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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

Shepparton Family History Group report

And the winner is:-

Shepparton Family History Group
- Preservation of Shire of Rodney Rate Books.

Great news for the Shepparton Family History Group. At the Sir Rupert Hamer Awards presentation held at Queens Hall, Parliament House, on the 17th May, we were announced as the winner of the Community Archives category one award:

“Celebrating Excellence and Innovation in Records Management”.

The Greater Shepparton City Council had nominated our digitising of the Rodney Shire rate books project for the award which recognises achievements in good record management practice within Victorian government agencies and local community archives. Only two categories were for non-government agencies, congratulations to the Geelong Heritage Centre winning the other category for their Online Image Library.

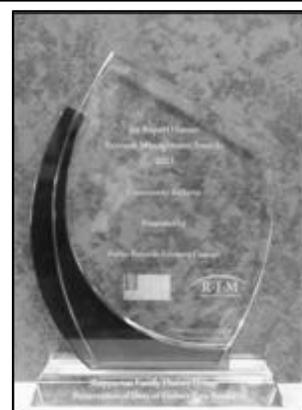
Not to be left out of the event, the Greater Shepparton City Council was announced Victorian Government agency award winner for “Going Digital with Financial Information”. We would like to congratulate the Greater Shepparton City Council and thank their staff for offering us assistance with the rate book photographing and support for our nomination in the Sir Rupert Hamer award.



Council staff Bev and Adrian accepted the award in Melbourne on our behalf and it was presented to us by the Mayor Michael Polan at our rooms on Wednesday 6th June followed by an enjoyable morning tea.

Our members are delighted to have such an honor bestowed upon us, this has been a truly rewarding experience and our hard work has been recognised.

Greater Shepparton Mayor Michael Polan presenting the Sir Rupert Hamer Award to SFHG members Bruce Manson and Kerry Betts at the Family History rooms.



The Sir Rupert Hamer Award

Annual Meeting 2012

Our annual meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 18th July at 3.00 pm following the general meeting commencing at 2.00pm.

Please note the change of time for our general meetings from 8.00 pm to 2.00 pm during the months of June, July and August.

Past Events

Xmas Breakup 2011

Our annual Christmas breakup afternoon was held on Sunday 18th December 2011. Cream cakes and tasty slices were a very pleasant way to end the year for our hard working volunteers.

Bendigo Family & Local History Expo

This very popular Expo was again held 25th March 2012, at the Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre. Another good attendance of more than 200 family history researchers browsed the many stalls which included: Mining Accidents, Pixel by Pixel, Cornish, Convicts, Mapworks, First Fleeters, PROV Bendigo, to mention just a few.

Together with the many Bendigo and district groups and other family and local history organisations there was plenty of information available for both new and experienced researchers.



SFHG members Jenny, Bruce, and Kerry help answer queries at the Bendigo Expo

ANZAC Day Barbeque and Open Day

Shepparton Family History Group and the Shepparton Heritage Centre combined to open their rooms and resources to the public on ANZAC day after the march.

A free barbeque was provided by the Heritage Centre volunteers and our rooms were also open for research.

Although the weather was cold and damp it didn't deter people from visiting our history precinct.

GMAGS FAMILY HISTORY DAY

More than 50 people attended the GMAGS information day at Yarrowonga on Sunday 3rd June. Shauna Hicks (Shauna Hicks Enterprises) and Mark Grealy (Archival Access Victoria) were the guest speakers at a most informative and enjoyable event.

The subjects covered were: Ancestors in Church Records, Sources for Identifying Photographs, Making the Most of Australian Government Archives Online, Ancestors in Unexpected Places: Exploring Public Records Office Victoria's Nooks and Crannies, Accessing and Photographing Public Records Office Victoria files.

Coming Events

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**COME AND TRACE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
GET ASSISTANCE TO KNOCK DOWN
THOSE BRICK WALLS
SEE NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

Deniliquin Genealogy Muster

**Friday 12th & Saturday 13th October 2012
at the Deniliquin RSL.**

**\$10 entry fee per day allows access to all
Seminars and the Main Hall.**

Gould Genealogy & History - Shauna Hicks

Unlock the Past - established 2009

FindMyPast - Rosemary Kopitke

State Library of Victoria—Anne Burrows

State Library of New South Wales—David Berry

State Records of New South Wales—Lindsay Allen

Charles Sturt University Regional Archives—

Wayne Doubleday

Guild of One Name Studies—David Evans

Scottish Ancestry Group—Joy Roy

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Mining Accidents

Archive Access Victoria

Sports History

For further details:

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<http://members.bordnet.com.au/~denifhg>

Coming Events continued.

National Family History Week 2012

27th July to 5th August 2012.

This year we will be holding an open day on Sunday 5th August at our rooms. Anyone researching their family history is welcome to make the most of this opportunity to have our experienced members help with advice on the resources available from our extensive library.

Some other suggestions on how to celebrate family history week from the Australian federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO)

Visit a local Family History Centre at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Write your life story, interview a relative about their life story

Hold a family reunion

Label the family photos

Visit areas of family significance

Reunion of "Six Sisters" Passengers

Several descendants of passengers of the sailing ship "Six Sisters" aka "Zes Gesusters", which arrived at Geelong from England on 13th January 1853, are organizing a reunion in Geelong in January 2013 to commemorate 160 years since arrival.



Passenger surnames include: Atkinson, Balding, Barker, Barraclough, Bell, Belsy, Benfield, Bort, Brain, Brown, Bulfield, Bumpstead, Cochrane, Cox, Deans, Dedman, Eves, Ewing, Fletcher, Fox, Frusher, Fry, Giles, Goldsmith, Goodman, Grey, Hall, Hankin, Harper, Hawkins, Higgins, Hogarth, Horne, Hunt, Hutchinson, Kemp, Lambourne, Malcolm, McCarthy, McFarlane, McKeekin, Moir, Newland, Nunn, Oakey, Ogrady, Parker, Perry, Pinell, Pitman, Pratt, Prentice, Read, Rowland, Sampson, Scott, Spence, Sprake, Steel, Sulman, Swift, Taylor, Totnall, Vaught, Wakefield, Warren, Warrington, Webb, Whittington, Wiltshire, Young.

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Library Acquisitions

Books

Goulburnia—Shepparton High School Magazine 1951 and staff list 1951

The Melbourne Advertiser 1838
Photocopy—Published by P. Fawkner

Carlbon Family Tree 1970 (circular tree chart)
By Glenn F Carboon

The Toolamba Telegraph
Photocopy 19th February 1875

Genealogy On The Internet
By Anne Foxworthy 1996

The 1992 Genealogical Contact
By DW & P Lawson

Immigration Resources 1995
By Faye Guthrie—Guthrigg Genealogy Ringwood

Memory Man's 1001 Life Story Questions
By Bob Mitchell 2010

Bendigo Advertiser (Personal Notices) 1896-1910
By Betty May Jackman Vol 3

Always Going Forward—Celebrating 100 years of Fishers Stores—1911-2011
Donation by Amy Zurrer

Numurkah Cricket Centenary 1884-1984
By Committee 1984

Parkin Family
Ships Deserters 1852—1900. By Jim Melton

History of Bunbartha Primary School 1881—1997.
By Elsie Brady 2011

1001 Life Story Questions. By Bob Mitchell

Small Community Big Heart—The Invergordon Closer Settlement Story. Compiled by Rosemary Kennett. (Donation)

History Bunbartha Methodist Church 1904—1967
"Placing of Historic Marker 2011" By Elsie Brady

A Patchwork Heritage—Thirteen Australian Families By Sally White 1986

Payne Family Photostats and Charts

Families in Colonial Australia By Patricia Grimshaw, Chris McConville, Ellen McEwan 1985

Brickworks in Shepparton Photocopies, Charts, Cuttings

The Streets of Shepparton By Raymond West 1953
Donation by John Gaylard

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Library Acquisitions continued

A4 Files

Ships Deserters 1852-1900

By Jim Melton 1986

Shepparton and District Ex-Servicewomen

Microfiche

Bendigo Advertiser 1887-1888, 1885-1886. Funerals, Inquests, Obituaries, Accidents and More

By Patricia. A. Hocking

CD's

New Zealand Early Settlers Locator.

Census, electoral rolls, Jury lists, Burgess rolls.

(Donation)



NEW MEETING TIMES!

Please note that during the winter months, (Jun, July and August), the general meetings will be held on the

third Wednesday of the month starting at 2.00 pm.

The afternoon meetings are being trialed to save members from venturing out on the colder winter nights.

Car parking can be a problem but 2 hour parking is often available at the western entrance to Shepparton in the High Street service lane adjacent to Monash Park.

Surname Research Requests

Recent requests to our researchers included:

Chalker families of Mooroopna

Herbert F. & Ellen M. (nee Cuzner) Champion.
Gaffy, O'Connell, O'Leary & Harrington families, Shepparton.

William J. & Marjory E. Finch, Shepparton.

William J. & Kathleen (nee Price) Finch, Shepparton

Price Family Mooroopna.

Harold E. & Mary H. Simpson. Shepparton.

John Dougan.

George & Mary Hawkins.

Wilson, Campbell & Carmody families.

Windows Repaired

After the damage caused to our building by a senseless act of vandalism in which two of the windows fronting High Street were destroyed, new stronger window frames have been manufactured and installed. Mesh screens have also been fitted to further protect the windows in future.



Following the success of our two earlier books, the Shepparton Family History Group will be publishing
Book 3 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.

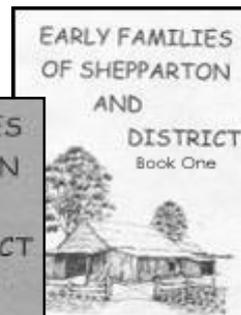
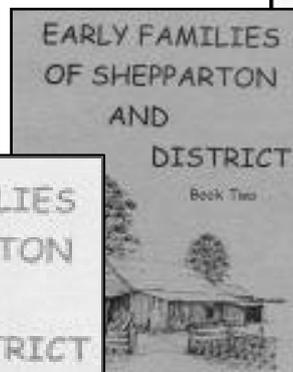
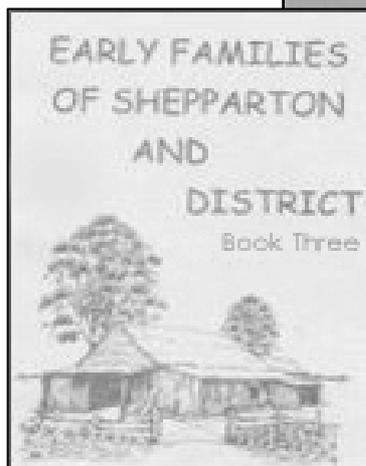
We would appreciate submissions by November 2012

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Prominent People of the Goulburn Valley

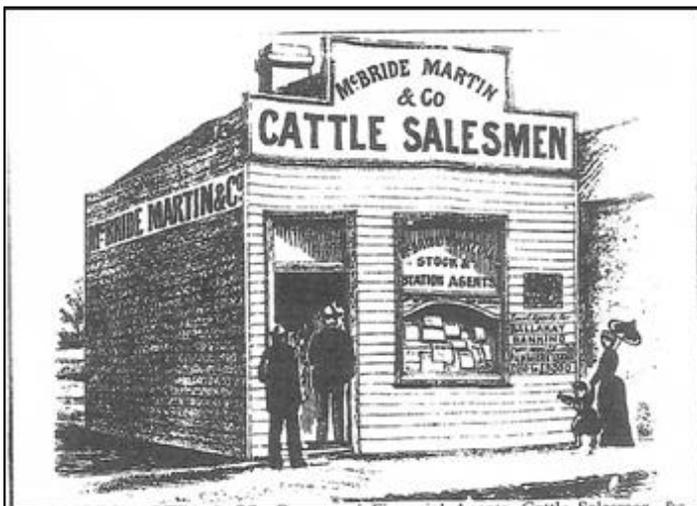
*Extracts from Special Supplement to the Weekly Times
June 12 1897.*

Messrs McBride, Martin and Co

Messrs McBride, Martin, and Co conduct a large business in Shepparton as auctioneers, stock and station agents, and general commission agency. This firm has been exceptionally successful in conducting clearing sales on behalf of a large farming community, besides conducting regular sheep, cattle, horse, and pig sales at the Shepparton yards. Some of their recent horse sales are amongst the most successful ever held in the colony. The firm's own auction rooms, where regular sales of furniture, implements, fruit, vegetables and poultry are held, stand on 40 x 100 feet of land. These rooms are largely attended on sale days. Messrs McBride, Martin and Co. have the confidence of the farming community, their prompt rendering of account sales and settlement of all auction business placed in their hands has greatly assisted them to build up a most extensive and valuable connection. The sale of farm lands by private contract is one of the specialties of the firm, and numerous sales are regularly taking place through the agency of the firm. A very long list of



R. McBride



**McBride, Martin, & Co, Estate and
Financial Agents, Cattle Salesmen,
&c.,**

farming properties is now on the books of the firm for private sale, and those in search of farms in this magnificent and fertile valley have an excellent opportunity of satisfying their requirements by negotiating with the firm.

Mr. Robert McBride, the auctioneer, has been some 20 years in the Goulburn Valley, and his opinions and advice are much respected. He has a happy influence over his audiences when wielding the hammer, and can always be relied upon to get full prices on behalf of his clients. Mr. W. Martin, J.P., the active and energetic partner of Mr. McBride, arrived in the Valley some 13 years since, and, like his partner, is thoroughly in touch with the farming community.

Mr B. Heinze

Mr. B Heinze, watchmaker, jeweller, and optician, of Shepparton, carries on his business right in the centre of town, Wyndham Street. He has a very large local business, and from all the outlying districts he is constantly receiving watches and clocks for repair. Mr. Heinze is engaged by the government to regulate and keep the Shepparton Post Office clock in good order and condition. He is the sole agent in this district for the famous Waterbury watches, and he has a fine display of gold, silver, and nickel Waterburys in stock. Mr. Heinze gives a written guarantee for twelve months with every watch turned out of his establishment. A choice collection of all the latest ideas in jewellery makes an imposing feature, but Mr Heinze does not keep a very extensive stock in this department, preferring to supply goods on order in place of keeping very heavy stocks. He is thus enabled to sell at the very lowest prices, and can compete in this respect with Melbourne houses.



Benjamin Heinze

The stock of pebbles, spectacles and eye protec-

tors is an excellent one, and a large business is done in this line. Mr. Heinze can supply pebbles to suit every range of sight. His eye protectors are brought into great use through this district in the summer months. One of the great features of this business, which has won the confidence of the public, is the fact that Mr. Heinze does all the repairs himself, so that thorough reliance can be placed on all the work executed on the premises. The large number of watches, clocks, spectacles, jewellery, all kinds of mechanical contrivances, and even pipes, which were being repaired show the extensive associations Mr. Heinze has in the Goulburn Valley. Mr. Heinze is one of the active members of the Australian Natives at Shepparton, and a warm supporter of all local sports. His energy in all public movements is much esteemed by the residents of Shepparton.

“Ziff” Dance at Shepparton East HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Last Thursday, 28th June, witnessed a “ziff” dance at Shepparton East, which was highly amusing. Most of the gentlemen, instead of the clean-shaven faces now the fashion, displayed hirsute decorations in the shape of whiskers and moustaches, and wonderful was the effect, causing peals of laughter, especially from the ladies, who thoroughly enjoyed the unique spectacle. The gold mounted cigarette holder, went to Mr. A. C. Klemm, and that for the best moustaches, a pair of cuff-links, to Mr. S. Budds. Both these gentlemen are members of the Shepparton Post Office, and, like many others, had their “ziffs” made by Mrs. Wiley, ladies’ hairdresser, of Shepparton. The dance was in aid of Miss Enid Partis, Queen of Love in the present competition, who is to have another dance at Mooroopna to-morrow evening. Mr. J. L. Trevaskis ran a free service of motor cars from Shepparton for those who wished to attend the dance, and we hear that he is likely to do the same for the Mooroopna dance. Supper was provided by Mr. W. Martin, whose catering gave every satisfaction, and at a late hour the revelers broke up, thoroughly satisfied with the evenings entertainment.

From “*Shepparton News*” Thursday July 5 1923

Brighton General Cemetery

The Brighton General Cemetery is one of Melbourne’s oldest and most significant cemeteries. 29 acres of land were reserved for cemetery use in 1853. It is the oldest continuous Cemetery Trust in Melbourne. There have been over 70,000 internments. The cemetery is surrounded by an impressive high brick wall 1.6 km in length with more than 112 km of internal brick roads and footpaths.

Some of the notable burials at the cemetery include: Arthur Boyd and Frederick McCubbin (artists), Caroline Lynch (writer and feminist), John Furphy (engineer and blacksmith), Adam Lindsay Gordon (poet), Sir John Monash (military leader), Sir Thomas Bent (Victorian Premier), “Squizzy” Taylor (infamous criminal), Sherbourne Sheppard (Squatter).

More information available from:
www.brightoncemetery.com

The Passing Parade—Do You Remember When?

- A container could be taken to the local shop to have it filled with ice cream and you would go home quickly before it melted.
- A good bag of lollies would only cost sixpence and a paper bag of broken biscuits could be bought from the grocers for a shilling.
- “Jaffas” would be rolled down the aisle at the cinema.
- Small children went in their pyjamas to the drive-in theatre with a rug and pillow to see the cartoons for a start and then fall asleep somewhere through the next two movies. The speaker was hooked on the window and sometimes forgotten to be removed when leaving.
- Mum would heat the copper to wash the clothes, the laundry stick, Reckitts blue in the last rinse, clothes through the ringer and out to the line stretched across the back yard with a prop to raise the line.
- School yard games were hopscotch, marbles, hula hoop, rounders, skipping, poison ball and British bulldog.
- Morris, Vanguard, Prefect, FJ Holden, Hillman, Vauxall, Zephyr Six and Customline were the cars to own.
- Christmas puddings had a 3d or 6d surprise.
- Steam trains, outside toilet, the milkman and the paperboy
- and the list goes on

Can You Help?

Was your relative in the Boer War?

Historian Robin Droogleever is writing the regimental history of the 2nd Victorian Contingent that went to fight in the war in South Africa in 1900, and he is hoping that relatives of the 2nd contingent (as well as the 1st contingent which fought side by side with them from April to October 1900) might have useful diaries, letters and photographs which they would be prepared to share with him.

Under the command of ebullient Colonel Tom Price, the 2nd Victorian Contingent sailed in the steamship *Euryalus* in January 1900 and reached Capetown on 5th February. Within ten days they were at the front; and within 20 days they were having their first taste of action against the redoubtable Boers.

For further information email Robin Droogleever:
jerwfd@optusnet.com.au



A group of Victorian Mounted Rifles, c.1899

May 31st 2012 is the 110th anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Vereeniging to mark the end of the Boer War.

A history of the conflict and information on memorials is available at the web site http://bwm.org.au/site/About_the_War.asp or google "Australian Boer War Memorial"

The Spirits of Gallipoli Project

A very informative web site, for family historians who may be researching a soldier who died at Gallipoli in World War One, is to be found at www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com

People with information regarding any of these soldiers may be able to participate in the project by offering photographs or a family history. Contact details are on the web page.



The Project hopes to eventually provide details of available information on the men of the AIF who are either buried or commemorated at Gallipoli. The project will provide details of sources, including reference books, newspapers and general sources where photos and information on the men can be found.

The project:

- indexes photographs, notices and details from newspapers and difficult to access sources to provide information
- hopes to include at least one photo or newspaper article for each individual
- will make it easier for people to find if they have family members buried/commemorated at Gallipoli, by including a 3 generation family Index to easily identify family members

It aims to develop the soldiers as men, personalising them - as part of peoples' families, as individuals.

Other sites well worth visiting are: the Australian War Memorial (www.awm.gov.au), the National Archives of Australia (www.naa.gov.au) and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org).

Extract from "The Spirits of Gallipoli Project"
<http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com>

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.

Web Sites of interest

If you are thinking about subscribing to Ancestry.com world wide then a visit to the “Lost Cousins” site (<http://lostcousins.com/newsletters/anznews.htm>) may save you some extra money on the subscription. In Australian dollars it currently works out at \$214 (compared to the \$449.95 renewal price that Ancestry.com.au charge). The “Latest Newsletter” link is always worth browsing as well.

If you haven't browsed the online digitized records available from the Public records Office Victoria web site for a while it is well worth checking the site at <http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-23>

Digitised records and Indexes available online include:

- Ships Passenger Lists
- Wills, Probate and Administration 1841—1925
- Education and Teachers
- Koorie Heritage
- Land and Property (including detailed Parish maps)
- Public Transport Corporation and Melbourne Olympics 1956 Images.
- Early Publicans and Pastoral Runs
- Prisoners and Convicts
- Divorce, Insolvency and other Civil Court Records
- Mental Health
- Central Melbourne records and photographs

Shepparton Family History Group

2011-2012 Office Bearers

- Bruce Manson (President)
- Eileen Torney (Secretary)
- Wilma Emmett (Assist Sec)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)
- Garry Wallden (vice President)
- Lorraine Waldron (Research Officer)
- Joan Esam (Librarian)

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.

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

Members please note that 2011/12 subs are due from July and payable to:
The Treasurer, P.O.Box 1529 Shepparton Vic 3632.
Single \$25.00. Couple \$45.00. Joining Fee \$5.00



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Meeting Times Third Wednesday ** 2.00pm during Winter months** (7.30pm for all other months)
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)