

NEWSLETTER



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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello Everyone,

We are almost at the end of 2017. The group has had a very interesting and enjoyable year.

- A very well attended and interesting AGM with guest speakers and displays
- Two Life Members honoured
- Open Garden
- 2018 calendars designed and printed
- Family Tree Charts as part of the Special Project for the year.
- Lots of family trees researched by the team
- A large number of resources catalogued for the Library
- New members

Your newsletter is collated from information received from a variety of sources. It will only be good reading if I have lots of information to share with you. So, if you have a family history story you would like to share or some photos that would be of interest please let me know.

I would like to thank our members for their input this month. I do hope you enjoy reading everything that is included.

We all wish Joan Hooper a very happy 91st birthday. Joan has been a much loved member of the group for a very long time. She has contributed her time and skills and seen the group go from humble beginnings to what it is today. Joan has also produced a number of publications, and these are available to borrow.

This is the last newsletter for 2017. The group will reopen in 2018 and will continue to support family research in all its forms.

You can contact me via my personal email address or leave articles at the group's room for me to collect. Or you may write to me at 169 Webb Road, Goorambat 3725. If you prefer to call me my home number is 5763 3229.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to providing you with more newsletters in 2018.

Meredith

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have had a very busy and fruitful year. Research both by email and people coming through the doors has been slow but steady.

Our calendars are now for sale at \$15.00 dollars each and they feature 1960 "Back to Benalla" coloured photos of the street parade.

Our big fundraiser for the year was an open garden day at Wendy and Dave Webster's which was a huge success, many people came to have a look and were amazed at the size and amount of work and effort that has gone into the making of it.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have contributed to the running of our group.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and Happy New year.
Chick Walker

RESEARCH REPORT

Research has picked up again over the last month after a very quiet time, hopefully it will keep coming in steadily.

Family names researched have been Hoysted, Daws, Jones and Uilderk.

Research also conducted on the Faithful Massacre, for a descendent of an aboriginal man named Merriman, (the son of King Billy) who was involved in that event.

Also queries on Lindsay's Hotel, James Kelly's Boot Shop and John McMonigle's Butcher's Shop of Winton.

Four x 6 Generation Family Trees have been finished for one of our members. These are being framed. We have two more 6 Generation Trees to be done shortly and our first 7 Generation Bow -Tie chart to be started in the near future.

We have almost completed a 7 Generation Bow-Tie Chart to go on display but are still trying to iron out a few minor problems.

These can then be printed on A2 sized paper, we have spoken to a printer in Shepparton who is able to do these for us. A2 sized paper in most colours can be purchased at our own local art shop "Carlisle Art" in Bridge Street Benalla.

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Wendy Maxwell
Research Officer

LIBRARY REPORT

We have an extensive library. Judi our Librarian does a sterling job of keeping all our resources tidy and available for use and borrowing by members. In our last newsletter we had a huge number of new books and research items added. Judi catalogues everything so that when searching for specific titles they are easily located in our cabinets.

One new book called Milko has been added recently.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ROOMS

Some of our members have been diligently indexing the Rates Books.

Thank you goes to Kelvin Freemantle, Bill Willett, Ros Hunt and Jo Wise. The Rates have been completed up to 1900. Lyn has been indexing the Births, Deaths and Marriages certificates, which will make it much easier for people to access. Thanks Lyn for your assistance.

The ladies have been working steadily in the Research Department. Bill Willett has done a report on the Open Garden at Wendy and Dave Webster's home at Winton. Thanks Bill.

Lots of things happening quietly in the background for this busy, friendly and helpful group of people.

BENALLA LIBRARY - FAMILY TREE CHART ON DISPLAY

The group will display a Family Chart in the Benalla Library from Monday December 4th till the end of the month. It will be a good opportunity for the Benalla community to see what the researchers are able to produce. How they help people access information and how they put together a heirloom piece of family information from many years ago.

Well worth a look.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Anne-Marie Greenway and wish her well in her research.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Members of the group would like to wish our Life Member Joan Hooper a very happy 91st birthday

CONDOLENCES

Lionel Peter ILSLEY

Passed away peacefully amongst his family on the 25th November.

Cherished Husband of Beryl. Nurturing Father of Peter, Ross and Mark (dec).

Father in law to Marissa. Affectionate Grandfather to Brodrick, Molly, Charlie and Gracie.

It is with great sadness that we advise our members of the passing of Lionel, husband of our Life Member Beryl. We send our deepest sympathy to Beryl and her family.

The Benalla Family Research Group regret the passing of their long-time member Beryl McFarlane. Beryl is survived by her son Ken. We send our condolences to Beryl's family and friends.

“GIRAWHEEN” OPEN GARDEN – WINTON WONDERLAND DISCOVERED

The group held a fundraising event at “Girawheen”, home of David and Wendy Webster in Winton. These wonderful gardens set on 8 acres of land were open to the public for the first time over the weekend of November 4th and 5th.

A steady stream of cars full of inquisitive visitors found their way to the Winton district’s gem over the two days. They viewed hundreds of different species of roses, irises and native flowering plants and trees. The visitors were in awe of the collective work of David and Wendy and the volume of work and effort that has been put into the garden over a period of years.

Rock edged and gravelled paths along with all the flower and shrubbery beds attest to the quality of the works done and the resulting effects of the total project. Wendy admitted to the group, that for a number of years, each birthday and Christmas present was a truck load of rocks or a trailer load of gravel from the Glenrowan quarries. This was very effective and exactly what Wendy wanted. But that doesn’t come even close to quantifying the effort put in by them both in placing the rocks and spreading the gravel once delivered, and then maintaining that effort for years on end.

The question on everyone’s lips was “how do you find the time?”. Wendy explained that she loved the open spaces of Winton and surrounds so much that she just wanted to make it even better. The combined effort doesn’t stop in their own garden as they were instrumental in the upgrading and marking of all known graves at the Winton Cemetery. Wendy spends two day a week as Vice President of the Benalla Family History Group, researching and helping clients with their family tree, while David drives trucks in between placing rocks and gravel.

Despite the soil in the district being a poorer type, with a heavy clay base, the Webster’s have raised the fertility level by digging, conditioning and mulching the garden beds enabling them to produce the most magnificent blooms displayed throughout the complex.

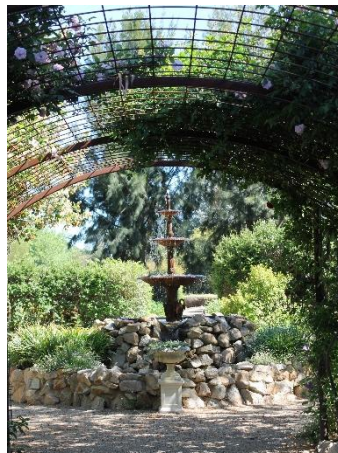
The artistic placement of arbours and fountains combined with the subtle changes in direction of the pathways weaving throughout the garden, explosive colour at every bend, along with the lake and native birdlife, offers one of the most awesome and inspirational home gardens in the Benalla region.

Our heartfelt thanks go to David and Wendy for the use of their garden for the weekend Thank you to Heather Sloan for the donation of one of her handmade Quilts which was raffled during the celebrations, this was won by Julie. We raised approximately \$1000.00 from the event.





Wendy Webster, Wendy Maxwell and Chick Walker inside the display tent with a visitor who is holding one of the calendars.



MOORNGAG CEMETERY

The graves out at this historic cemetery have all been marked now. A team of dedicated individuals from the Moorngag Cemetery Trust, the Tatong Heritage Group and the Benalla Family Research Group worked together to get this project finished. Congratulations to all involved on this very worthy project. It is certainly worth the drive out to see the cemetery as it contains many a local family's original settlers.

CLOSING AND REOPENING DATES

The last day for researching in 2017 will be Wednesday December 13th.
The group will open Tuesday January 23rd 2018.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The last committee meeting was held on Wednesday November 22nd. The group decided to change their meeting days from Tuesday to Wednesday to accommodate the availability of majority of members.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2018

Australia Day- Friday January 26th
Benalla Wall to Wall Festival Labour Day weekend - Monday March 12th
Easter Dates- Good Friday March 30th- Easter Monday April 2nd
Anzac Day Wednesday April 25th – ROOMS CLOSED
Queen's Birthday Monday June 11th
AFL Grand Final – Friday September 28th
Melbourne Cup Day- Tuesday November 6th

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

For your information 2018 the committee meets on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11.00am.
If you wish to attend please let the Secretary know.

Wednesday February 21st

Wednesday March 21st

Wednesday April 18th

Wednesday May 23rd

Wednesday June 20th

2018 CALENDARS

Please note that the 2018 calendars which were available in the rooms have all been sold.
Some calendars have been placed at the following businesses- Rettke's, Carrier Street Butchery, West End Post Office, Peter Davis Rural and Miller's. The calendars are \$15.00 each. These contain some wonderful old photographs of local people and events.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website is full of great information and is easy to navigate. When you have some time please check it out. Click on the links below to learn more about the Rate Index, Family Histories, or publications. Or when online click on the relevant tabs to see the information as shown on the next pages.

<http://www.benallafamilyresearchgroup.org/rateindex/surnames>

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Benalla, the 'Rose City', is located in North East Victoria, Australia and is home to The Benalla Family Research Group Inc. It is situated on the main road and rail links between Melbourne and Sydney.

The Group specialises in family history research for Benalla and District residents and for those who no longer live here. Local history is high on the list of research carried out by the Group and many histories have been prepared for local organisations.

In the early days of settlement in Australia many people passed through Benalla when travelling from the Bendigo to Beechworth Goldfields.

The Group was formed in 1981 to encourage and advance the study of family history in the area. The group met at Mrs Latch's home until late 1982 when the move was made to St Andrews Primary Church Hall.



The Farmers Arms Hotel



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Family Histories

Below are a list of surnames of individuals and families Benalla Family Research Group researchers have researched. If you are researching any of the below families or have information to offer then please contact us.

> ABBOTT	> BOND/GURRY	> CORHOOPER	> DUTTON	> FREITAS	> HEIN
> ABBOTT	> BREARLEY	> COY	> ELLIS	> GALLAGHERS	> HOGGINS
> ARDUS	> BRIGGS	> CULLIFORD	> ESSENHUGH	> GAWNE	> HOGAN
> AUSTERSBERRY	> BUBB/HAMILTON	> CURREN	> EVANS	> GEBAUER	> HOSKINS
> BARD	> BURKONER	> CURRY/CURRIE	> EYTON	> GREAVES	> HOWSHIP
> BAKER	> BURR/HANDCOCK	> DALTON	> FELDMANN	> GREEN	> HOVED
> BAINFORD	> CAIRNS	> DAUBENTHALER	> FENWELL	> GRIFFITHS	> HUTCHENS
> BARNES	> CALLANDERS	> DAVON	> FERDUSON	> HALEY	> ISLEY
> BATCHELOR	> CAMPBELL	> DEGMAN	> FIELD	> HALL	> IRVINE
> BAUER	> CAREY	> DEDE/JENSEN	> FISHER	> HAMMOND	> IRVING
> BEATTIE	> CARTER	> DENNIS	> FLINTIE	> HARRIS	> JARVIS
> BEER	> CHARLWOOD	> DEBALLY	> FLOATE	> HARRISON	> JORCE
> BERGER	> CHENEY	> DINNING	> FOLWELL	> HARTLAND	> KATLER
> BERKE/ASHORE	> CLYNE	> DONNIS	> FORD	> HASSLETTS	> KEATING
> BLACK	> COLWELLS	> DOWNING	> FORGE	> HENNES	> KERR
> BLADES	> COON	> DUGGAN	> FORWELL	> HENNESS	> KINDRED
	> CORNFORD	> DUNLOP	> FRANKLIN	> HEADLAND	> KING
> KIRK	> MARTIN	> NICHOLSON	> KIDE	> SOLOMAN	> WARE
> KOLODZIEJ	> MASELL	> NICOL	> KIDASH	> SPRINKS	> WEATHERHEAD
> KRENSKE	> HAZURAK	> NUGENT	> KOSICKA	> STANGER	> WHYTE
> LAUFORD	> HAZURAK	> O'CALLAGHAN	> RYAN	> STALLAKE	> WILLET
> LENOX	> HUBBARD	> OAKLEY	> RYE	> STEWART	> WILSON
> LEU	> HUCARTHY	> PALFREY	> SAMPSON	> STOLTZ	> WOODS
> LIDDERWOOD	> HUNTER	> PATERSON	> SANDERS	> SULLIVAN	
> LINDSAY	> HUNTER	> PEAK	> SAVAGE	> SWABY	
> LOBBY	> HUNTER	> PLUM	> SCHAFER	> TANNER	
> LORD/SHYTH	> HUNTER/HUNTOSH	> POOLE	> SCHLES	> TAYLOR	
> LOVE	> HUMPHSON	> PREST	> SCHULTZ	> THOMAS	
> LUGEMAN	> HEAD	> QUINN	> SCHWARTZMAN	> TRAILL	
> LUTTERELL	> HENNES	> RABER	> SHORT	> TREWIN	
> MACGAY	> HENNES	> RAHAGE	> SIKONS	> GILDERUS	
> MANLEY	> HOODIE	> REARDON	> SINGLETON	> VICARY	
> HANSEN	> HOKAN	> REDDING	> SHEATON	> WALKER	
> MARQUAND	> HORGAN	> REELEY	> SMITH	> WILPOLE	



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Library Records

Below is a small example of our vast repository. We have extensive records and books relating to Benalla and its Districts which encompass a 40 km. radius from Benalla. We also house 1260 photographs of the Howship Collection in collaboration with the University of Melbourne. These photographs of individuals, groups, events, scenes, buildings in and around Benalla paint a vivid portrait of life a hundred years ago. As well many of the donated Family History Stories contain photographs of local families and their properties, not to mention the exhaustive stories of life before, during and after life in Benalla.

Church Records	District Histories	Organisation Histories	School Histories
Baptism, Marriage & Death	> Benalla	> Benalla Jaycees	> Baddaginnie
> Anglican	> Cambaroo & Gwongardie	> Devenish Show	> Benalla 21
> Presbyterian	> Devenish	> District Rural Fire Brigades	> Benalla East
> Roman Catholic	> Dookie	> Gooramab CWA	> Benalla Forum
> Uniting	> Gooramab	> Rose City Band	> Benalla High School
> Wesleyan	> Lake Rowan		> Benalla TAPE
	> Molyullah		> Benalla Technical School
	> Samaria Valley		> Benalla West
	> Swampool		> Broken Creek
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	> Upper Ryans Creek		
	> Violet Town		
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