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Shepparton Family History Group Report

The past six months have again been very productive for the Shepparton Family History Group with the active members always being short of time to complete all the tasks they have in mind. Research enquiries regularly arrive by email or snail mail and are handled very efficiently by our dedicated volunteers. The doors to our rooms are frequently opened during our research days by complete strangers who have found us either by word of mouth, the web page or publicity pamphlets, etc, and they rarely leave without a handful of information to add to their family history research. A cup of tea and biscuit are also appreciated.

Email requests for research have kept Lorraine, Fay and Betty extremely busy, a simple request from someone seeking information can lead to many emails being exchanged and sometimes hours of research being done by our researchers. The fees involved are always explained before research is carried out and most people are happy with the "value for money" they receive.

Kerry has been re-arranging some of the resource material we have in our library which will enable visitors to our rooms to easily locate specific material that is referred to in our cataloguing system.

Our cataloguing is based around a card file system, for several years we have been tentatively looking at computer based cataloguing but to date we have not ventured any further than just looking. One of our members recently attended an information session which Museums Australia (Victoria) held in Shepparton regarding their on-line cataloguing system. (see page 4 for more information).

The end of July to early August was family history week, the Shepparton Family History Group made their rooms available to the public for a tour of our facilities and an afternoon of free family history research.

Kerry has decorated the display window at the Goulburn Valley Regional Library with a montage of our reference books and some local family history photographs. The bookshelves in our library are bulging with the resources we continue to obtain from many people from the Goulburn Valley and sometimes further afield. Extra shelving will need to be purchased shortly but that shows the success of our club and the good name we have amongst residents of the area.

April 2014 marks 30 years since the inception of the Shepparton Family History Group. The first meeting of SFHG was on the 18th April 1984, with 25 people present. Office bearers elected were chairman Keith Bryant, secretary Gary Gray and Treasurer John Waterman. From the May meeting SFHG met at the Shepparton South Technical School in the library. At the second meeting John Watters became Vice-President and Val Spencer temporary librarian.

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Current members Alice and Joan Esam and Val Spencer were also original members.

The story goes that after each meeting all their resources could be packed into a shoe box for storage. How things have changed.

Past Events

Digitising Euroa Shire Rate Books:

SFHG members travelled to Euroa early in 2013 to digitize sections of the shire rate books pertaining to the Shepparton area. This is the Euroa North Riding 1880-1911, which was annexed to become the Shepparton Shire Kialla riding. The images taken at the Strathbogie Shire Office in Euroa are now available for viewing at our rooms.

Yarrowonga Family History Group Workshop

A very informative workshop was held at the Yarrowonga clubrooms in November. The day consisted mainly of U-Tube demonstrations on using the genealogy websites ancestry.com and findmypast.com.

A run-down on the family tree program Legacy 8.0 and a comparison to Family Tree Maker 13 was given by Jan Parker.

Family history resources available through the Goulburn Valley Regional Library were explained by the Library Officer from the Yarrowonga Library.

The availability of ancestry.com for free is a great asset for researchers. Registered library users can also get access to books from libraries throughout Australia, they can be delivered to your nearest library, a small fee may apply for some books.

SFHG Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the SFHG was held in July. See page 8 for details of office bearers.

Coming Events

SFHG Christmas Break up

Our Christmas and end-of-year afternoon tea will be held on our next meeting date Wednesday 18th December 2013 from 1.30 pm.

Members to bring a small plate of afternoon tea. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon with us.

** The rooms will be closed for 3 weeks from this date and will reopen on the 8th January 2014.

Bendigo Family History Expo:

Sunday 16th March 2014, Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre.

SFHG will be represented as well as Jenny with her New Zealand research

Come along and enjoy a day of family history research with us.

\$10 entry. From 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
details: www.bendigofamilyhistory.org

SFHG 30th Anniversary

Don't forget our birthday celebrations April 2014, more details later.

Deniliquin Family History Expo

24th and 25th October 2014

\$10 entry fee

Deniliquin R.S.L Club

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



Display at the Goulburn Valley Regional Library

Display at G V Regional Library

Congratulations to Kerry for the wonderful displays which she organises at the Goulburn Valley Regional Library each year.

The display was on for the month of November and depicted just some of the items we have available in our library.

Government gazettes, rate books, indexes of history books and newspapers as well as photographs and family histories were presented to publicise the resources we have at our cottage.

We would like to thank the G.V.Regional Library for their generous donation of display space in the foyer of the library.

Library Re-arranged

Some of the material in our library has been reorganized in an effort to free up some shelf space and to group together materials of the same topic. eg; school registers into alphabetical order and histories into post code order and are now reference books.

There is now an overseas section.

Birth, death and marriages are now grouped together.



A plan is located on the wall to guide those of us unfamiliar with the new layout.

A working bee is planned in the new year to cover books, label items, etc. Volunteers for the project will be most welcome.

From "The Genealogist"-June 2013

From 4th July there will no longer be any attendant at the St Kilda Cemetery to assist people looking for grave sites. A number of wall plaques have orange stickers on them indicating that they will be removed and disposed of unless they are rescued by surviving relatives, as with plaques at Springvale.

Smile awhile

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but left-overs. The original meal has never been found."

Calvin Trillin

Twisted Definitions

ARBITRATOR: An employee that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds

COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put kitchen cabinets in homes.

AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tries to do

PARADOX: Two physicians

PHARMACIST: A farm helper

DENIAL: A river in Egypt

Library Acquisitions

Books:

Recollections of the Pattison Family, by Lorraine, Brian and Jack Pattison

Drumanure Football club Record Book 1899-1912.

A Church at Drumanure 1882-2005. Commemorating the last Service at St Andrew's Kirk Record book of the Presbyterian Church at Drumanure 1910-1912

Lonely Graves of Gippsland Goldfields and Greater Gippsland, J.G. Rogers and Nelly Helyer

WAAAF 50th Anniversary Reunion 15-18th March 1991

Methodism In Benalla and District 1853-1975

A Hundred Years on. The Journey of God's People at St Andrew's Kyabram 1892-1992, by Pat Wilson and Lionel Anderson

Benalla Bowls Club Centenary History 1997

50 Seasons in Tigerland. The History of the Colac Football Club 1949-1998 by David Turner

Local Heroes. Real People, Real Lives, Real Stories.

Greater Shepparton Food Bowl of Australia Volume 1. By Simon Pang

The Early History of the Mornington Peninsula, by Hunter Rogers

Glimpses of the Past. Mont Park. Arundel. Plenty by Iliya Bircanin and Alex Short

Epping Street. The Peace Memorial Methodist Church, East Malvern, by William Henry Bossence

Arcadia Haven of Happiness. A History of the Kennedy, Danaher, O'Donnell and Boschetti families by Eileen Kennedy

St Andrew's Church Bendigo, by Margaret Temple

Our Pilgrimage, Mooropna Uniting Church compiled by Lois Campbell and others

Golden Days of Euroa Football Club Down the Years by Cliff Halsall

Country Women's Association of Victoria. Goulburn Valley West Group. Golden Jubilee 1954-2004

Museums Australia Victoria Cataloguing System

Museums Australia (Vic) recently held an information session in Shepparton to explain their on-line cataloguing system.

“Victorian Collections” is a program described as “a free, easy to use online cataloguing system especially created for small collecting organisations throughout the state of Victoria, Australia”

The site can be viewed at
www.victoriancollections.net.au

Collections from many Victorian museums can be searched on line by simply typing a keyword into the search bar.

Many smaller museums have recently taken part in one of the information sessions and are in the process of using the site to catalogue their own collection. As this cataloguing is a slow process it may be several years before each museum’s collection is fully listed, and searchable, on the web site.

When fully listed each item will display photograph images together with a detailed description which will include age, physical details, donor’s name, relevance to the museum and the district plus many other fields depending on the amount of information typed in by the museum’s cataloguer .

As upgrading our cataloguing system would be extremely time consuming we will be considering the best approach to making our library collection available for public viewing and searching.

Surname Research Requests

Some recent information requests to our researchers included the surnames:

Harper	Vickers
Price	Quinlan
Kittle & Roe	Muharem
Beyer	McCaskill
Fairley	Gaffey
Brookman	Dainton
Vincent	Clark A. M.
Barrot	Lewis
Durrant	Smith (Digley)
Irwin	Ghent
McPhee	Englari
Coleman	Ramsey
Englefield	Ottrey

After Sales Service

When one of our older computers died several months ago we contacted the person we purchased it from more than 6 years ago to enquire about availability of spare parts. Although he was no longer in the computer business he offered to supply us with a similar capacity second hand computer at no cost.

Thank you to Paul Leung for this great gesture.

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.

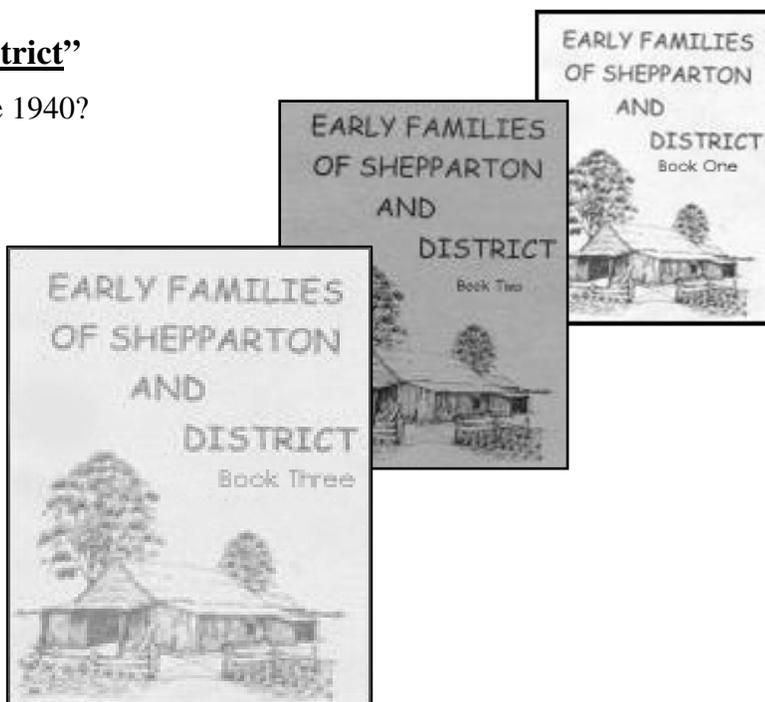
We would appreciate submissions as soon as possible.

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Prominent People of the Goulburn Valley

Vincent Edmund Vibert 1905 — 1980

Shepparton News Dec 8th 1980

Former mayor dies in Melbourne

A former mayor of Shepparton, Mr Vincent Edmund Vibert, died on Saturday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne. He was aged 75.

In the civic sphere, in the realm of business, in church activity, in school guidance, and in service to all, Vincent Vibert was a tower of strength.

Mr Vibert was born in Shepparton on April 2, 1905. He was educated at the Shepparton Primary and High schools and Geelong College.

In 1889 his father had established the well known Shepparton business of E. J. Vibert Pty Ltd and Vince served the family business for a life time.

At the time of his death he was chairman of directors and he saw tremendous expansion during the past 12 months.

Mr Vibert served the Shepparton city council for 36 years. He was mayor four times—in 1938, 1952, 1953 and 1954.

As mayor he had the honor of welcoming Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip to Shepparton.

Mr Vibert believed his most notable contribution to council was chairman of the Public Works Committee. He served on this committee for many years.

He pushed for substantial sub-divisional requirements, main drainage which was very costly, sewerage and water.

"This was absorbing, rewarding and highly contentious work," he recently said. "It ultimately cost me my seat in council. But I strongly supported main drainage work, however costly."

The mayor of Shepparton, Cr Rich. Trevaskis, said this morning: "Shepparton mourns the death of one of our most famous sons. As a councillor Vince Vibert was largely responsible for the ordered planning of our city using all his natural talent for clear thinking and logical decision making.

For such work Mr Vibert received the Sir James Barrett Memorial Prize awarded by the town and Planning Association of Victoria. This was given for notable contribution to town planning and Vince regarded the presentation as one of the highest honors bestowed upon him.

In 1967 he was given the MBE award for his community service.

Mr Vibert was a member of the Shepparton Historical Society and secretary for many years.

A few years ago he wrote a fascinating book on Shepparton, "Shepparton Past and Present".



The Author — V. E. Vibert, M.B.E.

Mr Vince Edmund Vibert

Mr Vibert was a life-time member of Scots Uniting Church.

Mr Vibert was chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for Scots which substantially funded the new St Davids and St Andrews churches.

This to him was his great church work, and he was

also involved very closely, with the architect John Murphey who designed the extensions to Scots, adding the spire in 1965.

Mr Vibert was a charter member of the Shepparton Rotary Club and was still attending the weekly meeting until he was hospitalised in Melbourne.

He served on many Committees and was always regarded as an active member of the club.

Through Rotary Mr Vibert shared in the establishment of "Tarcoola"

Some of his great work was done as a foundation member of the Shepparton Technical College Council. He served from the first meeting in 1952 to retirement in 1978.

Mr Vibert is survived by his wife Nancy, and his family of Beverley, Peter, David, Timothy and Mary Elizabeth (Redman). All his sons are in the family business.

He will be buried at a private funeral and a Memorial Service will be held at Scots Uniting Church, Fryers St, Shepparton next Sunday, December 14, at 3pm.

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Author: Mr V. E. Vibert

(Extract from *Shepparton News* Dec 15th 1980)

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VINCE VIBERT

A special church service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Vincent Vibert was held yesterday. Speaking at Scots Church, the Mayor of Shepparton, Cr Rich Trevaskis, briefly outlined the life of Vincent Vibert.

He said Mr Vibert was the youngest councilor to be elected to the borough council of Shepparton, serving council for 36 years, four times as mayor.

He combined the principles of planning, knowledge of the existing, faith in the future and good common sense.

“Believing that council should be a pace setter in the planning of education and school sites Mr Vibert requested that Minister for Education, Mr Sheppard, to buy sites for primary schools in St Georges Rd and Gowrie st,” Cr Trevaskis said.

The minister could not see the need. There was no development in the area and he felt the Fryers Street school was entirely satisfactory. “But Mr Vibert and council persisted and so the land was bought.”

As a councilor he was a policy maker, an able debator, and a man who had a sense of humor and kept the common touch, Cr Trevaskis said.

“He has carved his name into the hearts of the people of Shepparton and we will remember him.

Former principle of the Shepparton Technical College, Mr Ken McRae, also paid tribute to Mr Vibert as a great friend of education.

Mr Vibert had a deep interest in, and enthusiasm for, education, he said.

This sprang from his interest and concern for young people.

“He believed that in a soundly based society such things as human dignity and strength and uprightness of character, together with the abilities to think clearly, communicate intelligently, read with understanding, and earn a satisfactory living were essentials. In the development of these, education occupied a prime position.

“For 25 years he was involved in Shepparton’s technical education, “Mr McRae said.” He pressed a reluctant Education Department to buy sufficient land to make playing fields adequate for a large enrolment, Mr McRae said. He saw the need to introduce girls into commercial day classes. “He looked ahead to the day when Shepparton would be a major force in the field of education with a college of advanced education, and urged the purchase of the Wanganui Homestead as its centre.”

The Rev J. S. Macfarlane, former minister of Scots Church, said Mr Vibert was a great Christian and churchman. “His name in Shepparton will be linked forever with the Presbyterian and Uniting Church.”

Printed Articles of Interest

(An extract from *Shepparton News* Jul 14th 1983)

VIBERT’S STORE TO BE SOLD

Shepparton’s oldest suppliers of building materials and hardware, E. J. Vibert Pty Ltd, is up for sale.

Four generations of the Vibert family have operated the business which was first established in 1889 by Mr Ed Vibert. Mr Vibert had migrated from New Jersey to New York in 1887, then returned to his homeland and came to Australia in 1889. He looked at Dandenong, went to Perth, then came to Shepparton and decided it was the right place for him. He bought two blocks of land in Wyndham St and traded as a builder until 1905 when he built a shop and diversified into building trade materials.

Some of the buildings he constructed included the old St Martin’s church in Hayes St and the AMP building in Wyndham St which was partly demolished last year.

Mr Vince Vibert entered the business in 1922. The company name of E. J. Vibert was established in 1929.

Viberts were the first to introduce air drying and reconditioning of Victorian timber in 1930 and in 1936 Mr Phil Clayton entered the business.

Peter and David Vibert entered the business in 1950.

A new hardware store was constructed in 1962 and 1967 was marked by Tim Vibert entering the business and also the company’s link-up with Mitre 10.

A new home centre and a new steel centre were built in 1976-77 and the following year the shop was extended. The same year, Andrew Vibert, the first of the fourth generation, entered the business.

Worth Reading

WHITELEAD (Pioneer), 11s/ per cwt.
BERGERS, in 28 lb. Kegs, 27/6 Each
BERGERS' B.P. PAINTS, 32/ per Gallon.
ASEPTICOTE PAINT, 25/ per gallon.
MEGGITT'S LINSEED OIL, 4 gal. tins, 15/ per Gallon.
TURPENTINE (Pratt's Pine Tree), 4 gal. tins, 15/ per Gallon
SOGONY (Painters') TURPS, 4 gal. tins, 5/ per Gallon.
CATTLE AND HORSE DRENCH (Wagnu System), 4 gal. tins
10/ Each. Worth 30/ to 40/ to any farmer.
E.W.BANK NAILS, 8-inch, 10s per lb.
ORB IRON, 3-ply, CEMENT SHEETS, CEMENT, HYDRO.
STEEL LINING, 1, 2, and 3 Ply ROOFING, Etc. Etc.

EVERY LINE GUARANTEED O.K. SPOT CASH ONLY.

E. J. VIBERT

CASH TIMBER YARDS — WOODWORK FACTORY.
Phone 18. SHEPPARTON.

(*Shepparton News* September 29 1919)

Victorian Parish Maps on PROV website

This is a guide to locating Parish maps to find original land selections/allotment numbers and the relevant Land Act, (which is shown as a fraction), the area of the selection and the date it was granted on receipt of the final payment.

1. <http://prov.vic.gov.au/Research>
2. Double click (DC) the "Online Indexes & Digitised Records" Icon
3. "Online Catalogue" screen appears
4. Scroll down to "Land & Property"
5. (DC) "Index to **VPRS 16171** Regional Land Office Parish Plans Digitised Reference Set"
6. (DC) "Accessing the records in this Series"
7. Single click (SC) "List/s of records indexes in this series"
8. (SC) P0001, "Consignment Details" screen appears *
9. (DC) "Plans Item No" eg Du to G to locate the Parish map for Gundowring or St to Tu for Tawanga etc,
10. Scroll through page numbers to find desired Parish map. Selecting 50 entries per page will speed up the search.
11. (SC) underlined information for the required Parish Plan. "Sub Item Details" window appears
12. (SC) pdf (below "Download" heading). It may take several minutes to download as file size is generally large.
13. Wait for the PDF window to open. Right click on image and select "Save as" to save the image to your selected folder

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The original lessee of the land will be named on the Parish Plan; it will show the date of the final payment, if made, the acreage the allotment number and the land act it was acquired under, as a fraction. This information is needed to retrieve any information from PROV regarding the taking up of the land.

It is also helpful to provide this information to Archival Access Victoria, who will collect the documentation for you for a fee, if you are unable to go to PROV.

* P0001: Parish and Township plans (and possibly some miscellaneous plans).

P0002: Soldier Settlement, Closer Settlement, County and other Miscellaneous Plans.

P0003: County and Parish Index

Web Sites of interest

Detailed maps of Ireland www.osi.ie

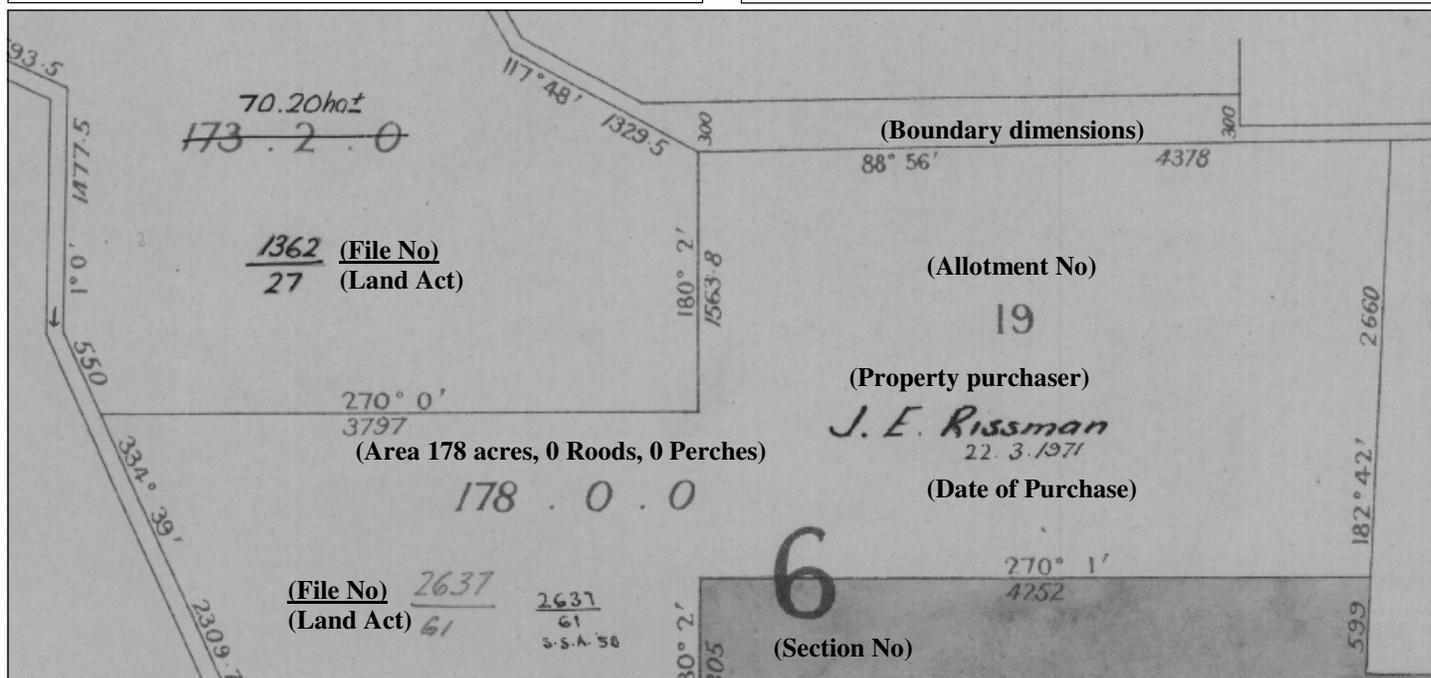
OSI (Ordnance Survey Ireland) is Ireland's National Mapping Agency and have been mapping Ireland in detail since 1924. The website has a free map viewer which allows you to see in detail the position of houses, outbuildings, laneways and fences.

Maps can be purchased online for specified areas up to a scale of 1:2000

Kerry County Ireland burial records
www.kerrylaburials.ie/en/index.aspx

70,000 burial records from 140 Kerry Local Authority cemeteries have been indexed. Images of burial register which contains much of the information available on a death certificate.

Free to search and well worthwhile for anyone researching County Kerry.



Small section of a Parish Map

Extract from *Shepparton News* December 16th 1890

Annual Sitting of Licensing Court

Shepparton, 13th December, 1890.

(Before Messrs Thos. Smallman Chairman, C. L. Dobbin and J. Rowan, Licensing Magistrates.

The following applications for various licenses were granted:-

Application for Transfer

Annie Sutton to O. T. Spearing, Shepparton Hotel, Shepparton.

Renewal of Vituallers' Licenses

(Tallygaroopna District.)

Bunbartha Hotel—M.A. Prentice, Bunbartha
Congupna Hotel—Miechel Conway, Congupna
Victoria Hotel—Henry Montgomery, Tallygaroopna

Vignerons' License.

Phillip Michael, junr, for his vineyard at Tallygaroopna.

(Shepparton Licensing District).

Coghlan's Hotel—Margaret McGuinness, Shepparton

Commercial Hotel—Thomas Pousland, Shepparton
Court House Hotel—L.A. Farrell, Shepparton

Criterion Hotel—Executors of D.J. Keily (Deceased), Shepparton

Farmers' Arms Hotel—Geo McCracken, Shepparton

Goulburn Valley Hotel—John Corcoran, Shepparton

Junction Hotel—Henry Dennis, Congupna Road
Junction Hotel—John Ahern, Central Shepparton
North Shepparton Hotel—Robert Bean, North Shepparton

Pine Lodge Hotel—John Nugent, Pine Lodge
Royal Hotel—Chas Maher, Shepparton
Shepparton Hotel—Annie Sutton, Shepparton
Terminus Hotel—Daniel Coghlan, Shepparton
Victoria Hotel—James Kelly, Shepparton

Shepparton Family History Group

2013-2014 Office Bearers

- Bruce Manson (President)
- Wilma Emmett (Secretary)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)

- Garry Wallden (vice President)
- Lorraine Waldron (Research Officer)
- Kerry Betts (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 2013/14 subs were due from July and payable to:

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

Single \$25.00. Couple \$45.00. New member joining fee \$5.00

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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)