

## 2005 Fair at Overnewton

### WBHA Inc Members

- Brunswick Community History Group
- Essendon Historical Society
- Footscray Historical Society
- Friends of Horseshoe Bend Farm
- Hotham History Project
- Keilor Cemetery Research Project
- Keilor Historical Society
- Sunshine Historical Society



Overnewton Castle, Keilor, was the fabulous venue for the 2nd West Bourke Local and Family History Fair. Chris Laskowski led two heritage walks around the outside of the house to point out features of interest and tell the history of the home.

We are very grateful to Dr Les Norton and the Norton family for allowing us the use of their home, and for the wonderful way in which we were all looked after on the day by Sally and Maxine Norton.

Other special thanks are owed to Wayne Donaldson, who helped out with the printing; Carey Rolarch who designed our logo and letterhead; Alan Ashby who assisted with a WBHA brochure; Steven Lindsay, who recorded the West Bourke Plate Galop, the background music played at the Fair; Marilyn and Wayne Donaldson and Faye Dunne who assisted at the door all day; and of course all our volunteers who helped make the day an enjoyable one both for visi-

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## Thank you to our guest speakers...

Dr Celestina Sagazio was our keynote speaker, and kept a large group of visitors spellbound with her talk on 'Appreciating our Cemeteries'.

Louise Rainbow looked at 'Family History—Fact or Fiction?' and how to go about proving that elusive link.

Laurie Burchell explained in detail how to go about 'Researching the history of your house', and how to interpret tricky documents.

Georgina Knightley of Zetta Florence gave some good advice on 'Preservation solutions' for family



Dr Celestina Sagazio, senior historian at the National Trust, officially opens the 2005 West Bourke Fair.

treasures, such as photos and documents.

# Around the region

## ESSENDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Tuesday 22 November 2005, 7.30 pm  
Courthouse Museum, 768 Mt Alexander Road,  
Moonee Ponds

### Guest Speaker: Joseph Ribarow

'St Albans: a case study in oral history for recording local history'.

Visitors welcome

### Book Launch

*Annals of Essendon, Volume 4*, by Bob Chalmers, will be launched on Sunday 27th November, 2.30 pm  
Courthouse Museum, address as above.

The book will be \$25 at the launch, but \$30 thereafter. Please leave a message on our answering machine if you intend to come, to assist with catering. 9370 4607.

## KEILOR CEMETERY RESEARCH PROJECT

### Keilor Cemetery Tour - Wednesday 23 November

In 1867 an old man named John Fairweather went missing from Ball's farm near Keilor. Find out what happened to John as we visit the graves of pioneers living in Keilor at the time. As we move around the cemetery you will hear about their lives and what they knew about John's disappearance. You may even meet some of them! We will also visit the grave of William O'Neil and have **lunch at Horseshoe Bend Farm** (sandwich or roll, cake, tea/coffee) (1PM) where he lived for many years.

PLEASE NOTE: BOOKINGS ONLY - This tour MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR BY 18th NOVEMBER as numbers are limited and catering must be booked by that date. You can leave your name and phone number you will be called back if there's no answer.

## FRIENDS OF HORSESHOE BEND FARM

See the Keilor Cemetery Research Project above for a joint event.

## BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY HISTORY GROUP

### General Meeting, Saturday 3 December 1.30 pm

**Bruce McGregor** to speak on "Setting up the Merri Creek management Committee".

Mayor's Room, first floor, former Brunswick City Council Chambers, corner of Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick.

## NEXT WEST BOURKE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Saturday 26th November 2005 11 am**  
Old Courthouse Museum  
768 Mt Alexander Rd  
Moonee Ponds

Please leave any apologies on the answering machine at  
**9370 4607**

Members of the WBHA can advertise their events and publications free in this newsletter.

To become a WBHA member, please contact the Secretary for an application form or download one from our mc2 site (see box below). Membership costs \$20 per year. The subscription assists the Association with expenses associated with advertising the West Bourke Fair, and publicising members' events.

**Deadline for the next issue: 7 Feb 2005**

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