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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

SFHG report

The most significant event affecting our group in the past six months has been the flooding event which swept through Shepparton during October. With record Goulburn River flood heights being predicted after excessive rainfall in the catchment area, members Kerry and Lorraine spent many hours shifting books and computers to a safe level in case our rooms, which are adjacent to the Goulburn River, were inundated.

Photos of the flooding, on page 4, show how close the water was to the SFHG rooms but luckily it did not rise high enough to cause any damage. Several more hours work were involved in restoring the records and computers back to their places but some cleaning up was accomplished at the same time. Our rooms were not available for research for several weeks and the car park at the rear of the building was off limits for several more.

With many of the Covid 19 restrictions being lifted in April, our rooms were able to be opened up to the general public with the following rule changes:

- Vaccination status no longer needs to be shown at any venue.
- QR code check-in is no longer required.
- COVID-19 marshals are no longer required.
- Masks are no longer required at events of any size.

We would like to thank all members and guests for their co-operation and understanding of Covid 19 restrictions over the past 2 ½ years.

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

Members please note that 2022-23 subs were 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: 15 646 4856

A membership application form is included on page 8 for anyone wishing to become a member of our club.

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Past Events

SFHG Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Shepparton Family History Group Inc was held at our Welsford St rooms on Wednesday 21st September 2022.

Office bearers remain the same as the previous year (see page 8).



New Members

Welcome to new members Barbara, Marilyn, Kristy and Edna.

We wish you many rewarding hours researching and finding additions to your family history.

New Resources

Books

Kyabram Cannery Centenary Book

Folders

(Police)

- Police Men & Women of Shepparton and District Blue Ribbon Foundation Honour Roll.
- Profile of Police Men and Women who served in the Shepparton district.
- Index of Police Men and Women

(The Families)

- An Index of published, or compiled, local Family Histories donated to our group.

Donations

Western Aust BDM's microfiche: by Sally Parker
2023 Rotary Calendar: by the Lost Shepparton Shop

Do You Remember?

- Black and White Television and no remote
- Booking a trunk line phone call
- Large heavy wicker perambulators (prams)
- No seat belts, bassinets on the back seat and child seat clamped on front bench seat
- Biscuits in tins on shelf of local corner store, no Supermarkets
- No bread on Sundays, no meat from supermarket after 6.00 pm
- When mirrors used to be good quality and gave a sharp full colour reflection, unlike modern ones that give a wrinkly grey scale reflection.

Coming Events

Christmas Break-up

The Shepparton Family History Group Inc will hold their Christmas break-up on Wednesday 14th December from 12.30 to 3.30 pm. Afternoon tea served at 2.00 pm.

The research rooms will be closed from 3.30 pm Friday 16th December and re-open on the 4th January 2023.

Public Records Office Victoria (PROV)

Victorian Archives Centre (VAC)

99 Shiel St North Melbourne

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 10am to 4.30 pm
and every second and last Saturday of the month.
Closed public holidays.

Christmas Hours

Closed Friday 23rd December 2022 to
Monday 2nd January 2023 (inclusive),
reopening on Tuesday 3rd January.

Latest PROV Record Releases

- Kew Asylum records
- Kilmore Hospital files
- Wonthaggi property and rate books
- Brunswick and Moreland voter rolls
- National Gallery of Victoria correspondence

Look for "what's new in 2023" on the PROV Blog for information on these and other recent transfers.

The Shepparton Advertiser Sept 1923

The Shepparton Ambulance

Somewhere about 25 years ago the public of Shepparton was pleased and delighted to know an ambulance had been purchased and was to be stationed in Shepparton in order that sick folk from the town and district could be conveyed to the Mooroopna Hospital. In due course the ambulance, a horse drawn vehicle, made its appearance and from that time to this has been availed of frequently, and has been a great help in the conveyance of patients from Shepparton to the hospital.

The time has now come when the present antiquated ambulance should be superseded by something more up to date and less nerve racking to sick people. When the speed and comfort of motor ambulances are considered, it is rather to be wondered at that a movement to procure one has not been instituted before this. Many country towns have contributed the necessary amount and have secured ambulances. Surely the people of Shepparton and district recognise the value of the improved transport of sick people and would willingly contribute towards the purchase money.

This is a matter that might with great appropriateness be undertaken by the ladies. To their everlasting honor, be it said, the appeal of the sick and suffering never falls on deaf ears, and by the provision of merciful facilities for moving those who are ill or in pain, they can greatly benefit those who most appreciate tenderness and kindly handling.

SFHG -- OPENING HOURS -- 2022

Every Wednesday 12.30 – 3.30pm
Every Friday 9am – 12 noon
Sundays Closed

All members and visitors are asked to sign the attendance book and to comply with Covid 19 regulations in force at the time.

Research at our rooms is free for members*.
Visitor research at our rooms is \$15 per hour*.

* (photo-copying fees apply).

Research Inquires

These are some of the family names our researchers have answered over the past two years.

McKinnon Donald Wm., Mooroopna
McKellar Family, Shepparton
Cochrane Private Walter J. 32nd Btn
McDonald, Beale, Pott(s), Anderson / Henderson
Ryan Bridget & Martin, Ryan Ettie, & the Ideal Café
Brooks, H. W. & E. Baker. Shepparton
Lane G. H. , Mooroopna
Tallygaropna West State School. Location
Morgan Clifford & Ellen
Currie George & Park family
Slater & Cropp. Kialla West
Howard George McAuley
Hughes Mary Elizabeth & Cugley M. E.
Upfal M. & E.
Saunders Alice Jessie & Rowe Olive Vera
Konig Vern & H. V.
McManus Patrick, Cahill & Connelly families
Cockram Norma
Kilpatrick Thomas & Richard
Cox, Chenall / Young families
W. H. Bourke Undera S. S.
Abrahamson Anton. Merrigum
Moore Amy. Kialla
Fraser Wm. Tallygaroopna
Mason Arthur Burdekin
Fairley Downs & Fraser Wm. & John Tallygaroopna
Homestead
Beales Herbert Edw'd, Joyce Doris & Valma Margr't

Extract from *The Shepparton Advertiser* July 1922

AVIATORS AT SHEPPARTON

Shepparton people will be glad to hear of the return of Lieut. C. Pratt after an absence of 12 months. Lieut. Pratt will accompany the first aeroplane built entirely in Australia and will be giving demonstrations at McNaughton's paddock near Hayes Street.

* Extract from the
Shepparton Advertiser August 1938



GIRL'S PLUCKY ACTION RECOGNISED

Shire Council Takes Action

The plucky action of Joyce Phillips the 14 year old girl who rescued three children from a burning building, is to be brought under the notice of the Royal Humane Society by the Shepparton Shire Council. The council at it's meeting on Monday decided on this course of action and also that a letter, under the seal of the Council be sent to her congratulating her on her heroic action.

The president of the Shire (Cr. Hill) introduced the matter and said that the whole district was proud of the action of Joyce Phillips, who had rescued three children from a burning building at Dookie. He said all knew what it was like to be awakened out of sleep, and this 14 year old girl, instead of showing panic, had thought of the children and had rescued them from the burning building. Young lives were valuable to the community and the action should be fittingly recognised. He moved that the matter be brought under the notice of the Royal Humane Society and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Miss Phillips.

Cr. Knox (Dookie) who seconded the resolution said the action was particularly note worthy. Very few people in Dookie knew of the fire until the next day. Miss Phillips had shown great presence of mind and residents of Dookie appreciated her actions.

Just a Thought

- I knew I would grow old but I thought it would take much longer.
- Just once I want a password prompt to say "near enough"
- At my funeral, take the bouquet from my coffin, throw it to the crowd to see who is next.
- One minute you are young and fun, the next you are turning down the car radio to see better.

Shepparton Floods October 2022

With extreme rainfall events devastating much of Eastern Australia over the past year there were many communities seriously affected by flooding.

In our local area, Rochester was one town to be severely impacted, with complete recovery possibly taking years.

Areas of Shepparton were also flooded, the photographs on the following page, taken by one of our members, from near our club rooms, show how necessary it was to move our records and equipment out of harm's way.

Photographs taken during the flood event in Shepparton. October 2022.



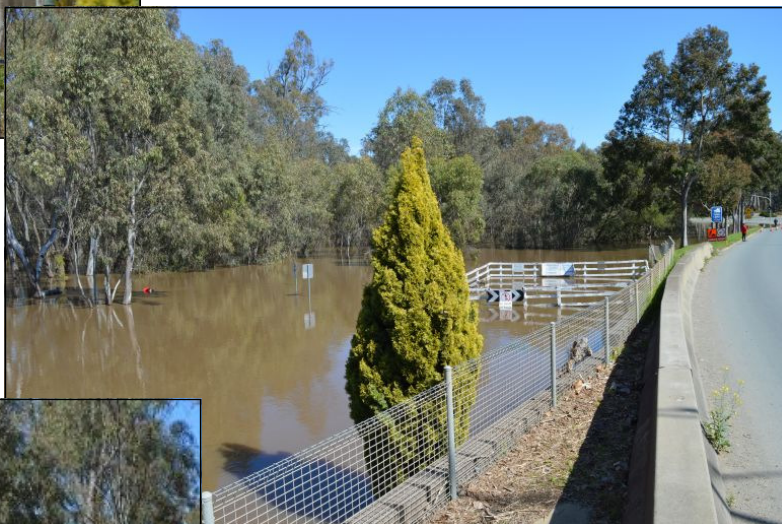
Looking South from the Midland Highway at the Heritage Centre Museum storage area.



Looking south west at the McGuire's Punt Landing Monument. "Bella" the steam traction engine almost submerged in the background.



Looking south from the Midland Highway down the parking area at rear of western side Welsford Street businesses.



Looking west with the original Goulburn River crossing wharf submerged.



Looking south east over the wharf to the Heritage Centre Museum.

2. THE STATES BEGIN

When Governor Phillip prophesied that Australia would one day be a great country, he could not have guessed that within seventy years there would be six separate colonies developing largely independently of one another.

New South Wales and Norfolk Island had both been settled in 1788, and in 1804 Launceston and Hobart were settled in Van Diemen's Land. In 1807, Norfolk Island was officially abandoned as a prospective source of naval supplies and foodstuffs and no new settlements were established until 1824, when a trade and defence base named Fort Dundas was built on Melville Island off the north-west coastline of Australia. At this time the jail settlement of Moreton Bay on the present site of Brisbane was begun. Apart from these settlements, the Governor of New South Wales was also responsible for New Zealand.

Having originally annexed (taken possession of) one-third of Australia, in 1825 the British Government pushed the boundary of New South Wales further west and Van Diemen's Land was made a separate colony. A year later, Norfolk Island was re-occupied, a military station was set up on King

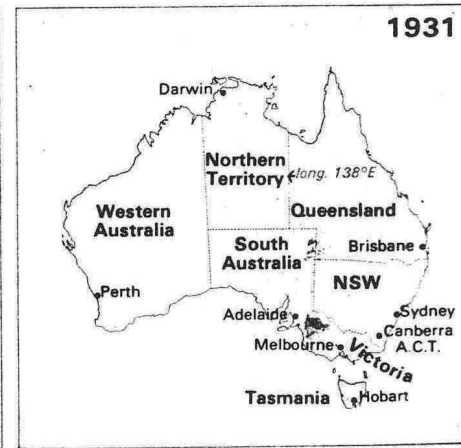
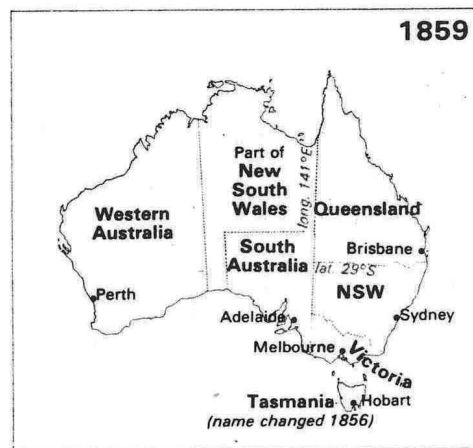
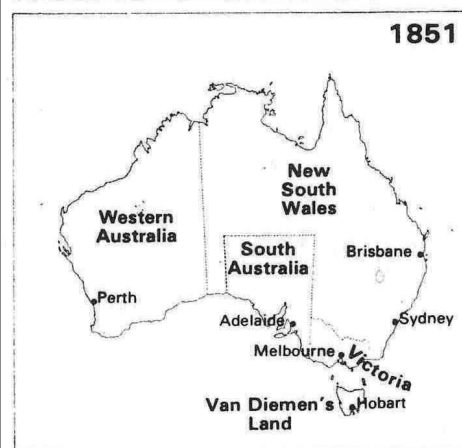
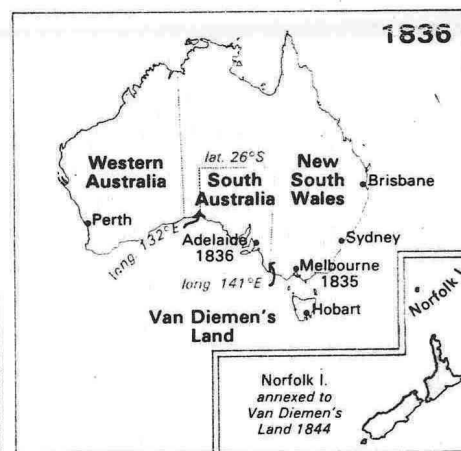
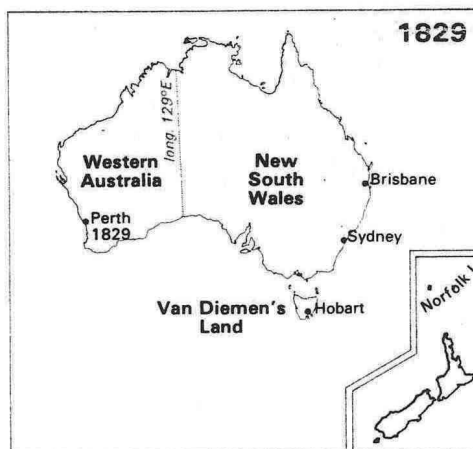
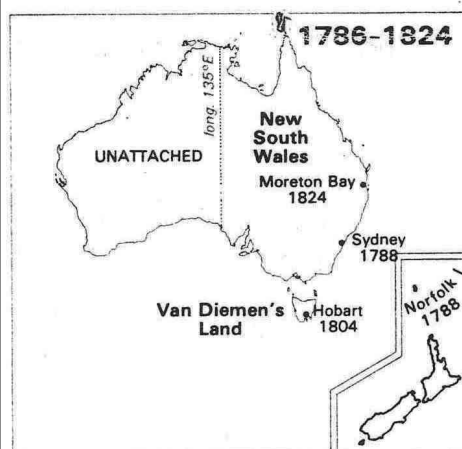
George Sound and, because Britain feared that France might claim Western Australia, in 1829 the settlement of Perth was established on the banks of the Swan River.

The settlement of Adelaide, exclusively for free immigrants, was established in 1836. New Zealand was proclaimed a separate colony in 1840.

Due to the movement of the squatters into the Port Phillip District and the complexities of administering such a vast area, on 1 July 1851 the Port Phillip District was separated from New South Wales and a new colony, named Victoria, was proclaimed. In 1856 Van Diemen's Land was renamed Tasmania.

In 1859 Queensland was made a separate colony. In July 1863 South Australia took over administration of the area known as the Northern Territory. In June 1862 Queensland expanded westward to the 138th meridian.

The Federation of six separate colonies, now called States, occurred on 1 January 1901. In 1911 the Northern Territory was taken over by the Federal Government and on 1 July 1978 it gained responsible government with the promise of future statehood.



VICTORIA'S COUNTRY TOWNS

Their Rise and Development

No. 9.--History of Shepparton

THE four most striking stages in the evolution of Shepparton are the primeval — displaying the fauna and flora familiar to the aborigine, the days of the shepherd kings, the selection era of crude tillage, and the later application of intensive culture under a comprehensive irrigation system mainly drawing upon the Goulburn River for its vitalising water. Probably the first succession of over-lordship from the aborigine to the squatter was a comparatively simple transition, more so than the next transfer of title. Sherbourne Sheppard held a Crown lease of the extensive Tallygaroopna estate as a sheep run in 1842, from which circumstance the town of Shepparton, originally a part of Sheppard's land, derived its name. Even during his tenure the title was the subject of a lawsuit owing to Sheppard's agent having handed it over to a third party during the absence of his principal on a visit to England. The agent had exceeded his instructions to dispose of the stock, and had sold the right to the land in addition. In 1862 the property passed into possession of William Fraser. Shepparton, unlike Ballarat and Stawell, has no golden age to chronicle. but it had its use as a crossing place for those who played heroic parts in the drama of the diggings. During the ceaseless migrations to and fro, as each new rush held out its lure there was always a river to cross — the Goulburn. The most convenient spot was where one McGuire, had established a ferry, which came to be known as McGuire's Punt, and later as Shepparton. In natural course a few huts were assembled close at hand, increasing traffic kept the boat man busy, and many who made good at the goldfields, remembering the rich loams they had travelled over, returned to exploit them under sanction of the Land Act that ushered in the "seventies."

Three People Held Sway

Where 600 families find a living, three people once held dominion. About 1878 the district attracted selectors from Kyne-ton, Ballarat and other places, and many business people wishing to start in Mooroopna, across the river, found that the land-owner would only sell sites on one side of the main street and as the would-be business people could not obtain allotments to suit them, they passed through Mooroopna to Shepparton and made it a big centre, attracting people from more than 50 miles around to do their shopping and agency work. The principal stores were those of Swallow and Sons, A. F. Rowe and Long-staff, father of Sir John, the famous artist. These were supplemented by Johnson and Ford, drapers, in a small shop where Fairley's emporium was afterwards; and J. and F. and E. J. Daley, grocer, both in Fryers street. Owing to their ability and reduction of prices they built up a trade for Shepparton extending to the Murray River. Wyndham Street was then all bush, where the post office and banks and other public buildings now are, and Fryers Street was the principal thoroughfare. The railway, opened in 1878, remained a terminus for 18 months, and then was extended to Numurkah. Prior to this nearly all the traffic came from Violet Town by rail and thence to Shepparton by bullock teams, which used to camp at the present post office.

As Fryers, Wyndham and High Streets respectively developed, there was a great rivalry between the occupants, and which in its more dramatic phases has passed into history as the Battle of the Sites. The strategic crux of the situation was the access into the town. There was always the river to cross! When Shepparton was practically a no-account sort of place, the name of McGuire's Punt was deemed good enough, and for many years before it aspired to urbanity, Shepparton was

known solely as "McGuire's." The crossing was at the foot of High street; the Bush Inn, adjacent, held out perpetual welcome to the travellers, the police barracks were across the road, conveniently accessible, and Rowe's store was at the corner of the next bush track — a substantial slab building, stocked with every requisite of early settlement.

Battle of Sites

But Wyndham gradually divested itself of its scrub, and challenged the predominance of Welsford, and overflowed into Fryers street, which by this time had attained to a dignity that only a bridge could satisfy, High street was regarded by those in its vicinity as the direct road to Mooroopna, but the vested interests of Fryers Street wanted a highroad of their own.

With bridge complete, to obviate such a calamity the High people influenced the Rodney Shire to object to a bridge from Fryer Street being landed on their territory. This seemed like a victory for the McGuire punt site until the Fryers persuaded the Lands Office to excise the necessary portion of land from the Rodney Shire sufficient to allow the bridge to find abutment on the western side of the river; and the bridge was built.

Emboldened by their first success, and to entrench themselves more firmly, the Fryers section managed to have the sale yards in their present position, so as to keep the trade down at their end of the town. They were located at the North end of Wyndham Street, a mile and a half from the railway station, and now no one appears to be fully satisfied. Communication between Mooroopna and Shepparton used to be periodically cut off during flood time, and it was not until years later that the construction of a high road between the two places made traffic possible throughout the year.

Prior to this, about 30 years ago, with the idea of reclaiming all the land alongside of the river between Mooroopna and Bunbartha, 20 miles of levees were constructed, ranging from three feet to 15 feet in height; but the first flood tore through the banks, and they disappeared 10 chains at a time, borne away by the water to the accompaniment of a roar that could be heard for miles. There were in the first days a number of logging camps and sawmills along the Goulburn river and with the increase of building operations brick yards were opened by E. Pemberton about 45 years ago and the same pits are being dug today.

Tallygaroopna station, seven miles north of Shepparton was owned by Wm. Fraser until the selectors were given rights, and it extended to two miles south of the town, covering 180 square miles of country. Prior to its being subdivided and introduction of irrigation, immense grass fires used to swoop down on the town, destroying any crops in the way, and threatening the buildings on the outskirts. In 1870 there was still thick scrub within the town boundaries. In flood time it was no easy matter to reach Shepparton from Mooroopna, and a Mrs. Mortill who lived there, would pilot travellers across and enable them to avoid the waterholes which at such times were several feet deep. She used to show parties across, taking the lead in her waggnette, which was provided with very high seats. All the agricultural implements and appliances of those days were of the crudest description; and there were the further disadvantages of unmade roads, un-bridged creeks, lack of railway and all the inconveniences inseparable from pioneering in a new country.

Shepparton owed its rise to no mushroom growth. Its progress has not been coaxed along; as a matter of fact it could not be kept back, however much retarded and landlocked. Today in Shepparton every available building is bespoke before becoming empty. New houses are being built in almost every street, and vacant spaces of a year or two ago are now being covered with modern villas and shops according to location.

To be continued

Shepparton Telephone Exchange Numbers 1928

Number*	Name	Address
1	Ford W. F. & Son	Fryers St
2	Currer & Wade Bros Auctioneers	Fryers St
4	Bryant and Sheil	Welsford St
5	Miller A. & Co	Wyndham St
7	Darby Bros	Welsford St
8	Shepparton Hotel (E. J. Maltby)	Wyndham St
10	Abernethy W. McClure	Wyndham St
11	Cook Dr. H. J.	Wyndham St
12	Union Hotel (W. J. Nolan)	Maude St
13	Grant M.	Knight, Wyndham
14	Sutherland & Macfarlane	Stewart St
15	Shepparton Butter Factory	
17	Thompson H. (Brick Works)	Knight St
18	Vibert E. J. (Timber Mchnt)	Wyndham St
19	Cussen Martin & Co	Shepparton
19	Halpin M. (Sports Depot)	Fryers St
20	Boddy & Dunlop (Gen Agents)	Fryers St
20	Goulburn Stock and Property Journal	Fryers St
21	Railway Station	
22	McNamara J & Co (Auctioneers)	
23	Shire Hall	
24	Dulley Charles	Hayes St
25	Pemberton J.E.	Knight St
26	Goulburn Valley Hotel (G.H. Ware)	
27	Court House Hotel (Jas Dunne)	
28	Fairley James (Merchant)	Fryers St
29	Mooroopna Hospital	
30	Macdermott W. & Co (Merchants)	Maude St
31	Urban Waterworks Trust	Fryers St
32	Urban Waterworks	Welsford St
33	Corporation Sale Yard	Knight St
33	Quiggan Bros (Timber Merchants)	
34	Guyatt & Howson (Commiss Agents)	High St
35	Concord Motor & Implmnt Co	High St
36	Bowen W.F (Undertaker)	Wyndham St
37	Maskell A. (Hay, Corn Store)	High St
39	Police Station	
40	Rowe & Co (Gen Merchants)	
41	Shepparton News	
42	Bryant Chas	Welsford St
43	Rundle C.A. (Dentist)	Wyndham St
44	Stubbs John (Accountant)	High St
45	Tisdall Archd C. (Solicitor)	Wyndham St
46	Royal Hotel (C. Maloney)	High St
47	Nicholson & Morrow (Machinery)	High St
48	Guthrie & Co	Fryers St
49	Harris E. J. (Draper, Milner)	Wyndham St
50	Gas Works	

Number*	Name	Address
51	Kendall J. (Veterinary Surgeon)	Wyndham St
52	Bird F.S. (Chemist)	Fryers St
53	Burrows K. & M.S.Norman (Priv Hosp)	Guildford St
54	Bank of Victoria	
55	McKenna Dr. J.	Maude St
56	Ford W.F. jnr	Hurlston
57	Longstaff R.	Wyndham St
58	Mitchell J.G. (Builder)	Wyndham St
59	Peck Sons & Biggar (Stock, Stn Agts)	Victoria Hotel
60	Webb Richard A.	Wyndham St
61	Australian Mutual Provident Society	Wyndham St
62	Court House	
62	Welchman Dr.	Nixon St
63	Farmers Arms Hotel (F.B.McGonigal)	High St
64	Terminus Hotel (J. McDonald)	High St
65	Gaffy J.P. (Kinvarra)	Nixon St
67	Saxton W. (Warrenbayne)	Knight St
68	Skelly W. & Co	
68	Thistleton W. T. (Livery Stables)	Wyndham St
69	Ross G.W. (Veterinary Surgeon)	Welsford St
70	Frater R.S. (Mechanic)	
71	Oswald R.W. (Livery Stables)	Wyndham St Sth
72	Weidenbach J. (Big Cash Store)	Wyndham St
73	McLennan J. (Draper)	Wyndham St
74	Hogan Rev. Denis (Presbytery)	Knight St
75	Welshman W.	Nixon St
76	Thorn James	Corio St
77	Grace James W.	Knight St
78	Tisdall H. F. (Civil Engineer, Surveyer)	Corio St
81	Kendall J. & Sons Ltd (Factory)	Mason St
83	Guthrie Alex.	Wyndham St
84	Palling C.	Corio St N
85	Fire Station	
*16 m	Dennis H.	Welsford St
*16j	Riedell & Dennis	Mason St
*16y	Riedell P. F.	Knight St
*3J	Haisman E. (The Advertiser)	Fryers St
*3m	Furphy W.	Hayes St
*3y	Furphy J& Sons (Foundry)	Near Railway
*6j	Muntz Bros & Heighway	Wyndham St
*6m	McNaughton Fredk,	Hayes St
*6y	Muntz T.N.	Corio St
*9m	Victoria Hotel (J. P. Downey)	Wyndham St
*9y	McAlpine M. T.	Wyndham St

Note (* j, m & y denote party line)

HAD IT AFTER ALL

A popular minister in Fifeshire in the good old times, used, at Christmas time to be inundated with hampers filled with good things. On one occasion an enormous turkey was sent to him by the thoughtful kindness of a neighbouring farmer, but as the minister's family had already provided for the Christmas dinner, the bird was dispatched to the market and sold.

A passer-by, seeing this fine specimen of poultry, said, "what a splendid turkey!, Just the thing for the minister's Christmas dinner!"

To the minister it was again sent. The prudent wife packed it up a second time for the market and sold it again for a handsome sum.

Another friend, similarly struck with the magnificent proportions of the turkey, purchased it and also sent to the minister. Not wishing to fly in the face of Providence the good man said at last, "It is clear that it had been ordained that we should have this turkey", and so, with the entire approbation of the family, it formed part of the Christmas dinner.

Don't Forget

The members only research days are still in recess until further notice.

For members with some spare time there is a working bee at the clubrooms on the third Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Shepparton Family History Group inc

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Internet: www.vicnet.net.au/~shepfh email: shepfhg@fastmail.fm

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

Research Times: Every Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Every Friday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

Shepparton Family History Group

- (President) Temporarily unfilled
- Peter Matthews (Secretary)
- Kerry Betts (Treasurer)

2022-2023 Office Bearers

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership to the SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

First Name _____

Surname _____

Postal Address

Number _____

Street _____

Town _____

State _____

Postcode _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

FEES

New member joining fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Annual Subscription (single)	\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Annual Subscription (couple)	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

I enclose a cheque / cash for \$ _____

Alternatively:

Subscriptions can 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.

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