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Spanning the Years



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SATURDAYS:

10.00am —11.30am

MONDAYS: 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th

1.00pm—4.00 pm

Closed Public Holidays and School Holidays

Printing @ 50 cents per sheet—colour extra

Ancestry Library Edition

Find My Past

Family Search Library Edition.

Non Members to research \$5 donation + printing

Members of other Societies most welcome.

Watch for news for 2020 for the 2nd Monday each month.

February 10th 2020—Workshop—Bring a sandwich, a cuppa will be supplied. We will be meeting at Lesley's home

36 Melaleuca Court
Tea Gardens Grange
Tea Gardens 2324



Our group extend sincere Christmas wishes to you, your families and friends for a safe and happy Christmas break. We look forward to keeping in touch through 2020.

We are now closed and will re-open February 3rd 2020 at 1pm Tea Gardens Library

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Our Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Family Research Group Christmas lunch held on Monday 9th December, 2019 was most enjoyable and well attended. A very special presentation took place when Terry and Margaret Munright were presented with Life Membership. The contribution and support they have both given is outstanding and we wanted to express our appreciation and gratitude. Margaret instigated our group in 2002 after becoming interested at Cape Banks Family Research in Sydney. When she mentioned to them about forming a research group in Tea Gardens, they generously donated a microfiche reader, films and books to get us started. It was Margaret's idea for the appropriate words "Spanning the Years" to be included in association with our name. Terry has been the driving force in finding us our homes. Hence, here we are today 17 years later and much indebted to Margaret and Terry. Thank you from all our past and present members.



This year 4 of our loyal members received their OBE Awards



Ron Stewart (past President) Shirley Cox (Librarian) Karl Lackmann (President) Carol Tattersall who unfortunately couldn't be with us at the luncheon .

Where Did My Name Come From? And Why? Submitted by a member.

Sometimes we shake our heads in disbelief at the names (and the spellings) given to today's children, but imagine if they were registered under some of the names our ancestors received! An article in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" includes some of these beauties:

Take Heed Munnings, Moretriall Wood and her sister Endure, Wealthy Miser, Property Partridge, Hatevil Nutter, Active Foote, Guile Wilson, Sea Delivered Gorham, Desire More Irish, Happy Sadde, Freelove Pope, Low Paine (a chairmaker), Love Pray, Friendly Peck, Dryden Pope and Mansfield Parker.

Then come some examples for the hungry: Preserved Fish, Jam Pye, Saveory Wing, Love Pease, Tuna White and Cherry Stone.

The single most inspiring family in this list must be the Starrs: Standwell, Suretrust, Comfort, Standfast, Joyful, Truth -Shall-Prevail, rather spoilt by the arrival of Nostrength.

The latest Lost Cousins Newsletter, always a great source of information, lists an English registration (by his father) of One Too Many Gouldstone jn 1870.

Browsing through my own tree, I wouldn't like to live with Grizel Warren. Increase Pillsbury drowned young, leaving sisters Experience and Thankful. A few generations later, two male Pillsbury brothers were given the conflicting maiden names of their grandmothers – Joy and Moody.

Maybe I should just be grateful that my name is "ordinary".



We're delighted to let you know that our new SAG website is now live. The address hasn't changed (www.sag.org.au) but there is updated content and many new features. As part of this change we're now using a membership management software and website hosting platform called WildApricot, used around the world by more than 20,000 organisations similar to the SAG.



It's the stories that matter



I've been delighted that one of my daughters has become very interested in our family history. Using the information in FamNet she has created a picture wall of some of her family's ancestors, making copies of the pictures, and then using the notes with that person to write their story on the back of the picture. The pictures, arranged very roughly like an ancestry chart, are held on the wall with Velcro Command Strips so you can take them off to read what is written on the back. Example - one of the photos on the wall is a picture of a car. On the back of this picture you'll read about Ella Eddleston getting her license.

To my daughter Hannah (and to me) it is the stories that matter. Ancestors that are just names and perhaps dates are boring, but when we know what they looked like, how they lived, they come to life as people. Not just biographies, we love anecdotes, like the story of Ella Eddleston (Hannah's grandmother, my mother-in-law) getting her driving licence, and of Dora (Ella's sister) driving a Model T Ford for a wedding. Hannah's children, especially her daughter Georgia who has been enthusiastically helping her create this display, will have a vivid appreciation of their family history, and the way that our lives change with each generation. Hannah tells me that creating this display makes her feel really connected to her ancestors, and it has motivated her and Georgia to update their FamNet records. It has also prompted us to look closely at some of the information in FamNet – was my Great Grandmother born in 1815 or 1843? There is evidence for either, but no proof yet of which is right. An email discussion involving not just Hannah and I, but genealogists in Taranaki and the U.S.A, is ongoing.

We're looking forward to visiting next year and seeing this wall for ourselves. Perhaps Hannah will be interested in taking even more advantage of FamNet's possibilities by linking some of the pictures to [audio and video](#), using QR Codes which can be detected and used by their phones.

The Future of Genealogical Societies. The Future worries me From Peter Nash

A couple of pieces of news this month have set me thinking. A major genealogy society in the USA and another major one in the UK are undergoing a review process in which they are considering folding up.

Another problem I have is the general principle that research is easier if you talk to other researchers. They may have tips to pass on, interpret your results a wee bit differently, propose a repository that you hadn't thought of or heard of, and generally encourage you. Searching alone, in your pyjamas, on the internet can lead to erroneous assumptions. I recently explored a family tree for my Noakes family on Ancestry.com and spend a long time laughing. I know my family is very fertile but a woman's having two children in her fifties is not a reasonable conclusion. I know that the researcher needs to check Catholic Church records to get some enlightenment. But it is too late. That mistake appears in three other trees and will grow as time passes. My great, great grandmother's fertility prowess will become entrenched in stone.

Genealogy can only continue to grow as a hobby if fellow amateur addicts regularly meet, whether a formal meeting or just a casual session over a coffee and a scone.

Today there is, in my opinion, an over reliance on the Ancestry website, which proves how good their advertising is. Such subscription websites are also quite expensive for many, but can you research your family history without it costing a small fortune?

In many cases the answer is yes, you can do your research without buying a subscription. Undoubtedly these sites do have a very important role to play especially as they start to include more images of parish registers and other documents, but what should be remembered is that your local library and archive centre are likely to have the Ancestry Library Edition (which covers worldwide), and/or Find My Past (especially in Yorkshire as they have been working with the Yorkshire Digitization Consortium to digitalised many of their parish registers), and some may even have access to The Genealogist website.

Rather than paying for access see if you can get it for free first. In addition some subscription sites also have free access to certain records, such as the 1881 census and the GRO indexes supplied by the FreeBMD website. Find My Past also gives free access to the newspaper indexes, but not the images. To access these all you need to do is register. Watch out for free weekend offers,

Besides the better known subscription sites, there is also a large range of free websites you can use. One of these is the [FreeBMD](#) website which is transcribing the birth, marriage and death indexes in England and Wales from the start of civil registration in 1837 and currently covers up to the mid 1970s. This site is important if you wish to order a certificate from the General Register Office (GRO) as it gives the reference numbers you need to place the order.

To read more, go to the above address as there is a huge amount of reading in this issue, better still, subscribe –it's free!



Notes taken from FamNet

In addition to the FreeBMD website, the [UKBMD group](#) are transcribing the civil registrations indexes on a county basis. Although not all counties are included, and some have their own independent projects, these can give you more information than the FreeBMD site as marriages can also show in which church/venue the marriage took place.

Another locally based project is the [Online Parish Clerks \(OPC\)](#), which is another group of volunteers who are recording the parish register entries for their area. You may need to register with each site, but registration and access is free.

The FamilySearch website is run by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, who have recorded a range of free indexes mainly based on census records and parish registers. This site covers different parts of the world, so could be useful if your ancestors migrated elsewhere. In many cases these are just indexes but they do hold a [number of images](#) of parish registers that have not been indexed but which you can browse through them yourself. Those with a camera symbol identify images attached, but be aware that some images are on subscription websites such as Find My Past and will need a subscription to access. Look for the camera images without the square background for those that are available on this site.

The [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) website (CWGC) gives details of not only British servicemen who were killed during WW1 and WW2, but also members of the Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, Indian, South African and non-commonwealth forces that fought with us. The site also records details of the 67,000 Commonwealth civilians who died "as a result of enemy action" in WW2.

Another free but perhaps lesser known website is a project started by the University of Leicester, which has digitalised many [Post Office and Trade Directories](#) in England and Wales. These have not been indexed but can be searched using a system called Optical Character Recognition (OCR). This is not always accurate, however you can manually search through each book, as you would in a library, and you may find the address or occupation of your ancestor.

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Interesting sites to visit through the holidays:-

www.darebin.vic.gov.au › [Discover-Darebin](#) › [Spaces-and-places](#) › [Libraries](#)

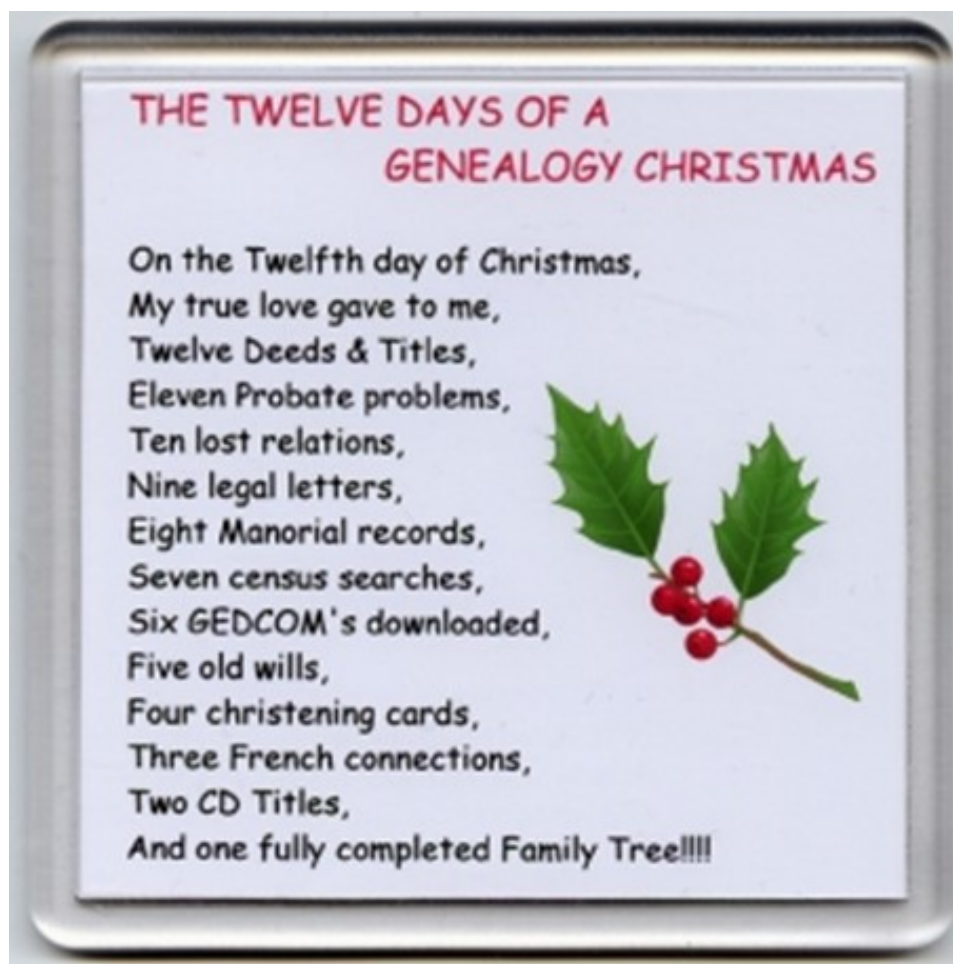
Visit the Darebin Heritage website for photos, soldier records and historical information about Darebin. Website: heritage.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au ...

Find A Will/Gov.UK—probatesearch.service.gov.uk

Wills and Probate 1996 to present. Wills and Probate 1858-1996. Soldiers Wills.

<https://irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/irish-roots-guide-birth-death-marriage-records>

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DATES FOR YOUR 2020 DIARY (how easy is that year to type!)

JANUARY 20th—Committee meeting 3.30pm Library meeting room

26th— **Australia Day in the park**—more information to follow.

FEBRUARY

Monday 3rd— First day TGHNFRG will be open for research 1-4pm

Monday 17th—**Guest Speaker—Bob Atkins from Ryerson Index at Tea Gardens Library**
More information will be sent shortly.

MARCH

Monday 30th - **Ancestry—Jason Reeves at Tea Gardens Library.**
How DNA can assist your research +
Navigating Ancestry Library Edition—the hidden clues.

