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Shepparton Family History Group Report

“STOP PRESS”

The Shepparton Family History Group have been notified that our grant application in the 2012-13 Victorian Government ‘Local History Grants Program’ was successful. This money will offset the cost of producing Book 3 of “Early Families of Shepparton and District” and is great news for the members involved in the book production as without the grant our funds would have been stretched and other projects possibly delayed.



Bruce Manson and Jeanette Powell

Local member for Shepparton, Jeanette Powell, presented a cheque for \$5445 to President Bruce Manson at the Heritage Centre on the 14th June and wished us well in our venture to record the history stories of early residents of the Shepparton District.

We are still accepting family stories for the publication, and would be pleased to include more culturally diverse families and families of aboriginal origin as at this stage they are under-represented.

(see page 4 for more details)

With the doors opened again after the well earned Christmas break the members of the Shepparton Family History Group recommenced researching, compiling and cataloguing all the information which then becomes available to our members and the public conducting research.

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.

Photographing relevant sections of the Euroa rate books has been in the planning for many months and cont'd

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was recently completed in a very solid days work by Kerry, Bev and Bruce. Images were taken at the Strathbogie Shire Office in Euroa. 845 photographs were taken over seven hours. This covered 32 years of the North Riding of Euroa Shire covering 1880 to 1911. The North Riding includes the parishes of Arcadia, Caniambo, Gowangardie, Karramomus, Kialla, Miepoll, Molka, Shadforth, Violet Town and Wills. In 1911 an area of the North Riding was severed from the Shire of Euroa and annexed to the Shire of Shepparton. It included all of the Parish of Kialla and part of the Parishes of Arcadia and Karramomus.

Access to these records adds to the extensive rating information available for the original Shepparton Shire. Photographing can turn out to be the least time consuming part of making the records available in a form easily accessed by our members and visitors to our rooms. Checking, naming and matching the images together with the eventually indexing, involves many hours of work by our dedicated volunteers.

The 2013 Goulburn Valley Health Biennial Open Day and Fun Fair was held on the 24th March and once again our members Bruce and Bev manned a table displaying a range of records and books available for the public to research as well as general information pamphlets. The number of enquiries was down on other years but this was probably due to the display table being positioned in a quiet area as there was a reasonable attendance at the event.

A new sign is being purchased to place on the wall next to the northern entrance to the cottage. This sign will display our groups name in large letters as well as the opening times. This may help solve the existing confusion between the entrance to our rooms and that of the Shepparton Heritage Centre.

The 2013 annual meeting of the SFHG will be held on Wednesday July 17th at 2.00pm. Due to family commitments Joan will be cutting down on her duties as S.F.H.G. librarian but still working at home on collection of relevant newspaper articles.

New Members

Welcome to our new members, Don Fairless, Jenni Bransgrove and Kay Clarke, we hope you enjoy many years of productive family history research with our club.

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

A “deceased” search for Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Bunurong Memorial Park and St Kilda Cemetery is currently online and they are working to make available during the next financial year the following cemeteries:

- Cheltenham Memorial Park
- Brighton General
- Cheltenham Pioneer
- Dandenong Community
- Melbourne General

Refer to Springvale Botanical Cemetery website for further details. sbc.smct.org.au/

Surname Research Requests

Some recent requests to our researchers included:

Kelly (Longwood)	Collins (Shepparton)
Turner (Byrneside)	Grace (Tatura)
Bartlett (Numurkah)	Jeffery (Shepparton)
Macpherson (Numurkah)	McBean (Mitchellstown)
Mason (Shepparton)	Riedell (Shepparton)
Campbell (Numurkah)	Green (Shepparton)
Colvin (Rochester)	Murphy (Tahbilk)
Davey (Tallygaroopna)	Sheppard (Shepparton)
Bond (Tallygaroopna)	James (Dookie College)
Nelder (Shepparton)	Sanders (Wunghnu)

Scottish Names—Diminutives

Diminutives can cause problems. When you are searching for an Elizabeth, do not forget that she may have been indexed as Eliza, Liz, Betty, Beth or Bess(ie).

Commonplace diminutives are: Bella or Isa for Isabella / Isobel; Euphan for Euphemia; Ina for any girls name that has been made from a boy's name (such as Andrewina, Jamesina, Hughina); Maggie / Maggy / Meg / Peggy for Margaret; Polly for Mary; Nancy / Nanny for Agnes; Jack / Jock for John; Jamie / Jim for James; Ned / Ted for Edward; Olla for Oliver; Rob / Rab / Rabbie / Bob for Robert; Sandy / Ecky for Alexander; Tod / Dod for George; Tom / Tam for Thomas.

Source: Cory,K.B., Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry, 3rd Edition.

Thanks to our member and New Zealand researcher, Jenny, for her donation of a replacement computer for one of the older models in our rooms.

Coming Events

- The annual / general meeting of the Shepparton Family History Group will be held at 2.00pm on the 17th July 2013 at our Welsford st meeting room.
- This year National Family History Week has been changed to National Family History Month and family history events will be conducted from 1st to 31st August. Many family history events are listed at:
www.familyhistoryweek.org.au/eventsvic

5th August: "Family History Feast". State Library of Victoria. A day of free information sessions, including the annual Don Grant lecture, showcasing how the major Victorian agencies for family history research can help genealogists. Venue: VR Theatrette, State Library of Victoria

*email [Family History Feast @ SLV](mailto:Family_History_Feast@SLV)

6th August: "Using the National Archives UK Online" Bookings essential. email: gsv@gsv.org.au

This class begins at 2pm. Venue: GSV Meeting Room, Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne

- PROV are celebrating 40 years of operation.
21st August: PROV.

Family history research and tour of archives. This session is designed to explore a vast array of areas in which you may find information about your ancestors in our collection. We will take you through how to search wills and probate, shipping lists and inquest records.

20th September: PROV

Tour of the archives.

Heritage Research (Land and Buildings)

Library Acquisitions

Books:

Wangaratta Woollen Mills- Australian Country Spinners. 85th Anniversary 31/08/1923 - 31/08/2008. Wangaratta Woollen Mills.

Not For Ourselves, But for Others, Lindsay B Opie Where Her Strengths Blossom. A Story of Anastasia McPartland. John Martin McPartland

William Cooper, Gentle Warrior. Standing up for Australian Aborigines and Persecuted Jews. Barbara Miller

History of Katandra and District Memorial Hall 1924-1994. Katandra and District History Group

Waranga 1865-1965. A Shire History. Harley W. Forster

Land Grants 1788-1809. A Record of Registered Grants and Leases in New South Wales, Van Diemens Land and Norfolk Island. edited by R.J.Ryan

Riding Free. A Celebration of More than 30 Years of Volunteering with People with Disabilities. Beryl Goodfellow

Park and Lindsay. A family Story, Brian Lindsay

Finding Your Story. A Resource Manual to the Records of the Stolen Generations in Victoria. Public Records Office Victoria.

Building a Shepparton Icon. The Story behind Shepparton's first Multicultural Aged Care Hostel. Don Kilgour

Ancestors of Harry Morris Mitchell. Barbara Mitchell

My Ancestors as I know them. Barbara Joyce Mitchell (nee Berry)

The Maryborough Railway Station History. Daryl McLeish

The Two Pound Watch. From Cheshire to Port Phillip. The Story of the Langford & Sidebottom Families. Edited by Lee Steele

Don't Forget

Members only research days.

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

Pig and lady day by Eileen Torney

During my childhood and earlier there was an expression “pig and lady day”. The day varied from town to town but where I lived it was every second Tuesday, the day of the pig sale.

When the men took their pigs to market, they would also take their wives to do the shopping. For some women this was their only outing and an opportunity to meet with other women. The advent of the motor car made them even more isolated as most countrywomen could handle a horse drawn conveyance but only a minority became licenced drivers. As a friend with a long memory recently remarked, “If your husband wouldn’t teach you to drive you couldn’t ask someone else’s husband to do so”. There was a good deal of prejudice against women drivers, and as shown in our book, “Early families of Shepparton and district, Vol.2” in the article about the Halpin family, an equal or greater prejudice against women cyclists.

So spare a thought for the women of past generations whose social contact fitted in with the pig market.

But at least the wives came home again. The pigs went to the bacon factories.



REVISED MEETING TIME!

Please note that the general meetings are now being held on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 2.00 pm.

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

Do you have a story to tell?

The editors of the S.F.H.G. Newsletter are looking for interesting family history articles which you may have found while researching your family. Perhaps you have an interesting or different character or a hard luck short story that would make interesting reading for other historians.

Email us or drop your contribution into our rooms. We look forward to including your story in future editions of “Furphy Murmurs”.

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.

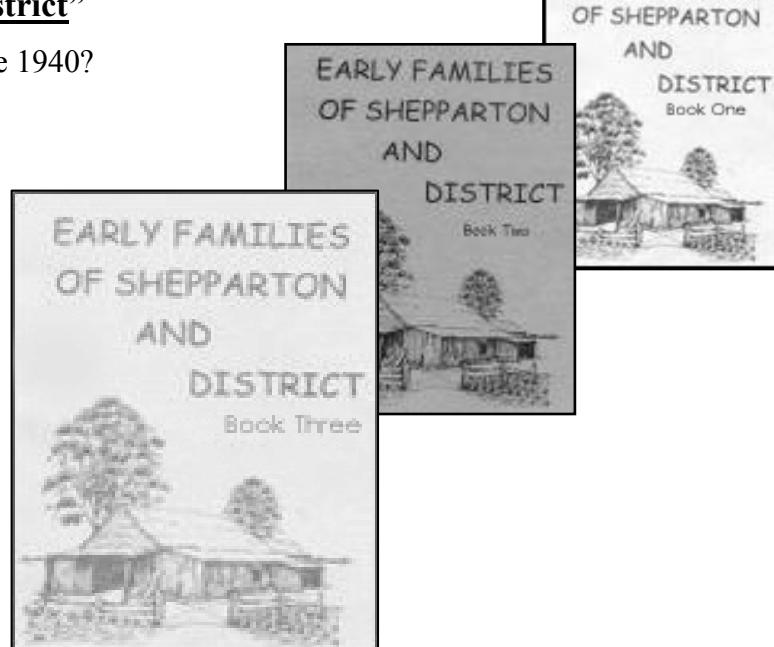
This is a great opportunity to have some of your family history published and a permanent record kept in the State and National Libraries.

We would appreciate submissions as early as possible.

Contact details are:-

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Bruce on 5822 1782

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Email: shepfhg@fastmail.fm



Early Goulburn Valley Businesses

(Extracts from Weekly Times Special Supplement 1897)

THE COURT HOUSE HOTEL

In the very centre of the town of Shepparton, directly opposite the fine Post Office buildings, stands the Court House Hotel, one of the finest structures to be found in any provincial town in the colony. The architecture is a delightful example of the most modern type and eminently adapted to meet the necessities of the climate found in the valley of the Goulburn. The nobility of the design and the luxuriantly comfortable appearance which the Court House Hotel presents to the visitor is of a most inviting character. The immense balcony, which extends along the whole of the building affords a splendid promenade, and presents a commanding vantage point from which a general view of the whole town can be readily obtained. The main entrance is from Wyndham Street, and it is not till you pass a beautiful ornamental archway, through double action swinging doors, and enter a large hall, that you see the magnificent style in which the architect has lent himself to designing a comfortable and commodious, hotel, with all the latest improvements for catering to the public. The bar itself is artistically arranged, and provides a brilliant display of wines, spirits, etc, of the choicest brands. No less than five delivery windows or sections are skillfully arranged from the main bar to the parlours and side passages. The Court House is a brilliant scene at night time with the incandescent light playing charmingly upon the mirrored ornaments and stained glass panels, upon which the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock have been so elegantly designed. The large commercial room, with its handsome leather furniture contains every requisite for the commercial traveller and business men of the town. Still on the ground floor we find a series of sitting rooms and a large dining-room for boarders and visitors. The billiard room, containing a fast table, is in the hands of a capable exponent of the game; the fittings and furniture throughout the billiard room are in keeping with a first-class hotel. A broad and massive staircase, rising artistically out of the main hall, takes the visitors to the first floor. Here we find a large drawing room, handsomely furnished, with splendid taste. A tour through the nicely arranged suites of lofty bedrooms, a peep at the bridal chamber, and an inspection of the baths, where

hot and cold water is laid on, impresses the fact upon us that everything possible for comfort has been provided.

Coming away from the main building, we pass a conservatory into a large public dining hall, with sitting accommodation for, at least, 100 persons. The kitchens are fitted with the newest ideas, and a chef, with assistants, are constantly engaged. The sample



rooms, for the convenience of commercial travellers, are at the rear of the premises. The free stabling and yard accommodation is very extensive, and has been arranged to meet the demands of a large farmers' trade. The cellars are directly under the front portion of the house, and are fitted with every convenience.

Mrs. M. J. Coghlan, the proprietress, is favourably known throughout the length and breadth of the district, and commands a large measure of support from all sections of the community. To show how popular the Court House is with the farming population it may be mentioned that no less than 150 dinners have been served on a sale day, whilst the large stabling accommodation is frequently taxed to the uttermost.

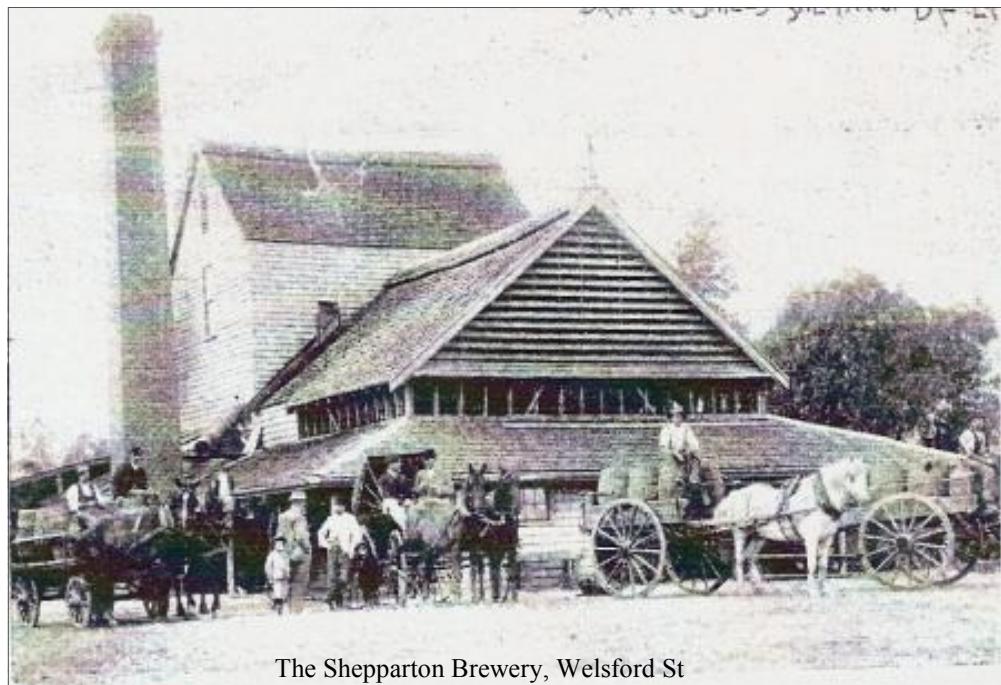
Numerous banquets in connection with public affairs are held in the dining hall of the Court House, and some of the menus, which the writer has been privileged to peruse, would do credit to a Collins street café. Mrs. Coghlan's admirable qualities as a hostess are seen on all sides, and her courtesy to visitors makes a visit to the Court House exceptionally pleasant.

Footnote: The Court House Hotel was situated on the west side of Wyndham Street near the present pedestrian crossing.

THE SHEPPARTON BREWERY

On the Goulburn River, in the town of *Shepparton* is the* brewery of Messrs Bryant and Shiel, who are famed throughout the length and breadth of the Goulburn Valley for the excellent quality of their clear and sparkling ales. The Shepparton Brewery, as our picture will show, is a large building erected on modern principles, and capable of meeting all the demands of a large and progressive trade. It is situated in a picturesque spot on the Goulburn, and is one of the landmarks of Shepparton.

An artesian well 100 feet deep gives a plentiful supply of beautiful water, which is a matter of prime importance. The brewing is in the hands of Mr C. Bryant, one of the proprietors and it is acknowledged on all sides that the beer turned out from Messrs Bryant and Shiel's well-known brewery is equal to any produced in the colonies. Mr Bryant has evidently gauged the taste of the public to a nicety, and he is to be complimented on the quality of the



The Shepparton Brewery, Welsford St

Shepparton beer, which has won highest encomiums from visitors from all parts of the world. The proprietors have by close and personal supervision built up a flourishing business. They have allied themselves to everything which is for the welfare and progress of the town of Shepparton, and their good qualities as businessmen and citizens have won the admiration of all circles of the community.

* assumed text (*missing from original article*)

MESSRS DARBY BROS.

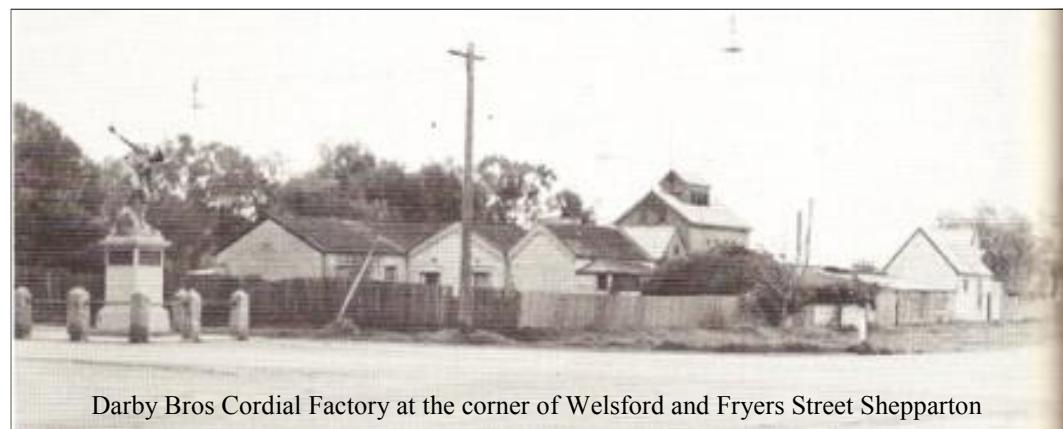
SHEPPARTON CORDIAL FACTORY

In a district such as the Goulburn Valley, where you have so much hot weather, there is a constant demand for cool refreshing drinks.. The cordial factory of Messrs Darby Bros is almost an institution in itself at Shepparton, where the demand for the excellent cordial supplied by the firm is of a wholesale order. The factory is a large and extensive one, as will be seen by the picture elsewhere, and it is fitted with the most modern machinery and appliances.

The beverages are popular throughout all the districts surrounding Shepparton, and the business extends even to Numurkah and Dookie. Besides the great demand for sodawater, lemonade, ginger beer and ginger ale, we find Messrs Darby Bros. turning out large quantities of hop beer,

cider, lime juice, raspberry vinegar, and many other specialties for which the firm are noted. The greatest care is taken in the preparation of the cordials, and the quality of the beverages is of the highest standard.

Mr. Richard Darby, the proprietor of the business, has a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the trade, and he has kept pace with increasing demand for the refreshing cordials manufactured by the Shepparton Cordial Factory.



Darby Bros Cordial Factory at the corner of Welsford and Fryers Street Shepparton

Changing Times

PRE-WAR SHEPPARTON

(Extract from the Shepparton "News" Friday, July 10 1970)

In April 1939 Shepparton News Publishing Co. brought out a "Visitors Guide to Shepparton".

The booklet sold for 2/- and as far as I know, a rarity in the city.

Frontspiece is a water color of Lake Victoria by J. Pick, JP. Photographs of town buildings, notably the old Shire Hall in Nixon Street, the Town Hall in Maude Street, the Coles store in Fryers Street, conjure up a nearly forgotten past in today's rapid turnover of business premises.

The Court House Hotel, licensee Mrs. S. McNamara, as "completely rebuilt on ultra modern lines embodying all that is latest and best modern hotel architecture."

Less than thirty years later, as most of us remember, this proud little pub was demolished to make way for Woolworths.

There is an astonishing picture of High Street in which no new Sheppartonian could possibly recognize with it's disguise of tall shade trees under which, country style farmers' cars are angle parked.

There is a beautiful picture of the Monash Bridge, another of the flower massed gardens in Frazer St.

The tourist map shows the Goulburn Valley Sauce Works on the corner of Stewart and North Streets: the Douglas Tomato Pulp factory at Benalla Road about where the squash courts are now, and Tillocks Pulp Factory at the corner of Lockwood and Williams Road.

S. J. Perry's Fruit Packing Works on the corner of Adams Avenue and Railway Parade is said to be the largest shed of its kind in the Southern hemisphere.

Galway's Model Dairy of Maude Street, advertises "Regal" ice cream throughout the Valley.

Listed amongst the town's attractions is the Monkey House in Queen's Gardens. This, according to Raymond West, was instituted as the nucleus of a zoo by shop keepers in this part of Wyndham Street, to attract customers. 12 Rhesus monkeys were imported from Calcutta zoo in 1935 and remained in the gardens until 1939, when enlistment of permanent staff left no one to look after them.

Shopping hours in the town are from 8.40 to 6 pm

on weekdays, except for Wednesday, when the half holiday is observed.

Saturday shopping is from 8.40 am to 9 pm.

Darby's Cordial Factory (on the present Civic Centre site) advertises "the best grapefruit juice ever bottled ... renowned for its Superfine Flavor and its abundance of Fruit Cells."

The tourist tripping to Dookie will pass Barzen's Rino vineyard at Cosgrove. A recommended drive through the closer settlement area passes the "Floresco" orchard, described as one of the show orchards of Shepparton East.

Finally the guide map shows a Chinese Market Garden along the Boulevard between Stewart's Bacon Factory and Wanganui Road.

"Shepparton, the Capital of the Goulburn Valley" is the proud name of this little booklet which by its nature aims to "sell" the growing town to its numerous visitors and which now, just over 30 years later presents in cameo an idea of the town in immediate pre-war days.

Web Sites of interest

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au>

Tasmania Index to wills and letters of administration 1824—1989.

www.liverpoolhistoryprojects.co.uk A site listing many Irish emigrants to Liverpool. Check this out if you are having trouble finding Irish ancestors.

www.scambusters.org A site listing many of the common scams perpetrated on the unsuspecting computer user.

www.rootsireland.ie Many new records 220,000 Catholic and Church of Ireland marriages in County Waterford.

<http://transcribe.naa.gov.au/> National Archives Australia are asking for volunteers to transcribe the records in their collection.

genealogylinks.net You will find over 12,000 links to genealogy databases in the UK Genealogy links section.

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.

Shortcut Keys for Windows

Shortcut keys are extremely handy as an alternative to using the mouse.

A full list of shortcuts is available on the web, google “shortcut keys”. Some of the more useful ones are:

- When browsing a web page, tap the “space” bar to scroll down one page per tap, holding down the shift key and tapping “space” will scroll back up.
- Ctrl + F will open a “find” window (at the bottom of screen for web pages). Every incidence of a word typed into this window will then be highlighted in the web page.
- While working on a document or other file in almost every program pressing Ctrl + S will save that file. This shortcut key should be used frequently anytime you are working on important files.
- Ctrl + P will print the page being viewed. For example, the document in Microsoft Word or the web page in your Internet Browser.
- Pressing “home” or “end” will scroll to the start or finish of a web page or if writing a document it will move the cursor to the start or end of the line being typed. Holding down “alt” at the same time will move the cursor to the start or end of the document.
- Ctrl + Z . Will undo previous changes. For example, if you accidentally delete text, pressing Ctrl + Z will replace it. This can also often be pressed multiple times to undo multiple changes. Pressing Ctrl + Y will redo the undo.
- Alt + f4 will close down an open or running program. (you will be prompted to save changes)
- Pressing Ctrl + Backspace will delete a full word at a time instead of a single character. Holding down the Ctrl key while pressing the left or right arrow will move the cursor one word at a time instead of one character at a time. If you wanted to highlight one word at a time you can hold down Ctrl + Shift and then press the left or right arrow key to move one word at a time in that direction while highlighting each word.

**NB: Remember to back up your “Data” files after you have made any significant changes to them. Back up important files to more than one device so that one copy can be kept away from the where the computer is housed. When updating to a new computer make sure that your old back up files can be loaded and run on it.

SFHG 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)

\$\$\$\$\$ **Membership** \$\$\$\$\$

Members please note that 2013/14 subs will be due from July and payable to:

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

Current fees are \$25 single, \$45 double. For new members a \$5 joining fee applies.

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Annual Meeting Wednesday July 17th **2.00 pm**

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)