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SHEPPARTON FAMILY HISTORY GROUP inc

SFHG report

Since the last newsletter Shepparton family history group members have been busy organizing the library area. The threat of flooding last October, and the subsequent packing up of items and relocating them to higher ground was an opportunity to tidy up and catalogue more of our vast collection of books, digital records, microfiche, magazines, newspaper cuttings, scanners, microfiche readers etc.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in September (20^{th}) at 2.00 pm.

Business for discussion will include: yearly subscriptions, dates of future general and annual meetings, and election of office bearers. A general meeting will follow.



Research inquiries either in person or by email are still an important part of the day to day running of our group. Outside of opening hours is the time when research is still carried out at the library or on the internet. During the last six months we have had visitors from Canberra and Melbourne and many inquiries, both in person and via our email (see page 3)

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

Members please note that 2023-24 subs are due now 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 each 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

Heritage Advisory Committee Open Day

On May 12th and 13th the Shepparton Family History group opened their rooms for free research as part of the Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee's open days.

A number of people interested in researching their family history attended and several new members joined our group.

Heritage Centre

The Shepparton Heritage Centre has opened a new 'History Hub'. The 'Shepparton News' Archives are available for research.

Appointments are necessary. Phone: (03)48318659

New Members

Welcome to new members:
Bernadette Brooks
Stan Whitford
Kerrie Mactier
Steve Rouse

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

New Resources

Books

'Moss and Tomlinson Family History 1849—1949' Donated by Beverley Moss

'In the Performance of Duty' by Gavin Brown, Gary Presland and Ralph Stavely

'True Blue' by Ralph Stavely, Shirley Hardy-Rix

'The Betts Family of Karimba' Donated by Kerry and Graham Betts

Hartin Family History

'Kyabram Cannery Photos'

'Kyabram Cannery Centenary' by Geoff Allemand and Peter Matthews

Overhead photos of Shepparton Floods October 2022

Shepparton News lift-out

CD's

'Australia My Home' an Albanian migration Donated by Reg Qemal

Digitisation of the Sun News Pictorial

The State Library of Victoria has put out a call for help in having more than eight decades of the *Sun News Pictorial* digitised. Principal Librarian for Victorian and Australian Collections at the Library, Tim Hogan says: "The whole community experience is reflected in those pages"

The Library is seeking donations to support the digitisation of the newspaper and uploading it to *Trove*. It will cost an estimated \$200,000. If you can help contact the State Library of Victoria.

Extract from Ancestor Volume 36 Issue 6 June 2023

Coming Events

Cancellation: Deniliquin Family History Expo The Family History Expo previously advertised for October 2023 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Prahran Mechanics Institute Showcase History

The Shepparton Family History Group will be displaying some of our records and selling our books at this event.

There are over 20 historical societies, family history and genealogical history groups, archives groups and special interest group, from across Victoria gathered together for one day to show you just how they can help you with whatever enquiry or history related curiosity you may have.

Saturday 26 August 2023 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM 39 St. Edmonds Road, PRAHRAN, VICTORIA. 3181 https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1033609

Yarrawonga Family History day

VAFHO are holding a Family History DNA information day at Yarrawonga on 14th October 2023.

More details will soon be available on the VAFHO face book and web site.

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.

PROV Record Releases

- Kew Asylum records
- Kilmore Hospital files
- Wonthaggi property and rate books
- Brunswick and Moreland voter rolls
- National Gallery of Victoria correspondence
- Diary of Nurse Susie Cone WWI nurse
- Records from Royal Melbourne Hospital

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

Trove Funding

Australia's most important collection of digital cultural artefacts, Trove, has had its future secured with the announcement that the 2023-24 Federal Budget will deliver the National Library of Australia \$33 million in funding over four years as well as \$9.2 million in indexed ongoing annual funding beyond that.

Trove holds over 14 billion digital artefacts and stories from Australia's cultural, community and research institutions which are accessible to all Australians.

As well as being an indispensable tool for academics, researchers and historical societies, Trove enables every-day Australians to connect with their communities history.

Trove newspapers can be accessed at the National Library of Australia website at:

https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspapers & gazettes / browse

SFHG -- OPENING HOURS -- 2023

Every Wednesday: 12.30 – 3.30pm Every Friday: 9am – 12 noon Other times by appointment

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

During the past six months three former members of the Shepparton Family History Group have passed away. All three were very important members of our group during their years as members.

Vale:

Mary Agnes Wormald

Mary Wormald was a valuable member of the Shepparton Family History Group. Mary was mentioned in 1984 as one of the early members and for more than 20 years contributed to our group.

Mary was involved with compiling our Shepparton High School Register of students from 1917 to 1924.

Brian Emmett

Brian joined the Shepparton Family History Group c1998. He took on the role of president when John Reed retired and continued until ill health forced Brian to retire.

John Perry

John and his wife Ann were active members of the Shepparton Family History Group. John was the editor of our newsletter for several years, passing on that role in 2003.

AFFHO Australian Federation of Family History Organisations

A free downloadable booklet is available on the AFFHO website. It contains useful information for the starter to the experienced genealogist. Australian and overseas resources are listed.

Website: Our Australian Really Useful Information Leaflet Download from the AFFHO website: www.affho.org > Publications > 'Useful Leaflet'

Research Inquires

These are some of the family names our researchers have answered over the past six months:

HOLLAND Joseph Newton and

PHILLIPS Thomas Henry family Shepparton

NORTH TECH 1960/61 under17 football team

FISHER David b 1875 Ireland

MASON Family

MELLON, Joseph & THOMPSON, Mary Ann – Mooroopna/Tatura.

DWYER, KEATING, CROWE & BAGNALL – Miepoll & Dookie.

BARTY children - near Dookie.

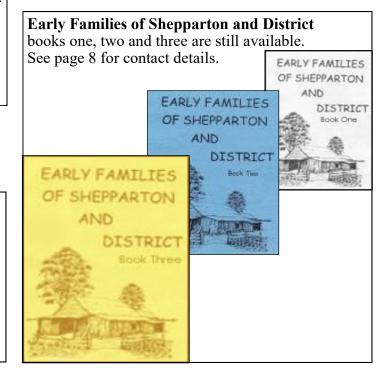
WHITTON & CO., Photographic Studio, Shepparton, MONICHON family – who were friends of local BURBURY family (Vic. Hotel).

ROWE, James – Numurkah – burial plot lookup MORGAN, Kevin John – Echuca, school records JOHNSTON, Graeme David – burial place-COLLOGAN, James & Bridget (nee O'BRIEN)-AMBERMERE Maternity Hospital, Shepparton (re

Mr & Mrs I. Short).

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BEAN Family (Nth Shepparton Hotel) & BUTLER.



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Birth Death Marriages (BDM)	Pioneer Index	1836 - 1888	
BDM	Federation Index	1889 -1901	
BDM	Edwardian Index	1902 - 1913	
BDM	Great War Index	1914 - 1920	
Inquests	Inquest Index	1840 - 1985	
Marriages	Marriage Index	1921 - 1942	
Deaths	Death Index	1921 - 1985	
Crown Land Licences	Index	1852 - 56	
Education Dept War Service	Index	1914 - 1919	
Government Gazettes	Books	1852-1891	
Warrants & Summons Index	Book	1846 - 1920	
Police Gazettes	Books	1865-1900	
Vic Marine BDM's	Index	1853 - 1920	
Vic Mining Accidents	Index		
Victoria & It's Metropolis	Books 1 & 2	1840 -	
Electoral Roll for Vic	Index / Details	1903	
Melbourne General	Index / Transcript	1842 to 1989	
St Kilda Cemetery	Memorial Inscriptions	-1987	
Footscray Cemetery		1860-1970 / - 96	
Northcote Cemetery	Memorials / photo's	1855 - 2003	
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Vic Gazatteer	Vic Map of Counties	1879	
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Katamatite	Headstones Index		Dargalong
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Kyabram Headstones	Headstones Index		Drumanure
Kyabram Lawn Cemetery	Headstones Index		Girgarre
Lake Rowan	Headstones Index		Girgaree East
Melbourne General	Index / Transcript	1842 to 1989	Gowangardie
Murchison Cemetery	Headstones Index		Kaarimba
Numurkah Cemetery	Register	-2000	Karramomus
Pine Lodge Burials	Index		Katandra
Rate Book Indexes	Index		Kialla
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Shepparton Burial Register	Register	1887	Miepoll
Shepparton Cemetery Files	Headstones		Molka
South West Victoria			Mooroopna
Toolamba Cemetery	Headstones Index		Mooroopna West
Tungamah Cemetery	Headstones Index		Mundoona
Wangaratta Cemetery	Index / Transcript		Murchison North
Wunghnu Cemetery	Headstones Index		Noorilim
Yarrawonga Cemetery	Register	-2001	Pine Lodge
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Shepparton Electoral Rolls	Index	1903 - 1954	
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Clan Campbell of Clunes

John Campbell and Janet Wilson indeed founded a dynasty. They had eleven children, of whom eight survived infancy and came to Australia. All eight married and all except Thomas, who only lived to be 28, had eight and eleven children themselves,. This gave John and Janet 71 grandchildren.

Jessie Campbell 1833—1924

Jessie married Ralph Longstaff in 1856. They lived in Clunes and had nine children, three of whom died in early childhood. One son, John Campbell Longstaff, became a famous artist and was knighted.

John Campbell Longstaff

John Campbell Longstaff (1861-1941), artist, was born in 1861 at Clunes, Victoria. He was educated at a boarding school at Miners Rest and at Clunes State School. Displaying an early aptitude for art, in which he was encouraged by his mother, he received drawing lessons at Clunes from a Dane named L. E. Bruun and in 1873 won a junior division prize in the Victorian schools of design's freehand drawing competition.

By 1874 the Longstaffs had moved to Shepparton where John worked inefficiently in his father's stores and tutored himself in oil-painting technique from a popular art instruction manual. Ralph, dismissive of his son's artistic talent, next found him work as a clerk, at first locally and in 1880 with the Melbourne importers Sargood, Butler & Nichol. He agreed to John's entry into the art school of the National Gallery of Victoria in 1882 only after urgings from Henry Butler who had recognized the young man's true *métier*.

Under G. F. Folingsby Longstaff, 'an athletic-looking husky', received a sound academic training in figure drawing and painting. An outstanding student, he won the school's first travelling scholarship in 1887 with 'Breaking the News', a figure composition depicting the tragic aftermath of a mining accident. Shortly before sailing for Europe that year he made an impetuous marriage, on 20 July at East Melbourne with Anglican rites, to a 17-year-old beauty Rosa Louisa (Topsy) Crocker; her attraction for him never waned, but her extreme shyness accorded ill with his exuberance and later urbanity.

After only a fortnight in London, Longstaff went to Paris where, on the advice of his compatriot John Peter Russell, he entered the liberal studio of Fernand Cormon, a painter of Oriental and Stone Age subjects and an occasional portraitist. He spent the summer of 1889 with his wife at Russell's chateau at Belle-Ile; under the influence of Russell's Impressionism he temporarily lightened his palette and loosened his technique.

Next year he spent three months in Spain studying the art of Velasquez whose careful craftsmanship and subtle dark tonalities remained a major influence on his portraiture. During this period Longstaff exhibited each year at the Old Salon; a portrait of his wife and first child (National Gallery of Victoria) received a *mention honorable* in 1891 and his large-scale allegorical subject, 'The Sirens', painted under the terms of the travelling scholarship, was exhibited with success at the 1892 Salon and at the Royal Academy of Arts in 1894.

In 1893 Longstaff went to London as a portraitist, but in 1895 he returned to Australia, his wife and family having travelled home at least three years earlier. In Melbourne during the depression, he designed advertisements for a living until he established a portraiture practice. In 1898 the National Gallery of Victoria purchased his large bushfire subject 'Gippsland, Sunday Night, February 20th, 1898'.

Longstaff returned to England in 1901 to undertake a commission from the National Gallery of Victoria's Gillbee bequest to depict the explorers Burke and Wills; the resultant huge canvas was not completed until 1907. On his arrival he enjoyed almost immediate success as a portraitist, his subjects including King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra in 1904. By 1906 he resided in the fashionable St John's Wood area and had a 'magnificent studio' at nearby Carlton Hill. A regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy in 1902-20, he also exhibited nine works with the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.

In 1911 he visited Australia, ostensibly to see his ageing parents at Shepparton, though he appears to have spent considerable time painting portraits in Sydney and Melbourne. In 1918-19 he served as an official war artist with the Australian Imperial Force, executing portraits of distinguished Australian servicemen.

From August 1920 Longstaff lived permanently in Melbourne, travelling to other capital cities as his work dictated. He won the Archibald prize for portraiture five times: in 1925, 1928, 1929, 1931 and 1935. In 1928 he was knighted. During this last period in Australia he held numerous official positions: at various times president of the Victorian Artists' Society and of the Australian Art Association, first president of the Australian Academy of Art in 1938-41, and a trustee of the Public Library, Museums and National Gallery from 1927.

Tall, handsome and charming, Longstaff moved effortlessly in society circles where his skills as a portraitist were eagerly sought. The constant flow of commissions impeded his ambition to paint significant subject pictures, but his portraiture left an impressive record of notable Australians, while he also painted several important figure subjects on nationalistic themes. His art was basically academic and conservative though some of his early work reveals the influence of Whistler's Aestheticism.

In later life Longstaff carried the financial burden of supporting his wife and youngest son and daughter in England where they had chosen to remain. Rosa died in 1939 and at his death in Melbourne on 1st October 1941 Longstaff was survived by his daughter and three sons; another son had been killed in World War I.

Longstaff was cremated. His estate, valued for probate at £4631, bore no signs of the 'princely income' which was supposed to have been his.

*.(profession or occupation)

Extract from 'Australian Dictionary of Biography'

Beryl Goodfellow

Shepparton's Beryl Goodfellow has been a driving teacher and a horse riding instructor, but never did she see herself becoming an author. But like with many who put pen to paper, one day inspiration struck and the grandmother at 90 had not one, but three books to her name.

Her first book Wool Away at Nulla Nulla was published in 2007 and recounts her early memories of growing up in Nulla Nulla, NSW, before World War II started.

Her second book is focused on the history of Shepparton's Riding for the Disabled group where she volunteered for more than 30 years.



Beryl Goodfellow

Her most recent book is a memoir of the Driver Education Centre of Australia.

The DECA Dream is fresh from the printing press and Mrs Goodfellow is thrilled with the final result. The book explores DECA in Shepparton and details the history of how it was started by former Shepparton police Highway Patrol officer Eric Montgomery and how it was eventually relocated to Wodonga. Of course, it would not be a history of DECA if the Careful Cobber Program was not included. The Careful Cobber Program was designed to educate primary school children about road safety.

But after almost 28 years and more than 250,000 students having completed the program it was announced in 2008 that it would be given the axe. Mrs Goodfellow said it was disappointing that such an important program was cut off by the government. She said many took up the fight to stop the iconic program from ending, but sadly it did not work.

"We all did everything we could to try and save it but they just took the money away and that was it," she said.

Extract from 'Shepparton News' 27th Nov 2017

Norma Florence Cockram.

Norma Florence Cockram was born in about 1933 to Norman John Cockram and Ada Veronica (nee Ford) who were living in Northcote, Melbourne at the time. She lived with them during the 1950s.

She trained for the Police Force

She was a trailblazer for women. In 1961 she was in the first group of women to complete the Vehicle Safety Testing School at Brunswick in 1961.

In 1964 First Constable Norma Cockram became the first police woman to be stationed at Shepparton. Prior to this, if assistance of a policewoman was required, the closest were stationed at either Wangaratta or Benalla.

When Norma came to Shepparton she lived in Murungi Street Shepparton.

In 1972 she married Edward Chisholm Bain. They lived in 'Milliara', Dookie during the 1970s. They lived in Shepparton during the 1980s and 1990s.

They had a daughter, Christine.

Sources

Shirley Cockram

HISTORY OF SHEPPARTON AND POLICING IN THE SHEPPARTON AREA, by Senior Constable Robin Sharp. Eyewatch – Greater Shepparton Police Service Area. Victorian Electoral Rolls.

Victorian Telephone Directories.

http://victoriancollections.net.au

From the collection of the Victoria police museum Historical information. One of the images taken for an article in a 1961 edition of Police Life about five police women who were the first of their gender to attend the Vehicle Safety Testing School (VSTS) at Brunswick.

L to r: Val Jones, Val Keith, Norma Cockram (leaning on bonnet) with Marj Bowden and Norma Hardy lying on the ground. Male instructor: S/C John Johnson



Mary Prentice file (VPRS 28) 169/732

From the 'LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION',* Mary Prentice, late of Karimba in Victoria, Married-Woman, deceased, intestate, died on the 13th February 1920. From the INVENTORY** her estate was money to the value of £139.12.5 held at the State Savings Bank, Shepparton.

From the AFFIDAVIT OF ADMINISTRATOR.
Surviving her were "Peter Prentice, Kaarimba, husband; John Thomas Prentice, Grong Grong, N.S.W, son; William Prentice, Numurkah, son; Christine Dymock Sandilands, Tallygaroopna West, daughter; Mary Shiels, Mirool, N.S.W., daughter; David James Prentice, Mirool, N.S.W.,son; Peter Prentice, Kaarimba, son; Harry Ernest Prentice, Mirool, N.S.W., son; Emma Danson, Yalca, daughter; Jessie Prentice, Kaarimba, daughter; Alice Maude Prentice, Kaarimba, daughter".

On 22 March 1920, two of her sons filed an AFFIDA-VIT OF SURETY.*** William Prentice of Numurkah, farmer, and Peter Prentice (jnr) of Kaarimba, farmer.

William Prentice's particulars of property were:-"320 acres of land being allotment 18 section A, Parish of Baulkamaugh, County of Moira, of the value of £2,500."

Peter Prentice jnr's particulars of property were:- "240 acres of land being allotment 24, Section D, Parish of Kaarimba, County of Moira, of the value of £1,300.

Peter Prentice (snr) filed two AFFIDAVITS.****
On 22 March 1920, I make oath and say;

- . That I am husband of the above deceased.
- 2. That my marriage with the said Mary Prentice was celebrate at her mothers house at Bet Bet, by Rev. H.H. Finlay, Presbyterian Minister of Dunolly on 13th October 1870.
- 3. That the money £139.12.5, her estate, was merely her savings from sale of eggs and butter off the farm which I allowed her to have."

On 14th March 1921, "Sir I respectfully report in connection with the 15 months account of my administration of the intestate estate ... of Mary Prentice ... I have ... paid over two thirds to the children and one third to myself".

- * Letters of Administration are issued by the Supreme Court of the relevant state or territory to a person who is legally appointed to administer the estate of a deceased individual who passed away without a legal Will.
- ** An Inventory is a complete list of items. ie; All the assets of an estate belonging to someone who has passed away.
- *** An Affidavit of Surety is a guarantee by the signed person to make good any loss suffered as a consequence of a breach of duty by the administrator.
- **** An Affidavit is a legal document used in court and for other purposes. It has to be signed in the presence of an authorised affidavit taker.

PROV 50 Years

Extracts from PROV website (News and Events)

The 17th of April 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the *Public Records Act 1973*. The Act:

- established Public Record Office Victoria, the Keeper of Public Records, and the Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC)
- defined a public record, and the government entities to which the Act applied, including a definition of what constituted a public office
- granted the Keeper powers to establish recordkeeping standards and provide advice to agencies
- assigned heads of agencies the responsibility for records management in accordance with these standards as well as ensuring full and accurate records are made and kept
- and established provisions for the Minister to appoint places of deposit (PODs) which has allowed records of local significance to be housed in regional centres.

Fifty years later Public Record Office Victoria holds more than 100km of public records at the Victorian Archives Centre in North Melbourne under the leadership of the Keeper of Public Records and advice of PRAC; has a regional centre in Ballarat, and more than 100 appointed PODs across the State including at Bendigo and Geelong.

The collection of what we now call Public Record Office Victoria began 120 years ago with ten battered, leather-bound copies of Convict Indents. The large books contained printed identities of the convicts who arrived in Sydney in the 1830s. The books were given to Melbourne Library Chief Librarian Ernest La Touche Armstrong by Mathew Byrne, Secretary to the Law Department of the Victorian Government.

In 1909 the Royal Historical Society of Victoria was founded to collect and preserve reminiscences of old Colonists. One of the first issues pursued by the Society was the preservation of public records.

In a meeting with the Premier, the Society's Secretary Alfred Greig shared concerns of the destruction of public records and stated that "modern governments everywhere...are arranging for the preservation and collation of their official documents."

While the Society was concerned with preserving historic records, a 1916-17 Royal Commission report into the public service recommended immediate destruction of 'obsolete' records. In *A Matter of Record*, Professor Russell states:

"The Royal Commissioners showed no awareness of the role of archives, and were focused on the issue of destroying obsolete records...During this period, some irreplaceable major record series were lost."

After another inquiry into public service methods in 1927, the Society asked the Premier to advise that historical records no longer required by Departments should be offered to the Library first, rather than destroyed. The Premier agreed.

Mooroopna Brewery Co. 1882-85

Two years after the Goulburn Brewery Co. Ltd was formed, it was purchased by Patrick Coyle and his partner, E. T. Moulden. Coyle had been the proprietor of the Royal Mint Brewery in Melbourne, and Moulden had been his brewer.

The partners changed the name to the Mooroopna Brewery Co., which did little to assist them in their short-lived country brewing venture. It was rumoured that there were suspicious circumstances concerning the fire that completely destroyed the brewery in 1885.

Shepparton Brewery 1885-1929

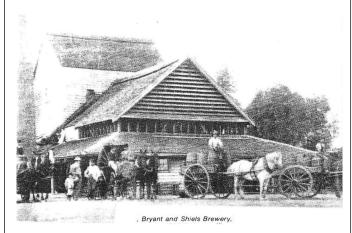
Welsford Street

One of the largest industries in Shepparton at the turn of the century was Bryant & Sheil's Shepparton Brewery. It was built on the bank of the Goulburn River in 1885 at a cost of £5500, including the plant and equipment. The original partners were Charles Bryant Snr and William Sheil Snr. Bryant already had interests in the Stawell and Maldon Breweries.

The Shepparton Brewery built up a fine reputation throughout the colony. The quality of the beer was consistently good, due in part to the excellent spring-water drawn from a well alongside the river. After the death of Charles Bryant in 1898, the brewery was conducted by William Bryant and William Sheil, sons of the original partners. The sons set up the Buffalo Brewery at Wangaratta in 1902.

The Shepparton Brewery and hotel properties were sold to the Goulburn Valley Investment Co., although the Brewery was repurchased by William Sheil Jnr just before his death. Brewing had ceased by 1929, and the buildings were demolished in 1938.

From The Breweries of Australia. A History, by Keith M. Deutscher, 1999



Bryant and Shiels Brewery Shepparton

Shepparton Advertiser 24th July 1935.

Demolition of Brewery
The work of demolishing the old Shepparton Brewery is proceeding apace, and within a few days, the old building will have vanished.

Western Australia BDMs

Western Australia has recently reindexed its collection of births, deaths and marriages, with pleasing results. Places are more specific and some errors have been corrected. The closed period for births is 100 years, for marriages 75 years and for deaths 30 years.

Orders can be placed using the online form. Historical images cost \$20 each.

Restricted period for accessing Birth Death and Marriage records in Australia

Births: 100 years: All States and Territories.

Deaths: 30 years: NSW, NT, SA, Vic, WA, ACT. 25 years: Tas. 35 years: Old Marriages: 50 years: NSW. 65 years: Vic. 75 years: Qld, SA, NT, WA, ACT, Tas.

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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Post: P.O. Box 1529 Shepparton. Vic. 3632

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

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

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Surname	New member joining fee \$ 5.00	\$ 5.00			
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	Annual Subscription (couple) \$45.00	\$			
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