, some shielding reality, others starkly realistic, and then the homecoming of some, but sadly not all of them.

Ruth's brother, Richard, gave his life in the horror that was Passchendaele in 1917. Imagine the heartbreak of a 16 year old collecting cuttings from the local newspapers relating to his death.

Ruth Tate's Scrapbook 1913 - 1923 is available to read at the Shepparton Family History Group library or can be purchased from:

Katandra and District History Group Inc c/o Katandra West P.O. Vic 3634

Extract from the *Shepparton News*, March 31 2006 Christie Peucke finds out "Whatever happened to Favaloro's Café"



Fond Memories of Top Cakes

Famous for his multiple-tiered wedding cakes which drew orders from far and wide, Giuseppe "Joe" Favaloro, or Mr Fav as he was known by his staff, had a flare for cake making that was unchallenged in Shepparton.

Opening his shop on Wyndham St in the late 1950s, Joe and his wife Sheila enjoyed friendly competition with Hutchins Bakery and later Freeman's Bakery but it was baking for special occasions for his many customers he enjoyed most.

'Joe was a wonderful decorator" Sheila said. "We had a very large Italian clientele which who we did wedding cakes for."



Joe Favaloro at his Wyndham St Business

A relative of the Bendigo Favaloros, who too made a name for themselves in the baking industry and supporting many a hungry man during the Depression, Joe took little time building up a successful brand name.

But with high mortgage costs in the early days, Joe put all his effort into making his business a success.

"He used to sleep out the back of the building and he had his dog, a blue heeler, that woke up at four o'clock every morning," Sheila said.

In 1973 Joe retired from the business due to ill health, when it was converted into Betts and Betts Shoes among other things before becoming the present day John Anderson's Pharmacy.

Joe died several years later and Sheila continues to enjoy retired life in Shepparton. Extract from Family Tree U.K. Oct 2017

Free UK census search site relaunches with fresh look

Family history site FreeCEN has been revamped to offer a new look and more search tools.

The site which features 32 million ancestors in its online database of the 19th century UK censuses (1841—1891), transcribed by volunteers, has relaunched at **https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk** with all the records the previous site held, but with a fresh look and feel in line with its parent and sister sites Free UK Genealogy and FreeREG.

Free genealogy at **www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk** believes family history records should be free to access for everyone, and its new website offers more features for family historians, making it easier for them to find what they are looking for.

'FreeCEN2' also brings a host of improvements for existing and future volunteers...



Web Sites of Interest

Looking for those elusive ancestors? Don't forget there are interstate BDM's online. http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/ apps/pioneersindex/ WA default.aspx **NSW** http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-2000 years history.aspx OLD https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/ SA https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/onlinedatabases.htm Avon area. Tas Not available online Vic https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/indexsearch.doj NT Not available online A very handy site is: http://familyhistoryresearch.com.au/courses/ IntroFamilyHistory/ch2_AustBDM.htm or Google: "Kerry's family history research"

Old Maps Online (mostly English maps)

https://www.bl.uk/subjects/maps An estimated 4.5 million items covering 2000 years

http://www.kypwest.org.uk/ Present detailed coverage only for Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire & Avon area.

http://www.oldmapsonline.org More than 400,000 historical maps from around the world

http://gbnames.publicprofiler.org/ Search for surname distribution maps

\$\$\$\$ <u>Membership</u> \$\$\$\$

Members please note that 2017/18 subs were 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

Renewal subscriptions can now be paid by direct deposit to our bank account. Please ensure that you include your surname and the word "subs" in the banking details box to help our treasurer identify the deposit. National Bank Wyndham St Shepparton, BSB: 083894 Acc No: 03832 8159

Don't Forget

Members only research days.

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

Shepparton Family History Group inc

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General Meetings
Research TimesThird Wednesday
* 2.00 pm **
Every Wednesday2.00 pm **
12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
1st and 3rd Fridays2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
9.00 am to 12.00 pm(Note 1 hour earlier starting time)
First Sunday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm (For SFHG members research only)

	Shepparton Family History Group		2013-2014 Office Bearers		
• P	eter Matthews	(President) (Secretary) (Treasurer)	• •	Garry Wallden Lorraine Waldron Kerry Betts	(Vice President) (Research Officer) (Librarian)

