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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

Shepparton Family History Group Inc report

The Shepparton Family History Group has been operating for 35 years and over that time we have amassed a large amount of research material. As with most family history groups we are challenged to find space for our ever expanding library. New shelving has been purchased and some older magazines relocated to ease the pressure on our librarian. Digitisation of more records may be the future answer to this problem but this will require more members with a lot of spare time to devote to digitising.

We are lucky to have a member who is very keen on indexing our library's history books which have been published without an index. This has made searching for family names so much easier for both members and fellow family historians. The Indexes are available for purchase from the SFHG.

A display in the Shepparton Library, for one month each year, highlights the array of resources held in our library. This is a great way of promoting our group to the general public.

Visitors to our rooms from interstate, often grey nomads, are always well received by our members, relishing the chance to help with research as well as learn about other people's travels.

We have recently had problems with our email account where some incoming genuine emails have been rejected by our provider. Hopefully this problem has now been fixed and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Sales of our "Early Families of the Shepparton and District" book series continue to bring in revenue, even 20 years after the initial book launch.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Shepparton Family History Group Inc will be held at our Welsford St rooms on Wednesday 18th September at 2.00 pm. All members are asked to make the effort to attend and help shape the future direction of our group.

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Coming Events

V.A.F.F.H.O. Expo. Saturday 1st June, 2019

Are you coming to the VAFHO Family History Expo in Hamilton?

A chance to meet numerous exhibitors from the local region, Victoria and Interstate.

A chance to hear some great speakers who have presented around Australia and Overseas.

Put the details in your diary.

WHEN: Sat 1st June, 2019. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

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1921 Census

Find My Past is to digitise the 1921 English Census and it will be published online in January 2022

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Public Record Office Victoria (Report)

We are excited to announce that the Ballarat Archives Centre (BAC) is moving in June!

We have found ourselves a wonderful new location - the Eureka Centre building at 102 Stawell Street, Ballarat Central. The move will see us come together with the Ballarat Libraries' Australian Research Collection and Ballarat & District Genealogical Society under the same roof, forming a new shared resource and research hub.

Important dates and information for BAC researchers

In preparation for the move, please be aware that the current site will close Tuesday 21 May with records unavailable to order between 21 May and 17 June 2019. Please factor these dates into your upcoming research plans, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We expect services to commence at the Eureka Centre on the 17th of June 2019. As a result of the move we will be able to offer increased services, opening Monday to Thursday 10am to 4.30pm.

Past Events

Christmas Break

Our members took a well earned Christmas break from December 19th through 9th January but were soon busy again with visitors to our rooms and enquiries via email.

An afternoon tea and chat at the final meeting day in December gave everyone a chance to discuss the past year and plan for 2019.

New Library Additions

- *Worth Preserving—100 Years of S.P.C.*
by Jenny Mountstephen
- *Bunbartha Tennis—100 Years*
by Geoff Allemand & Peter Matthews
- *Eaglehawk Cemetery Plans: Old Monumental*
by Annette O'Donohue & Bev Hanson

Research Inquiries



Willgoose, Haigh, Guymer: Marungi / Youanmite
Hay *James*
Bartlett *Alfred Thomas* (Shepparton)
Powell *James & Ismy*, Nolan *Michael J.*
Beaumont *David Reid*, (Shepparton)
Robinson *Lucy* (admission to High School)
Storey and Morris families
Robinson *U.W.B.* : Shepparton, Kyneton
Harry *Thomas & Henrietta*

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.

Reunion

To mark the 180th anniversary of the *David Clark* dropping anchor in Hobson's Bay on 27th October 1839, a reunion is planned for Sunday 27th October 2019, at Gulf Station, 1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen, Victoria. Descendants of those 229 passengers are invited.

To receive more information as plans progress, email now to : davidclark1839@gmail.com



SFHG Opening Hours for 2019

	Wed	Fri	Sun
Jun			2*
	5	7	9
	12		
	19 mtg	21	23
	26		
Jul	3	5	7*
	10		14
	17	19	
	24		28
	31		
Aug		2	4*
	7		11
	14	16	
	21		25
	28		
Sep			1*
	4	6	8
	11		
	18 mtg	20	22
	25		
Oct	2	4	6*
	9		13
	16	18	
	23		27
	30		
Nov		1	3*
	6		10
	13	15	
	20		24
	27		
Dec			1*
	4	6	8
	11		
	18 mtg		

* Members Only
Mtg: meeting

New lease of life for Victorian* Cemetery

A £6.2m project has seen West London's Brompton Cemetery restored to its original glory, once more revealing its architectural splendour, uncovering listed monuments and structures, and conserving its historic landscape and wildlife haven for the local community.

The four year project to restore the Grade 1-listed cemetery, where more than 200,000 people are laid to rest, was part funded by the Heritage Lottery and Big Lottery funds with a investment of £1.7m from The Royal Parks—the charity which manages the Victorian cemetery - along with generous donors, and support from The Friends of Brompton Cemetery. The cemetery has subterranean catacombs where, since 1840, more than 500 coffins have been deposited, the last one in 1926. Many of the triple-shelled coffins are covered in velvet, and in some cases the original floral tributes still survive, revealing how the Victorians commemorated their loved ones and their attitude to death.

Find more at : www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/brompton-cemetery

*England

Extract from *Family Tree* magazine

Local History Grants

Some local recipients of the 2018-2019 Local History Grants Program are listed below.

Tatura and District Historical Society Inc.

Awarded \$15,000

Tatura Guardian Digitisation

Merrigum and District Historical and Educational Society Inc.

Awarded \$1,400

Making a Digital Merrigum

Benalla Aviation Museum Inc.

Awarded \$1,320

Museum Information Signage

Echuca Historical Society Inc.

Awarded \$15,000

Digitise and Archive 6493 pages 2001,2002 Riverine Herald

PROV Files released 1st January 2019

Record Title	Date Range
Criminal Trial Briefs	1943
Capital Case Files	1941-1943
Inward Registered Correspondence, Attorney General's Department	1942 - 1943
Divorce Case Files, Melbourne	1942 - 1943
Central Register of Male Prisoners	1942 - 1943
Divorce Case Files, Ballarat	1943
Capital Sentence Files	1943
Wages Records, Country Roads Board	1942 - 1943
Children's Court Register, Castlemaine Courts	1915 - 1919
Children's Court Register, Richmond Courts	Jun1917 - Mch1919
Children's Court Register, Prahran Courts	Apr1917 - Dec 1919
Children's Court Register, Fitzroy	May 1917 - Feb 1919
Children's Court Register, Geelong	Jul 1918 - Sept 1919
Children's Court Register, Collingwood	1907 - May 1919
Children's Court Register, Heidelberg	Sept 1915 - Sept 1919
Minute Books, Pharmacy Board of Victoria	1965 - 1968
Civil Construction Corps Wage Records	1942 - 1943
Criminal Trial Brief Register II	1943
Master Patient Index Cards, Alfred Hospital	1941 - 1943
Ward Registers	1918 - 1919
List of Prisoners, Pentridge Gaol	Nov 1928 - Jun 1943
Divorce Cause Books	May 1942 - Dec 1943
Head Attendant's Daily Report Books, Male Department, Kew Mental Hospital	Dec 1941 - Jan 1943
Clinical Notes of Male Patients, Kew Cottages	26 Jul 1912 - 10 Nov 1919
Asylum Records, Pleasant View	Jul 1940 - May 1943
Head Nurse's Daily Report Book, Female Wards, Kew Mental Hospital	1941 - Jan 1943
Bound Circulated Photographs and Criminal Offences of Convicted Persons	Oct 1942 - Apr 1943
Admission Warrants, Female Patients, Sunbury Mental Hospital	May 1941 - Mar 1943
General Subject Files, Education Department	1978 - 1988
Presentments, Supreme Court of Victoria	1942 - 1943
Register of Prisoners Received and Discharged, J Division, Pentridge	Aug 1939 - Jun 1943
Professional Officers' Cards, Teachers Tribunal	1946 - 1968
Tramway Employees Record Cards	1962 - 1963
Correspondence with Union regarding industrial issues, Victorian Railways	1962 - 1963
Accident Compensation Claim Register, Claims Branch, Victorian Railways	1962 - 1963
Accident Compensation Claim Book, Victorian Railways	1961 - 1963
Classified Technical Teachers Record Books, Education Department	1961 - 1968
Examination Results, Swinburne Technical College	1940 - 1943
Minutes, Country Roads Board	1968
Board Minutes and Papers, Dental Board of Victoria	1967 - Sept 1968
Register of Applicants for Nursing and Other Positions, Royal Children's Hospital	Apr 1959 - Jan 1968
Criminal Presentments and Final Orders, Court of General Sessions Melbourne	1942 - Oct 1943
Admission and Discharge Register of Patients, Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital	Jul 1918 - Dec 1919
Admission and Discharge Day Book, Salvation Army, The Haven	Dec 1907 - Oct 1919
Infant Life Protection Register – Applications to Board Out Infants – State Ward and Non-Ward, Children's Welfare Department	Apr 1910 - Jun 1919
Admission and Discharge Register of Patients, Voluntary Boarders, Mont Park Mental Hospital	Mar 1939 - Mar 1943
Observation Ward Report Books, Male Patients, Beechworth Mental Hospital	Feb 1942 - Mar 1943

More information <https://prov.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-blog>

Bendigo Court of Petty Sessions Records

For the past twenty or so years the Bendigo Regional Genealogical Society [BRGS] have been transcribing and indexing these records. This project started at the Bendigo Court House, prior to the records being transferred to the Public Records Office Victoria [PROV].

To date the 'index' has grown to in excess of 50,000 records and contains all of series 1 and 14 units of series 2. These are now available on the BRGS computers in the Bendigo Library.

Extract from the BRGS Newsletter No 24 2019.

Understanding the English Census

The census is a head count of everyone in the country on a given day. The object was to provide information about the population, listing everyone by name on a single night.

- A schedule was given to every householder
- The first census was in 1801 and every 10 years since except 1941.
- Pre 1841 few survive.
- The Census was always taken on a Sunday evening.
- 1841: contains surname and first forename, no relationships, place of birth limited to county, occupation for head of household unless a servant.
- 1851: Full address, relationship to head and marital status, occupation for all, exact place of birth.
- 1861: Same as 1851 but many pieces missing.
- 1871: Same as 1861, disability column introduced.
- 1881: Same as 1871.
- 1891: Same as 1881, but records if employer or employee.
- 1901: Same as 1891, but records if someone works at home.
- 1911: Different, many more different sets of hand writing, includes deceased children.

The 1921 census could be released in 2022. It appears there is a 100 year rule applied to it.

The 1931 census of England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War when fire razed the storage place.

No census was taken in 1941.

The 1939 Register is not a census, it was taken after the outbreak of the war. The information was to produce identity cards and to issue ration books. Military personnel were not recorded.

Extract from the BRGS Newsletter No 24 2019.

Full report:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/>



Snippets of local interest from past newspapers

The Advertiser 6th July 1916

SHEPPARTON WHEN AN INFANT.

HISTORICAL LETTER.

(To the Editor "The Advertiser.")

Sir,-In last Monday's issue of "The Advertiser," was published the following paragraph :
"Shepparton in 1875.-A local resident has kindly handed us a book on "Notes on the Colony of Victoria, Historical and Geographical," by the late Mr H. H. Hayter, Government Statist, and published in 1875.

"The population of the town of Shepparton in that year is shown to have been only 33 souls, while the occupied houses totalled 6 !"

I will now give you a account of the houses and people for the year 1874. I landed here on November llth., 1873, as an employee of Mr J. Furphy, sen. There were then two hotels in full swing-one, the Prince of Wales, owned by Mr Fraser, sen, and kept by. Mr John Dooly (family of 4, besides boarders); the other, the Commercial Hotel, kept by Mr Stewart (family of 4). Then there was the Bush Inn (Wilson's, family of 8), in construction; and also the Criterion Hotel (Mr Day, sen, family of 7), which was opened early in 1874. These four houses show a total of 23 in their families; while the other residents numbered 75, giving a total of 98. The residents were : Police camp, 4 ; punt-man, 1: post office, 1 : surveyor, 1 ; Mr Rowe, 2 ; Mr Longstaff's ; Mr Furphy, 5 ; Mr Dolly, sen. 10; Mr Drummond, 6,; Mr Campbell, 6; Mr Drysdale, 4; Mr Moller; Rev Mr Gribble, 7; Mr O'Brien, 2; Mr Leahy, 2 ; Williams Bros, butchers, 6,; Mr Rowe, 7.

Towards the end of 1874 and the beginning of 1875, men and families were camping all over the place. There were Messrs Geo and Thos Evens buildings, the Royal Hotel and large families of all description : Swallow and Ariell's store, and my own house, built as I was to be married in 75, which came to pass on November 9th. United Methodist Church was built and opened in 1875.; and buildings were going up all over the place. In fact, I estimate that there were over 200 people in Shepparton from the commencement of 1875; and every other day mail and passenger coach (Cobb and Co's) would be arriving from Seymour and Echuca.-

Yours etc., U. W. B. ROBINSON.

Shepparton Advertiser 10 July 1916

SHEPPARTON WHEN AN INFANT

(To the Editor, "The Advertiser.")

Sir- I read Mr U.W.B.Robinson's letter in your last issue (July 6th) with much interest. You head it "Shepparton when an Infant," but how it has deteriorated in its old age. Smarvelous! Fancy 75 "other residents" keeping four pubs going; what rorty old times they must have had: no talk of 6 o'clock closing then. I believe the population of the town proper is now 3800, so, pro rata, we should have about 200 hotels and we've only 10. The town is decadent; no wonder we can't afford a Town Hall or decent roads.

Yours etc,
OLD OBADIAH.

Australasian Saturday 30th March 1867

Shepparton

A trooper named Justin Macarthy, of Shepparton, met with his death a few days ago in the following singular way. A robbery of jewellery having been committed at the Westburn Home Hotel, deceased went in pursuit of the robbers, and on his way arrested a man on suspicion of horse stealing, and conducted him on a led horse towards Shepparton.

While thus proceeding, the horses became restive, and deceased was thrown with violence against a tree, the blow causing concussion of the brain and instantaneous death. The affair was witnessed by a hawker, who supported the statement made by the man in custody. The latter also sustained some injury by a fall from his horse. He has since been discharged, the evidence against him being insufficient.

Australasian Saturday 22 May 1869

MARRIAGE

McKELLER—FRASER

On the 15th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. A. Murdock, James William, only son of William McKellar, Esq., J. P., Lima, Benalla, to Isabella MacIntosh, eldest daughter of William Fraser, Esq., of Tallagaroopna*, Shepparton.

* (as printed)

Transcription Request

My name is Dr Alana Piper and I'm a historian from the University of Technology Sydney. I'm currently conducting a project that is seeking public volunteers to help transcribe historical prison registers from the 1850s to 1940s.

Crime has been central in shaping the history and society of Australia. This project will make a significant contribution to family, local, social and criminal justice history by revealing untold stories about the lives of people who committed crimes in Australia across time. It aims to discover new perspectives on the types of factors that led to individuals ending up in the prison system.

All that is needed to assist in the transcription process is access to an internet-connected computer. From here, you will be able to view images of historical records and type these handwritten documents into the text boxes provided. If you, or members of your society, are able to help, you can find out more and start transcribing via the following website:

<https://criminalcharacters.com/>

If you have inquiries about the work, or would like more information to provide to your members, please get in touch at:
Alana.Piper@uts.edu.au

Victorian BDM Historical Records

Did you know that when searching online at "Victorian BDM" you can access:-

- Births: 1853 to 100 yrs before today's date
- Marriages: 1853 to 60 years before today's date
- Deaths: 1853 to 30 years before today's date
- Early Church Records: Baptisms, Marriages & Burials: 1836 to 1853

The Clothesline

A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbours passing by; There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung to dry;

It was also a friendly link, for neighbours always knew if company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you would see the 'fancy sheets' and towels upon the line;

You'd see the 'company tablecloths' with intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth from folks who lived inside.

As brand new infant clothes were hung so carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could be so readily known by watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung.

Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.

It also said, 'on vacation now', when lines hung limp and bare.

Told 'we're back!' when full lines sagged with not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and grey,

As neighbours carefully raised their brows, and looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less.

Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess!

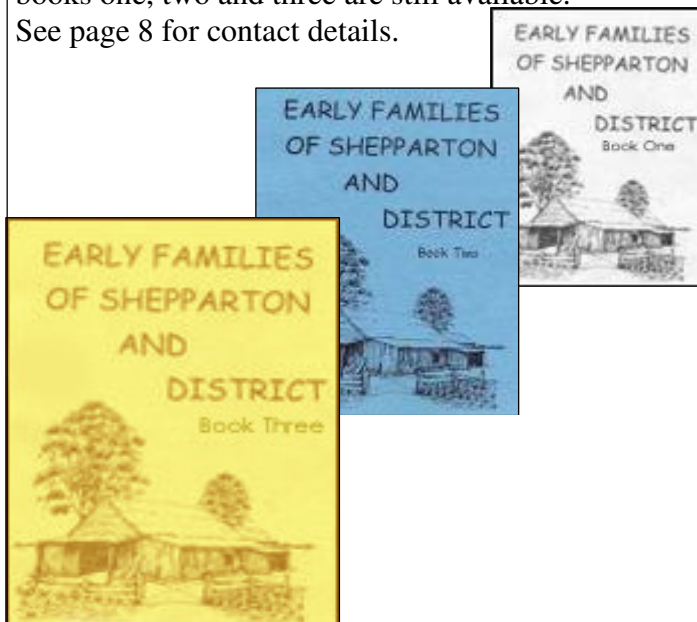
I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign.

When neighbours knew each other best...by what hung on the line.

Early Families of Shepparton and District

books one, two and three are still available.

See page 8 for contact details.



Definition of a Committee

A collection of the unfit
Chosen from the unwilling
By the incompetent
To do the unnecessary
By keeping Minutes
and
Wasting hours.

The Golden Era of Family History

The Victorian period is rich for family historians, when the state took record - keeping of our ancestors' lives very seriously.

The month of May 2019 saw the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. With the exception of the present Queen, no other British monarch has presided over such a long reign and period of momentous change.

During the reign of Queen Victoria, the most important records for genealogists were created. Civil registrations, documenting births, marriages and deaths were commenced in England and Wales in 1837, just 11 days after the new queen's coronation.

Before 1837, baptisms, marriages and burials were only recorded in parish registers and bishops' transcripts, hence the golden age of record keeping had begun.

Extract from *Family Tree UK*, May 2019

Common Headstone Symbols and Their Meanings

Below are some of the more common symbols often found in carvings or headstones. Other symbols on a headstone may relate to the person's occupation, be a family coat of arms, or be a link to membership of some organisation important to them, to their ethnicity or have a special religious meaning.

Information from Greater Melbourne Cemetery Trust
<http://www.gmct.com.au/media-news-events/>

Exploring Symbolism by DR JAN PENNEY GMCT Trust Member



CHILD SLEEPING:

Victorian motif for death



KNOT:

Interlaced Celtic knot indicates resurrection and life everlasting. Tied knot indicates marriage and unity



LETTER (IHS):

First three letters in the Greek spelling of Jesus



LETTERS (XP OR PX):

The letters XP, or Chi-Rho, are the first two Greek letters in the name 'Christos' and refer to being buried under Christ. Today the letters may be reversed as PX to represent 'pax' or 'peace'



PASSION FLOWER:

Symbol of Christ's passion, sacrifice, suffering and redemption



COMPASS/DIVIDERS:

Masonic symbol together with set-square. Also indicative of architects and surveyors. In ecclesiastic art indicates divine measuring and dividing of the world



POPPY:

Eternal sleep; sometimes associated with war-related death



DOG:

Signifies loyalty, fidelity, vigilance and watchfulness



HOURGLASS:

Symbolic of time and life running out, quickly reaching its end and this can be emphasised by giving the hourglass wings. Time can also be represented by a scythe, clock or sundial.



LAMB:

Innocence; marks the grave of a child or the sacrificial lamb of God

Web Sites of Interest

The **Nathalia cemetery** is now online through
<http://search.cemetery.com.au:8008/mapguide/nathalia/public/index.php>

Digital Panopticon* website. More resources have been added to the free site, dedicated to tracing London convicts in Britain and Australia.
www.digitalpanopticon.org

**The panopticon is a type of institutional building and a system of control designed by the English philosopher and social theorist Jeremy Bentham in the late 18th century. The idea is that from the central tower, a limited number of guards could be utilized to watch over a large number of prisoners.*

Does your family tree have roots in Scotland?

You're in luck! You can now search for your tartan-clad ancestors for free at FamilySearch! The [Scotland Census, 1901](#) contains almost 4.5 million records for those living in Scotland on Sunday March 31, 1901.

These records are comprised of enumeration forms that were distributed to all households before the census night and the complete forms were collected the next day by the enumerators. Included in this series are returns from ships of the Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad.

\$\$\$\$ Membership \$\$\$\$

Members please note that 2019/20 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

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, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm, is set aside for research only for our members.

Shepparton Family History Group inc

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General Meetings Third Wednesday in March, June, September (annual) & December **** 2.00 pm ****

Research Times Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

2nd and 4th Sundays 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

1st and 3rd Fridays 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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

Shepparton Family History Group

- Bruce Manson (President)
- Peter Matthews (Secretary)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)

2017-2018 Office Bearers

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