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COMING EVENTS:

At our Society: -

Saturday 15th June 2013 - General Meeting

2.00pm in the Jean Rankins Research Library at our rooms.



Following the meeting there will be a 'Digitising Session' where members are invited to bring along certificates and documents of interest for digitising to add to their collection.

Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Saturday 15th June 2013 at Wodonga—'Off the Beaten Track'

Seminar with Mark Grealy and Susie Zada. Mark and Susie will be exploring odd, unusual, hidden, obscure records that are off the beaten track. Eric Barton will bring his book stall.

Venue: Felldimber Community Centre, Ritter Road, Wodonga.
9am to 4pm.

Cost: \$30 includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

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Wodonga

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August 2013 - National Family History Month

State Library of Victoria—'2013 Family History Feast'

Monday 5 August 10:00am - 3:30pm - Entry 3, La Trobe St, Melbourne.

The annual Family History Feast is a day of free information sessions for family history researchers. Discover the major Victorian government agencies for genealogical research and how they can help with your family history research. <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/event/2013-family-history-feast>.
[Online bookings](#) through [PROV](#) will open on 17 June 2013.

20th to 22nd September 2013

29th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies <http://www.conference2013.org.au/>

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

- * Marie Kensington
- * Margaret Pullen
- * Lynette Briggs
- * Ronald Briggs
- * Faye Dreher
- * Barbara Westmacott
- * Peter Mudge



HAVE A QUERY OR WISH TO MAKE A SUGGESTION?

Contact:

- * Ray McKenzie, President, on 03 5721 7553; or
- * Val Brennan, Vice President, on 03 5727 6229.



MEMBERSHIP:

Initial 1st year Admin Fee	\$10
Single Full Membership	\$25
Joint Full Membership	\$35
Single Pensioner	\$20
Joint Pensioner	\$30
Newsletter only	\$12

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & OTHERS:

President: Ray McKenzie 03 5721 7553
Vice President: Val Brennan 03 5727 6229
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Secretary: position vacant
Other committee members:

- Val McPherson
- Elaine Jones
- Paddy Milne

Auditor: Norm Kenny of Kerr Andison and Kenny Pty Ltd
Public Officer: Ray McKenzie
Threads Newsletter: Cheryl Price.

There are 3 committee positions unfilled. If you would like to join please contact a committee member. You will be most welcome.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

Council Grants – Received a grant of \$1000 towards the cost of electricity, gas etc.

Local History Grants 2012/2013 – An application has been submitted to support new digitising works. Result will be known in June.

Library - Continuing the review of books and supplementary files in the Research Library.

Research – A steady flow of research requests through visitors to our Library and via the Website.

Projects -

Wangaratta Cemetery Index and Images CD2 – Database check against Registers and CD1 ~ 70% complete. In house testing & Memorial Imaging scheduled for 2013.

Eldorado Cemetery Database and Register Images completed. Memorial Images and Site Map currently being checked.

Chiltern/Springhurst/Rutherglen Cemeteries CD – Currently contains about 7,000 names. Editing & matching register images in progress.

New digitising works currently in progress
Tarrawingee Cemetery Registers & Memorials, Whitefield Cemetery Registers.

School records for Cornishtown, Springhurst, Boralma – Completed, awaiting digitisation & distribution.

POST WAR MIGRANTS WHO CAME TO WANGARATTA & SURROUNDS:

Between 1947 and 1971, over 300,000 migrants from more than 50 countries arrived at Bonegilla, 12km from Wodonga in North East Victoria. Bonegilla is close to the banks of the Murray River and the site backs on to Lake Hume.

The first migrants to arrive at Bonegilla were displaced persons who had lived in refugee camps in war torn Europe. About half of the 170,000 displaced people coming to Australia between 1947 and 1951 lived at Bonegilla. Most of them stayed for about a month while they learnt to speak English and a little about the way of life here. Then they were moved to work in areas throughout Australia where there was a labour shortage.

From 1951 to 1971, Bonegilla started to receive assisted migrants rather than displaced people. They came from a variety of countries including Germany, the Netherlands, Britain, Austria, Italy, Greece, Hungary, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Spain, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. They came to Australia looking for secure employment and a better life. Life at Bonegilla was happy for some and a place of despair for others.

The stories of just a few who came to Wangaratta are shown below and their descendants can still be found in in the district.



Gioacchino PANOZZO migrated to Australia from Italy in 1951. This photo taken in 1967 shows Mr Panozzo on the dairy farm he owned at Oxley Flats near Wangaratta. He was born in Tresche Conca Vicenza Italy in Dec 1912 and made an application for Australian citizenship in 1955.

Mr Panozzo is buried in Wangaratta Cemetery and his headstone reads:

Panozzo –Qui Riposa Nella Pace, Di Dio,
Gioacchino, Nato 19.12.1912, A Tresche , Conca
Vicenza, Deceduto 10.4.1988, A Wangaratta.
Lasciando Con. Profondo Dolore La, Moglie Arcisa, I
Figli, Teresiano E Yollie, Genero Sam, Nipoti,
Carmine E Vanessa, E Parenta Tutti, Addolarata.
Riposa in Pace.

Translation: Panozzo. Here rests in the peace of God Gioaccino born 19.12.1912 A Tresche Conca Vicenza. Died 10.04.1988 Wangaratta leaving a wife with deep pain Arcisa. sons Teresian and Yollie Genero Sam, grandchildren Carmine and Vanessa and all relatives. Addolarata. Rest in Peace.

Gioaccino's wife **Arcisa PANOZZO** died at Oxley Flats on 25.7.2010 and is buried with her husband.



Mrs **Anna FURS** came from Kiev in the Ukraine 12 months before this photo was taken in 1954 with her husband Ivan and child. Mrs Furs is seen here winding the synthetic filaments on to cones for use in the looms at Bruck Textile Factory in Wangaratta, Vic. Sadly, Mrs Furs died in 1972 at the age of 59 and is buried at Wangaratta Cemetery. Anna and her husband Ivan raised their children in Wangaratta. Her headstone reads:

In loving memory of Anna Furs. Born Kiev, Ukraine. Died 29.1.1972 aged 59 years. Beloved wife of Ivan, loved mother of Nina, Michael, Wasil & Vera. Mother in law of Carol.

Anna's husband **Ivan FURS** died on 21.6.1990 at the age of 78 and is buried beside Anna.

POST WAR MIGRANTS WHO CAME TO NORTH EAST VICTORIA cont:



This photo taken in 1958 is described as follows:

'Immigrants are working hand-in-hand 150 miles north-east of Melbourne in Wangaratta's dramatic development through the establishment of a 2 million pound rayon-textile mill where 50% of the workers are new settlers and a population increase from 5,000 to 12,000. **Alberto SPEZIALE**, 22, came from Italy 3 years ago with his parents from Notaresco, Teramo. His father also works at Bruck Mills. Alberto here prepares the wrap. Every thread of yarn must be coast or sized with a special solution to aid weaving.'

Nine years later in 1967, the Minister for Immigration, Mr Billy Snedden, attended a naturalization ceremony at Wangaratta, Vic, when 50 people were naturalized. Here he congratulates Italian migrants, Mr and Mrs **Ariodante SPEZIALE**, and their 3 children.



Mrs. **Selma TOTUROGLU** came to Australia from Estonia in 1950 and has been working since 1954 at Bruck Mills as a warper. In 1958, her 16 year old son Tiit was top of his form at Wangaratta High School for the past two years and hopes to make the Australian Navy his career. Photo taken 1958. Selma's husband **Nori TOTUROGLU** arrived separately in Australia.

Selma died on 11.6.2011 and is buried at Wangaratta Cemetery. Her headstone reads:

Ashes of Selma Toturoglu (Tónuri), 12.11.1920 to 11.6.2011, Brave Mother of Tiit Tónuri, Rest in Peace.

Nori Toturoglu died in 1983, age 56, and is buried at Wangaratta Cemetery with his wife Selma.

A 17 year separation ended in 1957 for Polish-born Mrs **Helen FRUZYNSKI** when her husband joined her at Wangaratta. Mrs Fruzynski came to Australia from Germany in 1949 with her two sons, believing that her husband had died in a Russian POW camp. After years of imprisonment, Mr Fruzynski was released and finally the family was reunited. Photo taken in 1958.

(Ed: As a result of the Soviet invasion of Poland in 1939, hundreds of thousands of Polish soldiers became prisoners of war in the Soviet Union.)

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POST WAR MIGRANTS WHO CAME TO WANGARATTA AND DISTRICT cont:

Helen FRUZYNSKI is buried at Wangaratta Cemetery with her husband **Jan FRUZYNSKI**. Their headstone reads:

Ave Maria. Fruzynski. In loving memory of Tu Spoczywa W Bogu. Helena (nee Lopuszanski), born 30.9.1909, Stanislawowie, Polska. Died 25.4.1989 Wangaratta. Beloved wife of Jan.

Jan born 1.6.1905 Stanislawowie Polska. Died 31.3.1990 Wangaratta. Beloved husband of Helena, loved mother and father of Peter & Richard, grandmother and grandfather of Renate, John, Monica, Debra, Peter & Lisa. Rest in Peace. Pokoj Jej Duszy.

Ed: Our Society wishes to encourage the families of immigrants to research, record and publish the histories of their families before the life stories of those who came to Australia to seek a better life disappear with their passing. Descendants may also wish to access family immigration records by contacting the National Archives of Australia.

Sources:

Bonegilla <http://www.bonegilla.org.au/>

National Archives of Australia <http://www.naa.gov.au/>

Wangaratta Cemetery records and headstones

Google translate <http://translate.google.com.au/>



RECOGNITION FOR CHINESE PIONEERS OF THE KING VALLEY:



A ceremony to mark the burial site and recognise the significant contribution made by early Chinese settlers to the King Valley region in N E Victoria was held at the Whitefield Cemetery on 7 April 2013.

150 people attended the event to honour the 14 early Chinese settlers who have been remembered with a handcrafted granite memorial.



MEMORIAL FOR ROSETTA ISAACS (1863-1864):

By Val McPherson



Our society was represented at a dedication ceremony at the Beechworth Cemetery on Sunday April 28th.

While researching information for the 10th Kerford Oration, Dr. Bill Wilson and Mr. Tim Fischer, the presenters, became aware that their subject, Sir Isaac Isaacs, had a sister Rosetta buried in an unmarked grave in the Jewish section of the Beechworth Cemetery.

Rosetta, the youngest daughter of Alfred and Rebecca Isaacs, who came to Yackandandah in 1859 and thence to Beechworth in 1867, died in October 1864 from bronchitis at the age of

18 months. Although Rosetta died at Yackandandah it is thought that the burial was at Beechworth because this was the nearest cemetery with a designated Jewish section.

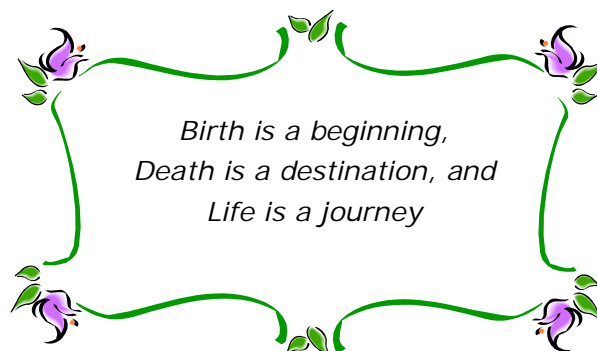
At the close of the Kerford Oration in 2012 there was a collection, and subsequent donations received from the community raised sufficient funds to erect a memorial for Rosetta Isaacs.

Sir Isaac Isaacs, born in Melbourne before his parents moved to Yackandandah, had a 47 year connection with the area as a student, teacher, State member for Bogong and Federal member for Indi. He later went on to become Australia's first Australian born Governor General from 1931 – 1936.

The Dedication Service which was well attended had been arranged by the Kerford Oration Committee and the Beechworth Cemetery Trust. MC on the day was Joan Simms OAM, chairperson of the Kerford Oration Committee. Guest speakers were Dr. Bill Wilson APM. OAM who outlined the research he undertook to find the burial place for Rosetta, Mr. Tim Cohen from Sydney, a great grandson of Sir Isaac Isaacs and the only descendant now living in Australia, and Professor John Rosenberg, Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor of Latrobe University and Vice President of the Kerford Oration Committee.

Emeritus Rabbi John S. Levi AM performed the Dedication Service and unveiled the memorial to Rosetta Isaacs. It was a simple and fitting ceremony in which the Rabbi read two well known pieces of scripture and spoke briefly in Hebrew.

After the service attendees were treated to a light luncheon at the Beechworth Court House in the Historic Precinct and witnessed the unveiling of a new Isaac Isaacs exhibit. This exhibit is permanent in the court house and consists of a series of panels depicting the life of Sir Isaac.



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Family discoveries

DETECTIVE WORK:

Val Brennan goes through some of the records at Wangaratta Family History Society. PHOTO: Kylie Wilson



By KYLIE WILSON

CURIOSITY and the attraction of discovering new things about North East Victorian history drives the passion of members of Wangaratta Family History Society.

And for society member Val Brennan, delving back into her family's past over the last decade has resulted in some significant findings.

It includes revealing the fate of her paternal grandfather, who was a stock and station agent.

"I just thought I needed to find him," Ms Brennan said, managing to eventually confirm his final resting place, in the NSW town of Scone, and managing to put a headstone on his grave.

"They're the sort of things that get you started," she said.

Even more revealing was the history behind her family name, Goodman, and an emotional journey when she unearthed the war time story of her mother's cousin, George "Parker" Goodman.

He was a prisoner of war in Java, and survived the prison camp, only to be killed when the boat carrying the prisoners was mistakenly torpedoed by American forces.

"I think we've all got stories that really do hit home," Ms Brennan said.

"I guess it gives you a real sense of identity - you realise how connected you are."

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THOROUGH SEARCH: Val McPherson gets ready to search through some digital records on the society's computers. PHOTO: Kylie Wilson

While going through records for the Tarrangingee cemetery, she came across one man who died in the late 1890s, listed in the cemetery's register only as "German from Everton Hotel" - she eventually identified him as Otto Prael.

For 20 year society veteran Val McPherson, research for an overseas trip in the 1990s helped her connect with relatives in Kilmarnock, Scotland.

A number of discoveries were made in her own family tree, including that her great-great grandfather was illegitimate.

Mrs McPherson said people contact the society for a wide variety of reasons, from learning more about their medical history to tracing their families.

The society, a separate entity from the Wangaratta Historical Society, encourages people to research their family tree, and is also actively involved in the digital imaging and preservation of archival records, maps and memorials throughout the district, with

several major projects under way, including the update of the Wangaratta, Tarrangingee, Whitfield, Eldorado and Chiltern cemeteries' and funeral directors' records.

The society will be holding open days as part of the Wangaratta and District Heritage Festival, which runs until May 19.

Located on the second floor of the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre building at 100-104 Murphy Street, the society is open during the festival on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-3pm, and Saturdays from 11am-3pm.

Members of the society are also involved in holding genealogy sessions at Wangaratta Library during the festival.

Genealogy Online for Beginners will be held Wednesday, May 15 from 6.30-7.30pm, and Genealogy Online for Advanced Researchers will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 10.30-11.30am.

More information on the society is available through their website on www.wfhs.org.au.

VETS CORNER

Bird nutrition

BIRDS are the third most common pet behind dogs and cats.

They are often very affectionate but birds are often not looked after as well as they should be especially in terms of nutrition.

Owners often do not realise that bird nutrition can be tricky and different birds will need different types of food just as dogs and cats require a totally different type of food.

Two of the most common pet birds are budgerigars and cockatiels and this article will be focusing on nutrition of these two birds.

Both budgerigars and cockatiels are seed eaters, hence owners often give them seeds as their based diets or sometimes just seed alone.

However most commercial bird seed mix diet often contain imbalance nutrition which can potentially cause fatty liver, diabetes, respiratory disease and poor feathering.

A bird's diet should consist of pellets, fruit and vegetables, fresh grass and optional treats.

Half of the bird's diet should consist of high quality pellets which contain vitamins and minerals and low in fat.

A range of fresh fruit and vegetables are good source of nutrition as well.

Most vegetables and fruit are fine, for example broccoli and corn.

However, onion, rhubarb and avocado are to be avoided as they are poisonous for the birds.

Fresh native grasses, flowers and branches make a good source of nutrient supplement as well as entertainment for your pet as well.

A small amount of bird seed is enough for your bird as a treat.

Whole grain crackers and whole meal / grain toast make a good treat for your pet too.

Fresh water should be provided at all times and changed every day

Conversion may take weeks - patience, patience, patience.

Encourage birds by wetting pellets and mixing it with some seed so they get a taste of pellets stuck onto seed; some birds will take pellets if the owner pretends to eat it.

Things I think most birds go for are:

- Corn on the cob
- Peas
- Any green leafy veggies (not iceberg lettuce)
- Sprouted legumes
- Pumpkin
- Capsicum
- Broccoli
- Sweet potato

Dr Andrew Colson and University of Melbourne final year veterinary student Jeffery Chua, Ovens and Klewa Veterinary Hospital



PETS CORNER



THIS week's pets of the week at Wangaratta RSPCA are Daisy and Bella, both three month old, tabby, domestic shorthair kittens.

To see more animals up for adoption at the Wangaratta RSPCA, visit the shelter in Connell Street or phone (03) 57222874.

High Road to Reading

Coming up at High Country Library Corporation

Herb and heritage swap meet, with Penny Woodward
 Wednesday 1 May 2013, 11.30am-12.30pm (followed by light lunch)
 Myrtleford Library, corner Standish and O'Donnell streets
 Information and bookings: 5752 2038

Wednesday 1 May 2013, 2.30-3.30pm (followed by refreshments)
 Mt Beauty Library, Lakeside Drive
 Information and bookings: 5754 4542

Thursday 2 May 2013, 12-1pm (followed by light lunch)
 Benalla Library, Nunn Street
 Information and bookings: 5762 2069

Thursday 2 May 2013, 3.30-4.30pm (followed by refreshments)
 Mansfield Library, Collopy Street
 Information and bookings: 5775 2176

Friday 3 May 2013, 11.30am-12.30pm (followed by light lunch)
 Bright Library, Ireland Street
 Information and bookings: 5755 1540

Friday 3 May 2013, 2.30-3.30pm (followed by refreshments)
 Wangaratta Library, 21 Docker Street
 Information and bookings: 5721 2366

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GENEALOGICAL WILL FOR PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:

This edition of Threads covers a lot of deaths and burials so it can be a reminder to us all to be proactive in ensuring all the family research undertaken and the records collected are not binned but are cared for after our death. For example, consideration could be given to adding a codicil to a will similar to the following:

'Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children and/or heirs, guardian, administrator or executor:

Upon my death, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but is not limited to books, paper and/or computer files, notebooks, correspondence, audio/visual items, photographs, and documents, for a period of two years.

During this two-year period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Parties to contact regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but are not limited

to: Name Address Telephone

In the event that you find no one to accept these materials, please contact the institutions listed below, in order, and determine if they will accept part or all of my genealogical materials:

Organisation NameAddress (Contact Person)..... Telephone



HANDY INTERNET RESEARCH SITES:

Site for searching more recent **Victorian Supreme Court Probate Registers** <http://www.scvprobate.com.au/probate/Search/ApplicationIndex.aspx>

This site provides a **history of the Brighton Cemetery** and biographies of some of those interred in the cemetery <http://www.brightoncemeterians.org.au/>

Welsh Newspapers online 1844—1910 <http://papuraunewyddcymru.llgc.org.uk/en/home>

Scotland HappyHaggis. Included on this site are 24,500 Birth, marriage and death notices and hundreds of newspaper stories from 1849 to 1854. (There is a joining fee of A\$11.00 for unlimited Access) <http://www.happyhaggis.co.uk/>

Register of Police Appointments 1852-1913: Entries include: Registered number; name; mounted or foot; age; height; colour eyes/hair; native place; marital status; calling; religion; general appearance; district; date of appointment to each rank; date of leaving force and cause. There are 11,319 entries compiled from one record series. <http://srwww.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/searchform.aspx?id=31>

Irish Marriages: The Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) free database on early Irish marriages that contains some 21,000 marriages (listed under Resources http://www.irishancestors.ie/?page_id=1921

Italy – Calabria Exchange continues to add records to their website and now has some 160,000 images and extractions of birth, marriage and death records. The website focuses on the towns in the province of Reggio di Calabria. Also contained on the website is a link to a list of people who are researching particular surnames. Access to some functions appears to require a donation. <http://www.calabriaexchange.com/>

Old Melbourne Cemetery: Images of cemetery register are now available online from PROV. These images also show address of deceased. <http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au/public/component/daPublicBaseContainer?component=daViewConsignment&entityId=9583&consignment=P0003>

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