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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** By Lyn Cunningham.

As "Guide Leader", our member Leone had an extremely busy time recently with researching and organising the celebration of 100 years of Guiding in Swan Hill. Many of us have very fond and long lasting memories of belonging to Guides or Scouts, here or elsewhere.

Our first day trip for such a long time was on June 18<sup>th</sup>. First stop along the way was at the Coonamit Bridge where Steve surprised us with plenty of interesting history on the modern bridge we were about to cross. The river crossing was originally made by ferry from 1919 with the first bridge opened in 1929.

Once we were in Moulamein, we enjoyed morning tea and a relaxing time at the Art Gallery with many varied and interesting paintings and articles for viewing or maybe buying. We then had time for a short walk around the local cemetery followed by lunch at the Club. Then we were off for the highlight of the day at the Moulamein Heritage Village which just opened last December following years of planning. The woolshed is large and quite astounding and also houses machinery and artefacts. The old Dhuragoon school building at the village has become the information centre. So it was all thoroughly worthwhile and a very enjoyable day.

Many thanks to Graeme and Dianne Nalder for showing and explaining so much to us. We will be back in Moulamein another time!

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> many people gathered at the Settlement to celebrate 60 years of the Gem's arrival. Our very own Dot Harvey who is also a long term, devoted volunteer at the Settlement, had the honour of cutting the Gem's birthday cake. 2026 will be the year to celebrate the Gem's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023. 10.30 AM**

The Hub, Swan Hill Racecourse Bowls Club.  
Gray Street, Swan Hill.

Guest Speaker: Terry Jennings, will speak on the  
history of the Northern Shoe Store.

2 Course alternating meal

Silverside & Mustard sauce or

Whiting, Chips & Salad

Apple Pie or Sticky Date Pudding

All meals served with bread roll & butter

Cost: \$29.00 per person. Drinks at Bar prices.

**RSVP by 4th September, 2023** to Jan Guse on  
0419 536 970 or place your name/s on the sheet in  
our Room. Apologies could also be advised to Jan  
or placed on the sheet in our room.



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Annual General Meeting  
Sunday 10 September, 2023

All positions will become vacant.

Nomination forms are available in our room.

A copy has also been included with  
members newsletters.

Please give consideration to taking on a  
position as we need volunteers to keep our  
organisation operating successfully.

#### **Executive**

**President:**

**Lyn Cunningham**

**Secretary:**

**Jennie McKenzie**

**Treasurer:**

**Jan Guse**

**Research:**

**Steve Pentreath**

**Newsletter:**

**Jan Guse**

**Book Librarian:** Norma Rutherford & Julie Whateley

**Fiche Librarian:**

**Judy & Jim Strugnell**

**SWAN HILL TECHNICAL SCHOOL REUNION.**

**On October 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 a reunion dinner of the Original Swan Hill Technical School enrolments will be held at the Swan Hill Club, Glencoe Room, 5pm onwards, please RSVP to:-**

**[dalevanevery@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dalevanevery@optusnet.com.au) or 0408 767 176.**

**Please pass the word around as personal invitations will not be sent out. The reunion is open to anyone who has a connection with those students, staff or teachers.**

In 1961 under the iconic leadership of Fred Longhurst, the original intake of the 4 years enrolled for Technical School Education commenced at the Drill Hall, on the corner of Gray and Yana Streets. Those students (forms 1 to 4, now known as years 7 to 10) were the original students when the new buildings officially opened on-site in September 1961. That site is now occupied by the Police Station at the Southern entrance to the town.



Swan Hill Technical School under construction, 1961.

During that first Eight months, before the new facilities became available, students taking part in particular trade classes were required to walk along the old number 9 channel from the Drill Hall to the old WW2 Annex buildings situated on the south west corner of Pye and High Streets of the Alan Garden Reserve, opposite the High School. Twenty minutes were allowed for this journey.

**The following is an extract from the Tech School Facebook site written by and with permission of Peter Clutterbuck.**

“Many would not know that in 1961 some local people scoffed at the concept of Tech education. I remember well a local identity stating that it was not real education and only catered for young losers: Fred Longhurst, the principal, set about changing this stupid, misconception. He was very much a forward thinker. For a start he created a school uniform that all students were proud to wear. It contrasted greatly with the dull boring grey jumpers that all secondary schools had back then. Fred also possessed a great deal of wisdom. Once a student got himself into trouble down the street and was so ashamed, he decided to leave. As he was old enough to legally leave there was no way to stop him. His parents were aghast and desperately wanted him to continue his education as did his friends and the staff, but there was nothing that could stop him. Fred knew the lad was from a dairy farm so got the father to promise he would get the lad up at 5am each day to begin work. The father was true to his word and sure enough 3 days later the lad was back at school where everyone welcomed him and where he successfully completed his education. Of course, attitudes in those days were different..... I feel so sorry for youngsters today as life is so complex for them .... in those days' things were usually seen as right or wrong.

Fred had developed high standards for both students and staff .... this included behaviour and dress. One morning I arrived at school when a young person approached me and said he had been appointed to teach here and would I introduce him to the principal. As we walked across the asphalt towards Fred's office I thought this young bloke is not going to go down well with Fred. He had long blonde hair cascading over his shoulders, a rough stubble beard and he was wearing an untidy T shirt, grubby jeans and on his feet, he wore thongs. When I introduced him, Fred welcomed him warmly but I could sense a crunch was coming ....and I was right. I made to leave but Fred pointed me to a chair near his table.....it was obvious he wanted a witness. He then politely told the newcomer to go down the street get his haircut, a shave and come back properly attired and he would then outline his teaching duties. The young bloke bravely said "You can't make me do that. Can I phone Melbourne?" Fred said "Be my guest ." As I was quite close to the phone, I heard one of the senior managers say "He can't make you do that." The young bloke handed the phone to Fred and repeated the manager's words triumphantly. Fred immediately let forth his feelings over the phone to the manager and then slammed it down. A few minutes went by and to my surprise the phone rang, it was the supreme chief of the Technical Branch apologising to Fred and telling him that last manager had been sent to a lower floor for his idiocy. It was easy to understand and sense the great respect and warmth he had for Fred. With that the young bloke left, never to be seen again.

Fred 's unyielding passion was to ensure that every student was given the opportunity to become successful in life through education. I am sure many former students who are regular readers of this site would agree”.

**First Students of the Swan Hill Technical School as printed in the 1961 School Magazine “Grapevine”.**

**FORM 4AT**  
 Daryl R. Brown  
 Briam T. Harris  
 Kevin W. Doyle  
 Barry L. Leslie  
 Stephen F. Small  
 Neil Pettingill  
 Russell I. Wait  
 Neil J. Brown  
 Peter J. Eade  
 Geoffrey M. Edmunds  
 Ewan F. Elston  
 Alan J. Emonson (trans.)  
 Roger B. Foley  
 Barry W. Harris  
 Wallace R. Jolley  
 Barry J. Lewis  
 Arnold P. Manuel  
 Rennie A. Mathieson  
 John V. Oswin  
 Garry J. Wescott

**FORM 3A**  
 Anthony Armstrong  
 Graham M. Baldwin  
 Colin R. Bell  
 Matthew Booth  
 Robert D. Chalmers  
 Brendan G. Cheney  
 John C. Clodd  
 Collin A. Duguid  
 Barry W. Fletcher  
 John A. Ford  
 Reginald W. Golding  
 Noel R. Gurnett  
 Glenard F. Haeusler  
 Malcolm Hamill  
 Dennis L. Harding  
 Douglas C. Harry  
 Noel V. Harvey  
 Gregory B. Hatt  
 Peter J. Hill  
 Rodney S. James  
 Francis J. Jenkins  
 Malcolm M. Kanizay  
 Nicholas J. Kanizay

**FORM 3B**  
 Malcolm J. Keighran  
 Maurice V. Krahner  
 Geoffrey R. Lawrence  
 Hugh M. Leech  
 Robert J. Leech

Robert J. Longmuir  
 Stuart L. W. Maddy  
 Allan H. McConnell  
 Peter J. McCutchesson  
 Lynton J. McKenzie  
 Brian W. McMillan  
 Barry K. Moore  
 John W. Murphy  
 John F. O'Loughlin  
 David W. Penney

**FORM 3F**  
 R. Neil Anderson  
 Daryl W. Bailey  
 Morton J. Bryant  
 John A. Cadd  
 Harvey D. Catton  
 Graeme W. Curthoys  
 Peter J. Ewart  
 C. Peter Elford  
 Howard W. Flanner (left)  
 Clifford J. Forster  
 V. John Haberfield  
 Barry D. Hammond  
 Garry D. Harwood  
 Neil T. Maddy  
 Charles M. Martin  
 Gary I. McNiven  
 Geoffrey C. O'Brien  
 Ian A. Phillips  
 F. Russell Pitts  
 Trevor J. Rinaldi  
 Ian J. Vernon  
 Kevin Vivian  
 Robert F. Wilde

John R. Pye  
 Murray C. Ray  
 Ian P. Ray  
 Gary J. Rechter  
 Murray Scown  
 Sydney L. Shore  
 John M. Sutton  
 Raymond Verlin

**FORM 2A**  
 Leslie Baldwin  
 Ian Brooks  
 James Davis  
 Mervyn Edmunds  
 Ian Fisher  
 Anthony Ganci  
 Howard Hillerman  
 Samuel Hunter

Brian Kay  
 Ross Kenyon  
 Paul Marsolino  
 Frank Marotta  
 Gary McDougall  
 Gary Mitchell  
 David Moser  
 Robert Muston  
 Rex Oswin  
 John Pierce  
 William Ross  
 Robert Sutton  
 Dale Van Every  
 Gary Willox

**FORM 2B**  
 Daimon Barnett  
 Robert Batten  
 Noel Brown  
 Brian Button  
 Ian Coster  
 Michael Crosby  
 Ian Gammon  
 Rodney Glanville

**FORM 2C**  
 Kevin Athorn  
 Barry Bail  
 Graham Bennett  
 Bruce Berry  
 Antonio Bonanno  
 Graham Budde  
 John Charleson  
 Robert Dunstone  
 Dennis Gammon  
 Paul Gervasi  
 John Good  
 John Gribble  
 Ian Hudson  
 Ronald Ingram  
 Brian Kiley  
 David McMillan  
 Peter Mott  
 Ian Parfrey  
 Gordon Parsons  
 Gary Pumpa  
 Clifford Storm  
 Colin Smith  
 Graeme Smith  
 David Holloway  
 Neil Kenneady  
 Trevor Maddy  
 Salvitori Marotta

Brendan Matthews  
 Ian McKenzie  
 Francis McMaster  
 Rodney Perris  
 Gordon Smith  
 Ronald Spencer  
 Clifford Stephens  
 Noel Storer  
 Maxwell White  
 Noel Wiseman  
 Ian J. Woolnough

**FORM 1A**  
 Allan Ball  
 Barry Barr  
 Geoffrey Boulton  
 Alexander Borchard  
 Phillip Button  
 Roderic Guest  
 John Harvey  
 Stephen Hatt  
 Phillip Hickmott  
 David Jenkins  
 Leonard Kelley  
 Graham Martin  
 Ian McLean  
 Ronald Munro  
 John Prince  
 Robin Taylor  
 David Timmins  
 Gerald Turner  
 Edward Walmsley  
 Anthony Wilson  
 Ronald Woodburn  
 Graeme Weymouth  
 Thomas Wilson

**FORM 1C**  
 Gavin Algie  
 Peter Allen  
 Barry Borchard  
 Allan Brown  
 Malcolm Carmicheal  
 Robert Cashin  
 Guiseppi Costa  
 Trevor Dunstone  
 Geoffrey Keighran  
 Raymond Kelly  
 Peter Kleehammer  
 Raymond Matthews  
 Colin McAlpine  
 Graham Mesley  
 Nevin Monk  
 Lindsay Morvell

Murray O'Bryan  
 Graham Oldham  
 Geoffrey O'Meara  
 Gordon Thompson  
 Alan Walsh

**FORM 1B**  
 Edward Borchard  
 Roger Bragg  
 Lester Bruton  
 Gerald Bryant  
 John Cheney  
 Roger Cummings  
 Kerry Edgecumbe  
 Robert Emonson  
 Malcolm Evans  
 Bryan Findlay  
 Robert Goodwin  
 William James  
 Phillip Jennings  
 Alan Krahner  
 Graham Lee  
 Raymond Lewis  
 Anthony McDonald  
 Clarence Parker  
 Athol Robins  
 John Runciman  
 Trevor Wiseman

**FORM 1D**  
 Richard Bruton  
 Desmond Butcher  
 Robert Coburn  
 Leonard Connor  
 Daryl Curnow  
 John Dowell  
 Brian Johnson  
 Gary Kruger  
 Peter McDougall  
 Joseph Menta  
 Lindsay Moloney  
 Sam Raudino  
 Leonard Rickard  
 Leslie Scott  
 Lindsay Sutton  
 Keith Tyrrell  
 Graham Wall  
 Ross Watts  
 Brian Wilkin  
 Ken Willox

## **NEW SOUTH WALES MAPS DIGITISED.** by Camille Cullinan.

The New South Wales State Library has collected and preserved thousands of maps and subdivision plans over the years, and has been progressively digitising them for public access and use. They are an absolute goldmine for genealogists and local historians. More than 4,600 historic plans of 460 regional towns in NSW and along the Murray River are now available on the NSW State Library website.

The latest tranche of digitised subdivision plans dates from as early as the 1880s up to the 1930s. They were produced by real estate agents and auctioneers to advertise new subdivisions and land sales. They range from hand-drawn surveyors' plans to beautifully designed colour posters. Some of the plans are annotated with sales figures, and you can see how public transport or access to shops, parks and local attractions influenced the popularity of a town.

The subdivision plans, also known as estate maps, are part of the Library's extensive map collection. Mostly produced from the 1860s to the 1930s, these posters advertised new subdivisions and sale of land. They were originally produced by real estate agents to promote the merits of newly created estates and subdivisions. Printed in both colour and black & white, these advertising materials illustrate the early development of the real estate industry in Australia, highlight changes in the way land was subdivided, streets were named and properties were valued and reflect the spread of suburbs across Sydney and regional areas.

Subdivision plans were fleeting items, not meant to last beyond the land auction and many would have been discarded by real estate agencies once a property was sold. The NSW Library has acquired over 40,000 of these ephemeral advertising posters.

The plans illustrate the urban development of Sydney and New South Wales, as large estates were divided up and transformed into suburbs and towns.

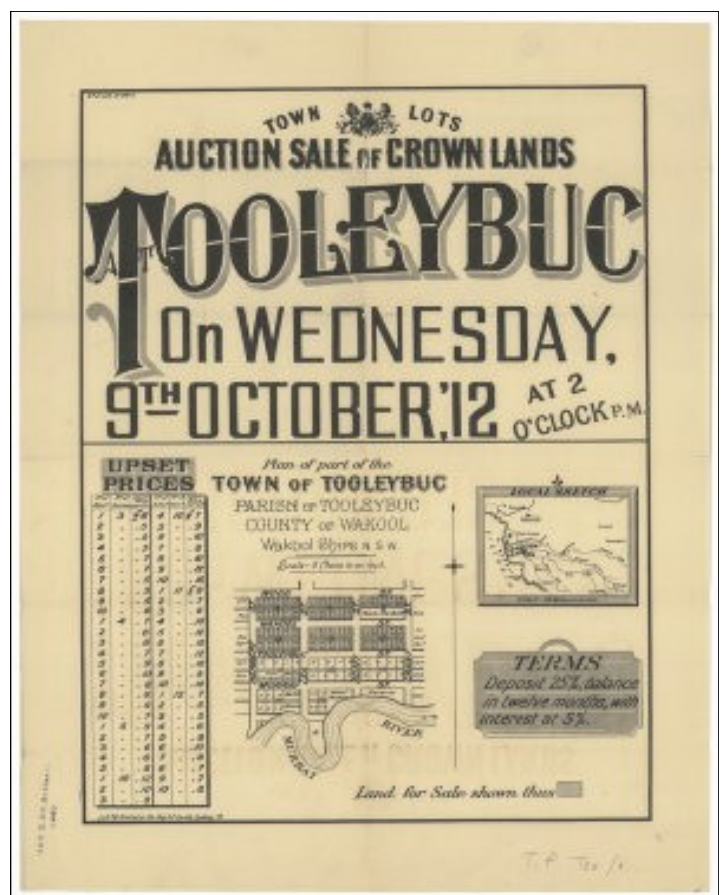
In the late 19th and early 20th century, there was a large scale movement of people from the inner city following the clearing of the densely populated areas around Millers Point and Surry Hills and the development of large industrial and manufacturing estates in the outer city areas. The Subdivision plans particularly focus on the rush to purchase land in Sydney's expanding suburbs which often centred around the suburban rail and public transport network.

They also document the development of regional and rural New South Wales, from the subdivision of large pastoral estates and the sale of crown lands to the development of towns to support rural industries.

Most of the plans are lithographs, some are hand-drawn survey maps, often the first iteration of the newly created land division. Many of the plans have been annotated with prices of individual lots, how many were sold on the day of the auction and also include details such as planned railway stations, parks and whether city water and gas were available.

There are some very interesting maps of places close to Swan Hill including allotments in Tooleybuc (see image), Barham and Murray Downs Estate; a hand drawn sketch from 1846 of land holdings near the junction of the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers which includes landholder names such as Campbell and Rutherford and a tracing of land holdings near Swan Hill.

Explore the collection here: <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/significant-collections/subdivision-plans>





**KERANG MUSEUM – HERITAGE DAY.****Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. 9 am – 4 pm.**

17 Museum Drive, Kerang.

Admission \$10 Adults, School age children free.

Restored engines, shearing, dairy display, old cars, trucks, tractors, home wares etc.

Full catering, hot and cold food available.

Displaying Kerang's Social History.

For further information phone: 0412 487 854.

**2023 MOLONEY FAMILY REUNION.**Descendants of Denis Cornelius &  
Olive Esther Moloney.**Saturday 16th September 2023. 12.00 – 6 pm.**

For a catered lunch with tea and coffee (cost TBA)

BYO drinks

RSL HALL

Cnr Hope &amp; Austin St, Hopetoun, Vic. 3396.

Please bring photos, mementos and stories to share.

We look forward to seeing our extended family to  
make memories over food, fun and yarns.RSVP: before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

Peter Moloney 0418 599 059

Catherine McAvaney via FB or 0414 435 050 or

cmcavaney @ gmail.com

**Latest newspapers added to TROVE.****<https://trove.nla.gov.au>****NSW**

- Border Morning Mail (1950-1951) [Albury City Libraries]
- Coolamon Echo (1898-1905) [Coolamon & District History Group]
- The Pastoral Times (1866-1895) [Deniliquin Genealogy Society]
- The Seagull (1959-1993) [Tweed River High School]

**VICTORIA**

- The Skipton Standard and Streatham Gazette (1914-1928) [State Library of Victoria]
- Sunbury News (1910-1927) [State Library of Victoria]
- Sunraysia Daily (1937) [Mildura Rural City Council Library Service]
- Tatura Guardian (1895-1903) [State Library of Victoria]

At my age, I'm good at multitasking.  
I can listen, ignore and forget all at once.

**AU/NZ Family History Month – August 2023**

NFHM (National Family History Month) is an initiative of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO).

AFFHO is the umbrella organisation for family history and genealogy societies in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1978 to co-ordinate and assist the work of Australian and New Zealand groups with interest in family history, genealogy, heraldry and related subjects.

For details of what events etc are to be held during August, 2023 go to their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyHistoryMonthAU>

**NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE SWAN HILL "GUARDIAN" - 1923.****19 February:** New Convent Opened.**19 March:** Swan Hill Chamber of Commerce formed.**26 April:** Foundation laid and tender accepted for Swan Hill Soldiers' Memorial Hall.**30 April:** Soldiers' Memorial Hall opened at Tresco. First race meeting for Nyah & District Racing Club.**3 May:** Sewering Swan Hill, a preliminary move.**10 May:** Plans for additions and alterations to hospital.**24 May:** Swan Hill Church of England welcomes the Rev. Stanleigh Seward.**4 June:** Horticultural Society formed.**9 July:** SHOW – referendum on publican's booth at show. Yes 69, No 46.**27 August:** Hospital extensions planned – nurses' quarters, widening of verandas, a morgue and sewerage to cost £5000; Kitchen block £4000.**6 September:** SPORT – Woorinen – Piangil football game declared "no match" after a Woorinen player struck a boundary umpire with the ball.**17 September:** Swan Hill Traders' Association formed.**1 October:** Border railways turning first sod at Balranald.**8 October:** Swan Hill Soldiers' Memorial Hall nearly finished.**18 October:** Experimental plots of cotton planted in Swan Hill District by S. Storer, W. Harvey and E. Williams.**15 November:** Demo of cooking with electricity at new power house; electricity installation festivities, opening ceremony.**13 December:** Big business done selling Yanga Station Blocks.

## **Excerpt from “To Wycheproof and Back” 1967 Centenary “Back-To” Celebration.**

### **Health Service:**

A branch of the Australian Natives Association was formed in Wycheproof in 1885. This association with its medical services was a great help to settlers whose nearest doctor had been at St. Arnaud, Charlton or Wooroonooke. Doctors whose tenders were accepted to serve the members included Drs. Massey 1885, Degner and Fitzgerald 1886, Stoker 1887, Forrester 1894 and Brown 1896.

Dr. Forrester was the first medical officer appointed to the newly formed shire and the first resident doctor. He was a Scot who enjoyed practising golf round the mount. He died suddenly after 12 months in the town and it was found that he had no relatives in Australia.

In 1889 initial efforts to provide a hospital were made. A ball to help raise funds was held in the Victoria Hall, Charlton. The cottage hospital was erected in 1892 and by 1897 it had the full support of the district.

A new nurses' home was opened in 1927 and the new hospital was erected in 1938, with part of the old hospital becoming the infectious ward.

Since 1936 Wycheproof and Nullawil ladies auxiliaries have given constant support. A hospital sports carnival held in 1905 included a boys' race with prizes of a watch and a pocket knife for the first two place-getters.

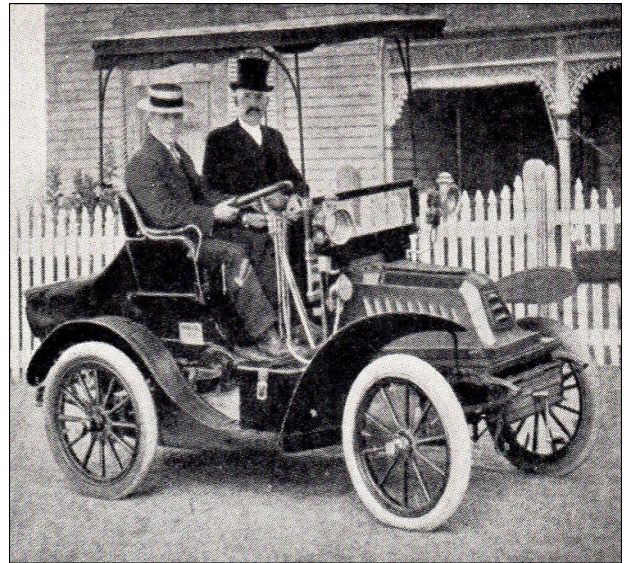
Medical officers over the years included Drs. Scott, Phillips, Rail, McMillan, Fargie, Hall, Marshall, Crawford and Esson.

Improvements to the hospital included the erection of new homes for sisters and nurses, a mortuary and a residence for the managing secretary in 1966.

The first patient record has been lost, but the second, from 1898, shows the prevalence of enteric and typhoid fevers, epidemics resulting in many being hospitalised and many losing their lives. Many more were treated at home. The only treatment in those days was to wrap the patient in wet blankets to try to keep the temperature down and administration of a careful diet. There were no antibiotics or penicillin.

The Surgeon Dentist, Mr. W. Ball, F.R.M.S., covered a vast area by car in 1908. His monthly schedule took in Pyramid Hill, Wycheproof, Charlton, Mysia, Boort, Durham-Ox, Mitiamo, Picala, Nathalia, Numurkah, Cobram, Strathmerton, Waiaa, Merrigum, Kyabram, Tatura, Murchison, Arcadia, Nagambie, Rochester, Elmore, and Cohuna.

Mr. J. Norton Hall was the chemist, 1890 – 1910. Urgent dental services were often carried out by the doctor and on occasions even the chemist would help a sufferer. One man who could no longer suffer the agony of an aching tooth had the chemist remove it. The tooth was hard to



The Surgeon Dentist, Mr. W. Ball, F.R.M.S.

extract and the best light was out in the front street on Broadway – most amusing for the lads in the street, and embarrassing, though providing relief for the patient.

### **WEBSITES OF INTEREST:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4b7xsbcx>

National Archives of Australia and Ancestry.com have collaborated to digitise 95,000 First World War records, preserving them for the future.

The project digitised series MT1486/1, which consists of records for individuals who applied to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), and were either rejected, discharged while still in training, or went on to serve within Australia only.

All records are accessible to the public via the National Archives of Australia *RecordSearch* and through the Ancestry.com family history platform.

Findmypast <https://www.findmypast.com.au>

As of January 2023 Findmypast has added 450 years of Scottish parish records to their site. They have published 10 million new baptism, marriage and burial records, creating the largest collection of Scottish records available online. These records include: Scotland, Parish Births and Baptisms 1564 – 1929; Scotland, Parish Marriages and Banns 1561 – 1893 and Scotland, Parish Deaths and Burials 1564 -2017.

### **SWAN HILL MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE:**

**Weather permitting,** Ruth Holmes, Secretary of the Cemetery Trust will give an update on happenings at the cemetery on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Any members wishing to attend, please arrive at the Cemetery Office promptly at 1 pm.

**Membership**

Single \$25.00  
 Family (2 Adults & School Children) \$30.00  
 (Above Subscriptions includes Society's Newsletters)  
 New Members also pay a Joining Fee \$10.00  
 Newsletter Subs. (Non Members) \$10.00  
 A Membership Application can be obtained by emailing the society at: [shghso@hotmail.com](mailto:shghso@hotmail.com)

**Meetings**

The Society holds regular monthly meetings with Guest Speakers or topics of interest relating to Genealogy or History. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm at the Swan Hill Regional Library. Entry from rear of building. For the winter months of June, July and August - meetings are altered to Sundays. There is no meeting held in January.

**General Information**

Our Room is situated in the Swan Hill Regional Library at 53-67 Campbell Street, Swan Hill. We have a large holding of Books, Micro-fiche, Films, Local Cemetery Listings, plus much more. Research to Members is free. Visitors are charged \$20.00 per day. Written requests are welcome at \$20.00 a request. Please write to our *Research Officer*.

Our Room is normally manned by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10 am and 3 pm. Other times may be arranged by phoning the Society on 50362472 when members are on duty.

**Free Research For Members**

Members who live outside Swan Hill, and have difficulty in visiting our Library, can now have limited research carried out on their behalf free of charge. Please write to the Society at:- PO Box 1232, Swan Hill. 3585. Or, alternatively, if coming to town on a Monday or Friday, phone and make an appointment.

**LIBRARY REPORT.** By Julie Whateley.**SCHOOLS**

SCH 119 Strong Like its Pillars. Melbourne High School 1905 – 2005. (Book includes an Article about Fred Wells who was Head master of Swan Hill High School from 1953 to 1962. Page 299.)

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

SA 76 Port Misery and the New Port – Early Port Adelaide.

**SWAN HILL**

SH 133 Swan Hill Girl Guides Centenary Book 2023. Donated by Leone Walbran.

**WAR**

WAR 137 2015 Victorian Aboriginal Honor Roll.

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2023/2024 YEAR ARE DUE BY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023.**

Subscription Renewal forms have been included with Members' newsletters.

Please complete and return with your payment, either in person to a member on duty in our Library, or via the post to:- Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society Inc, P O Box 1232, Swan Hill, Vic. 3585.

Alternatively, our bank account details are included on the form if you wish to pay by direct deposit.

**If paying by this method, please include your name as the deposit reference**, and to ensure we have all your details correct, complete and return your renewal form either via email to:- [shghso@hotmail.com](mailto:shghso@hotmail.com) or the postal address as above.

If you are not renewing your membership, it would be appreciated if you could let us know.

**BOOKS FOR SALE:*****"Flood Reflections". Book & DVD.***

This book covers the flood events in our Council area during 2010 and 2011, as well as past floods. Included with the book, is a DVD of interviews of many of the people involved such as police, flood wardens, volunteers etc. Cost \$30.00 plus \$6.00 postage.

***Reproduction of J. Edward Robertson's 1912 book "The Progress of Swan Hill and District".***

This book includes a comprehensive account of Swan Hill businesses and people from that period, including towns like Ultima, Nyah and Lake Boga, and a unique collection of photos. Cost \$20.00 plus \$4.00 postage.

***"A History of the Shire of Swan Hill".***

Originally published in 1989. Cost \$5.00 plus \$5.00 postage.

***"Swan Hill Streets. Paved in History".*** By Gwen Warne.

Originally published in 1988, this book lists the Swan Hill Streets alphabetically with a story or explanation relevant to each, and accompanied in many cases with a photograph. Cost \$12.00 plus \$5.50 postage.

***"Traces of the Past".*** By Graham Gardner.

A Pictorial History of Swan Hill and District from 1901 – 2001. Cost \$25.00 plus \$6.00 postage.

*Above items all available from the Society. Post cheque to: Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society Inc., P O Box 1232, Swan Hill. Vic. 3585. OR By Direct Debit to: Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society Inc; National Australia Bank; BSB 083 874, A/c 046816232. Under Reference please include your name, and send an email to the Society advising Full Name, Postal Address and description of purchase. Email: [shghso@hotmail.com](mailto:shghso@hotmail.com)*



## **MEETING TOPICS:**

**Sunday 13th August, 2023.** 2 pm. Swan Hill Regional Library (Rear access only.) Members to give a brief talk on their favourite ancestor.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.** 10.30 AM. The Hub, Swan Hill Racecourse Bowls Club, Gray Street, Swan Hill. Meal to follow Annual General Meeting and guest speaker.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.** 7.30 pm. Swan Hill Regional Library. (Rear access only.) "Genea—Logies" night. Members attending the meeting can participate in any or all sections. The sections include:-  
1. Caveman Award: To the person with the most proved generations in any ancestral line. 2. The Golden Chains Award: For the most colourful convict ancestor. 3. Box Brownie Award: Display of photographs of ancestors. 4. Magna Carta Award: Most interesting and unusual document. 5. Mallee Root Award: Bring along a family heirloom. 6. Tri-Centennial Award: Ancestor with the greatest age as per Death Certificate.

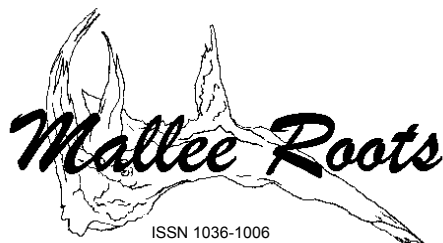
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.** 7.30 pm. Swan Hill Regional Library. (Rear access only.) Guest speaker Graeme Jilbert will speak about his time as a member of the local Fire Brigade.

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