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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello Everyone,

Firstly, I have to apologise for not having a newsletter for you in September. Various reasons why but here is the last one for 2016. I will be able to finish the year off with some interesting pieces for you to read and enjoy.

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.

As Programs Officer, I would like to offer a learning experience to our members. The team has a wealth of knowledge and they could share this with others. Possible special days could be on- Excel, Word, Publisher, MS program shortcuts, Trove, Digital Photography tips.

If you are interested in attending a one-hour initial session, please let one of the members know so we can start planning for a day in 2017. We can share morning tea or lunch together. Should be great.

I would like to thank our members for their input this month especially Wendy Webster, as I asked her to give me lots from her work with the Winton Cemetery.

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.

Thank you

Meredith

Meredith Tolliday
Newsletter Editor & Programs Officer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The group has been busy over the winter months with new members joining. We welcome new members Rosemary Cameron, Stuart Ramage Jennifer Black, Lesley Dosen and those who have returned after their membership has lapsed.

Ninety-nine glass negatives of Lima and Lima South were donated by Adrian Williams of Glenrowan. These are a valuable addition to our collection of photographs and we wish to thank Adrian for his contribution to our resources.

The 2017 calendar features coloured photos of the 1950s-1970s. Don't forget that these make a wonderful Christmas present.

Changes to the building include new compactus which has provided more storage space and opened the rooms up creating a larger working area.

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH DESK

With half the research team, away earlier in the year for a holiday break Chick had coped admirably with the following research requests: - various rate indexes, a few family histories, maps of Benalla and District and details of house properties. Thank you, Chick.

Recently researchers have been assisting with information on the following family names- Bell, Bamford, Dalton, Davis, Dodd, Maynard, Scholes, Smith and Wardrop. Some of these have been completed.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Willing But Bewildered
Harwood/Parremore/Herlily Family Research
The Ship Thieves
The Buderim Community 1870-2000
A Highland Family MacNaughtons of Remony 1780-1930
Tram to Sorrento

Judi has found a website which provides free downloads of program for family trees charts.

<https://www.vertex42.com/ExcelTemplates/family-tree-template.html>

Bill has added that the latest version of Family Tree Maker has different charts that can also be downloaded free of charge.

PROPOSED VISIT TO BEECHWORTH

We have put on hold the tour of the Beechworth Goldfields which would include a talk by Diann Talbot. We didn't have many members indicate an interest to go but this may have been due to the lateness in the year. If there is sufficient interest, we could hire a bus to take us instead of travelling by car. We would need at least 20 members to make it worthwhile. Something to consider in 2017.

WINTON CEMETERY UPDATE

WINTON CEMETERY TRUST

A Tribute to the Pioneers of Winton

PROJECT AIM:

Many graves at the Winton Cemetery are marked only by numbered steel markers. It is the intention of the Winton Cemetery Trust to replace numbered markers with individual name plaques thereby acknowledging the worth of those who are buried at the Winton Cemetery. Information on these plaques will include their NAME, DATE OF DEATH and AGE at death. In a broader context, an important aim is to preserve the memory of Winton's pioneering families, many of whom go unrecognised because they do not have a headstone or name on their grave.

Cemetery Trust members have visited many cemeteries seeking effective, cost efficient ways of placing names on graves. A project undertaken in Peterborough, S.A. where well over 1400 plaques have been placed on unmarked graves seemed the most appropriate way to go. Consultation with those responsible for that project (District Council of Peterborough), together with further inspection of the older plaques, resulted in the decision to use similar materials and design for their economy and durability.

Work began in early September marking the graves of those that do not have a headstone. The project is now finished except for the placing of gravel around the graves as the ground is still too wet.

The project involved having 140 plaques engraved. These were then attached to galvanised pipes bent at 180 degrees in the centre. The next step was to ensure each plaque was placed in its appropriate position, set in the ground in cement and then surrounded with gravel. The wet weather has been to our advantage – not only has it ensured several 'inside' days forcing Dave to attach plaques to pipes, but the ground too has been ideal for digging.

Individual holes are dug



← A special frame (purpose-built for this project) holds the plaque in place while it is set in cement





↑ A prop is used to keep the plaques in place until the concrete is set.



↑The final stage is to spread gravel on each grave site.

continuing business he and Edward Bain became partners in a horse dealing business. This business flourished and Chandler later opened a hay and corn store followed by the first hotel in Winton, which opened in July 1864. George kept a coach and horses so the hotel mainly operated as a coach depot and post office. He was the postmaster in 1870, which he took over from William Blackburne.

In the 1850s the Sydney Road followed in part the route of Greta Road. In 1856 Assistant Surveyor J.G. Wilmot straightened the section between Benalla and Glenrowan approximately to its present path and in 1857 he surveyed the actual township. One theory is that Wilmot named Winton after his birthplace in England, while another is that Winton was named after George de Winton.

In 1858 Wilmot surveyed the first country lands in the Parish and selections were bought. Early Parish maps show the years in which the settlers actually took title to their land. Many families, though, arrived several years earlier than the dates shown and rented their blocks over a period of three years. During this time they had to live on their lease, fence their boundaries and undertake a certain amount of clearing. After that they could buy outright or lease for a further seven years under the same agreement, after which they could apply for title.

In the early 1860s the Winton area consisted of mainly pastoral and agricultural activities. Winton rural land was among the first in the district to become available to selectors because of the level nature of the land together with the accessibility and proximity of a market in Benalla which was by then a sizeable town.

In 1873 the Benalla-Wangaratta-Wodonga railway line opened which contributed to the rapid settlement of smaller properties. This led to the development of smaller businesses and industries to service the community. By the mid 1880s Winton was a thriving township with two schools, several churches, two hotels, post office, store, butcher, blacksmith, bootmaker, railway station and race course.

Early settlers of Winton and dates they finally owned their selections

John Cameron, George Chandler (1857), Samuel Clarke, Mary Ann Green, James Curry, Richard Joyce, William Joyce, John Lynch, Martin Stafford (1861), David Lindsay, William McKean (1862), William Cameron, John Hernan, Thomas Hernan, Charles Nelson (1863), John Ashmead, Edward Bain, George Bain (1864), John Gamble (1865), Tilly Brooker (1870), Matthew Costello (1872), Alex Dennistoun, John Dennistoun (1873), Thomas Lee (1875), Henry Freitag (1876), John Bower (1877), Jessie Gould (1878), Mary Brennan (1880), James Cooke (1881), Thomas Joyce (1882), Patrick Fitzpatrick (1883), Owen McManus (1884), Robert Joyce (1887), Andrew Brennan (1892), Robert Warnock (1892), James Cronin, Alexander Douds, G. Plant (1894), George Brooker (1897)

Photos of these plaques will be made available online under Benalla District Cemeteries.

The link to the cemetery is

www.benalladistrictcemeteries.org

We welcome people to come and have a look at our project.

MARCH

Two additional boards that have been added to the front of the rotunda

Information board on back wall of rotunda



Extensive planting of natives along all fence lines

[MORE NEWS FROM WINTON](#)



Deaths that occurred in the Winton area for which no burial location is known.			
Name		Died	Age
ASHMEAD	Unnamed male	1888	14 days
CAMERON	Robert	1865	30 yrs
COOKE	Letitia	1863	11 mths
CUPPLES	Sarah Ann	1877	16 mths
CUPPLES	Mary Jane	1877	5 mths
CUPPLES	James	1882	4 mths
CUPPLES	Ethel Maud	1888	2 mths
		1862	73 yrs
		1867	13 mths
		1876	3 mths
		1877	11 mths

Deaths that occurred in the Winton area for which no burial location is known.			
		Died	Age
		1879	6 yrs
		1894	2 mths
		1894	20 mths
		1876	1 day
		1880	4 days
		1885	1 hour
		1885	1 hour
		1870	40 yrs
		1867	5 mths
		1876	3 mths

HILL	Joseph	1880	4 days
McMONIGLE	Unnamed (Twin)	1885	1 hour
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MYDDLETON	James	1870	40 yrs
ROBILLIARD	Julia Florence	1867	5 mths
ROBILLIARD	Catherine Elizabeth	1876	3 mths

A copy of the book 'Winton Swamp to Winton Wetlands' by authors Jenny Indian and Stephen Routledge has been donated to the Benalla Family Research Group by the 'Winton Wetlands' Group and for this we are most grateful. The book has many photographs and stories which are a valuable record of the history and events in and around Winton and more specifically the transition from Winton Swamp to Lake Mokoan and finally Winton Wetlands.

A STORY FROM THE WINTON CEMETERY

JOSEPH WILLIAM ASHMEAD 1859-1930

MARY JANE 1859-1940

JOSEPH WILLIAM ASHMEAD

Mr J. W. Ashmead J.P., of Winton North, is one of the largest, and one of the most progressive agriculturalists in the Benalla district, his motto being evidently "God speed the plough". For every year that passes he adds new lands to his already extensive cultivable acres. A week or so ago his men were busily engaged working up a large area of soil with the cultivator under the disabilities caused by the past few months' drought, and its concomitant in the way of a hard and almost unworkable mould. But the work was begun under pleasant conditions otherwise for Mr Ashmead had taken care to place 100 acres early in the season under fallow.



That of itself is a fairly large area to cultivate in our own district, but it represents only a third of what the gentleman named intends to plough, he having determined to crop 300 acres altogether, the principal grain to be sown being wheat, which grows well on his land. In fact, his return of wheat and oats from last year's crops amounted to 2,400 bags, the first named cereal yielding 10 bags per acre and the latter from 10 to 12 bags per acre.

Mr Ashmead works as the modern American does - with extensive machinery for, in addition to having a powerful traction engine, his farm is equipped with almost every other labour-saving contrivance that the genius of mechanics can invent, from powerful ploughs etc. to the most up to date threshing and chaff-cutting plants. Agriculturists of Mr Ashmead's stamp do much to send farming ahead for his modes of operation very often lead to emulation among farmers and cause them to arise from a long season of lethargy, as well as inspiring them to adopt better and more progressive methods of cultivation. *The North Eastern Ensign 24th April 1914*

Joseph and Mary had the following children:

1. Alice May Ashmead 1880 – 1972(m Corker)
2. Albert Shalto Rees Ashmead 1882 – 1954
3. **Reuben Thomas Vivian Ashmead 1884 – 1926 (m Annie Elizabeth Smith in 1909)**
4. Mabel Martha Emily Ashmead 1886 – 1968 (m Norman Joseph Gill Tully in 1911)
5. **Unnamed Ashmead (male) 1888 –1888 (died, aged 14 days)**
6. **Caroline Eliza Ashmead 1889 – 1893**
7. **Ada Mary Ashmead 1892 – 1893**
8. **Cyril Garfield John Ashmead 1895 – 1918 (m Grace Alice Hine in 1916) K.I.A.**
9. Clarence Finlay William Ashmead 1897 – 1981
10. Clifton Edwin Meredith Ashmead 1902 – 1980 (m Annie Bridget O'Neill in 1925)

(All those in **bold print** are buried at the Winton Cemetery)

OBITUARY

MR JOSEPH WILLIAM ASHMEAD 1859-1930

The death took place at Winton North on the 27th Aug. 1930 of Mr Joseph William Ashmead, one of the oldest residents of the district. The late Mr Ashmead had enjoyed good health up to a few weeks ago, when he was compelled to be confined to his bed and despite the best care and attention passed away at the great age of 71 years.

The deceased gentleman was a native of Melbourne (born in Heidelberg) and at the age of 9 years came to Winton North with his parents, who took up land there. In 1879 he married Miss Mary Williams, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Williams of East Wangaratta. He has resided in North Winton ever since.

He took a keen interest in all district functions and gave great help in all matters for its advancement. He was Chairman of the North Winton Creamery which was afterwards amalgamated with the Winton Butter Factory of which he was a director for about 20 years.

Some years ago, he took a trip to England, Ireland and Scotland to visit relatives there and on return wrote a very interesting book on his travels. He was a great breeder of trotters, many of the noted district trotters being bred by him. In his early days, he was a keen cyclist and made many trips to Sydney and other parts of New South Wales.

He was a keen worker in all Church functions being a staunch adherent of the Methodist Church of which he was a lay preacher. His attentions were also directed towards municipal affairs as he represented the Mokoan Riding in the Benalla Shire Council for a number of years. He was also a Justice of the Peace but lately owing to his health did not adjudicate much.

He had many fine qualities and was well liked by a large circle of friends who will regret hearing of his demise. He reared a family of five sons and four daughters.

The surviving members are Alice (Mrs Corker, Hansonville), Albert (Wangaratta), May (Mrs N. Tully, Sandringham), Clarence (Sandringham) and Clifton (Winton)

It is thought that the '**unnamed male Ashmead**' was buried either at the **Winton NORTH Burial Ground** or on their property as there is no record of this in the Winton cemetery records.



Grave 133, Methodist Section

This is an excerpt from "Window on Winton" a brief history of everyone buried at the Winton Cemetery compiled by Wendy Webster



The book titled A WHO, WHEN, WHERE OF THOSE IN THE WINTON CEMETERY
Compiled and Researched by Wendy Webster

MEMBER'S MEMORIES

Beryl Ilsley wrote a lovely piece for me to include in the newsletter. Beryl was out and about Benalla in August and was visiting folk in Alkoomi. From her notes, I have adapted her memories.

Beryl said she was surprised and delighted to see Peter Leeden and Jeanette Lacey. Peter is a great scout, he participated in many of our End of Year Christmas Dinners and plays. The one act that clearly came to Beryl's mind was when he dressed up in a pink tutu and mimed the song "The Lollipop". He brought the house down.

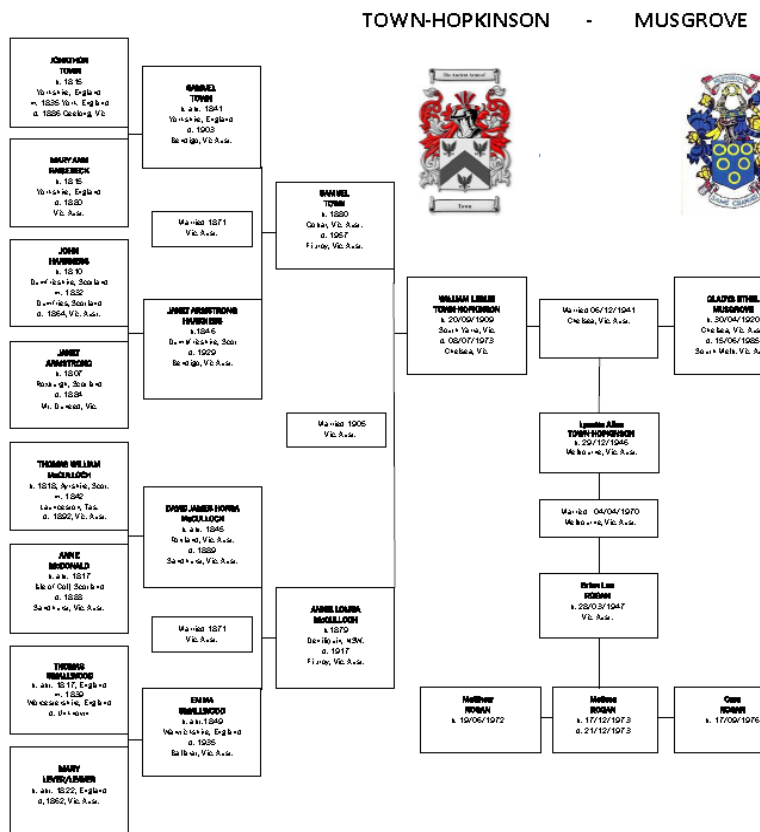
Jeanette for many years was one of our staunch supporters, but because of family tragedies she now finds herself residing in Alkoomi.

And then there was Val Waite. Beryl met her up with her in Benalla. Again, she was both surprised and delighted to see her. Val told her she is now 92 years young and enjoys catching up with friends from the past. Lastly there is Bev Howard. She used to be the driving force for our Christmas Concerts. True to form and together with her husband Gray she now assists with one of our local Saturday Night dances.

Some weeks previously a dance was held at St James Hall, a fundraising charity dance for MND. Bev was all dressed up and ready to dance the night away but saw the need for her help so spent the entire evening and into the early hours of Sunday morning assisting in the kitchen.

Editor's Note:

Now as this was written in August which is some months ago, I cannot be sure that the folks mentioned in this are fit and well. So, my apologies if anyone is offended about speaking of folk who may have passed away.



This is a very impressive Family Tree Chart. Unfortunately, the printing is not clear when trying to reproduce it for the newsletter

The Town-Hopkinson- Musgrove Family Tree was researched and compiled by our team it was then presented to Pam O'Connor.

Here is a photo of Pam with the framed Family Tree chart it is a birthday gift for one of her family members

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ROOMS

The group has held a very successful Garage Sale on Saturday November 26th and raised \$364.40 and 11 calendars were sold.

Judi is still reorganizing the storage of the microfiche records and the labelling of them for easier access.

Tom has banked a total of \$1170 which is the proceeds of 78 calendars. When we have sold 128 calendars we will have covered the cost of production and can start to show a profit.

Below is a sneak peek of two of the lovely old photos in the 2017 calendar of Benalla from the years 1950-1972.

The calendars are available to purchase from the following businesses in Benalla-

Miller's Department Store

Peter Davis Rural

Rettke Bulk Meats

West End Post Office

We are very grateful for their support.

There are a small number of calendars available at the BFRG rooms.

↑ Benalla Dairy and Farmer Produce Co in Church Street now demolished.

→ Clarendon and Avon Streets prior to the building of the Benalla East Primary School



We have 58 financial members of the group. Which is terrific. We can all encourage our friends to come for a visit to view what we can offer them in their family history journey.

Research can be undertaken at a cost of \$20.00 per hour for non-members and

\$10.00 per hour for members. A yearly membership of course is the way to go and you can do your own research.



The new compactus has been installed in between the other units and looks terrific. There was some major relocating of furniture to the kitchen/meeting room so the main room was not cluttered by tall cupboards which isolated members from each other.

Our thanks go to those dedicated members who have assisted with this work.

The compactus and installation cost \$2400.00.

We also have new blinds on the windows which will make it a much nicer place to work in both summer and winter. These have those pull-down chains on the side and cost \$1500.00.

Our tireless Secretary required a decent laptop to allow him to be mobile and work from anywhere. The laptop was purchased and cost \$1400.00.

Our rooms have changed a lot over the years. There is this open space now with a large working area in the middle of the room for members and visitors to spread their work sheets out. Along the wall is the bank of computers and on the other side is all the compactus units.

All the windows have the new blinds, which will make for easier computer viewing with less glare from bright sunlight.

So, you can see that the group is working well together to improve the facilities for all of us to use.



MEREDITH'S COMPUTER TIPS

Here are some website addresses for you to look at the shortcut tips

<http://www.computerhope.com/shortcut/word.htm>

<http://www.computerhope.com/tips/tip79.htm>

The ones I use most of all are Control C and Control V...Which is Copy and Paste. Control X will delete whatever you need to take away, perhaps a whole paragraph.

Shortcut Keys	Description
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Alt + F	File menu options in current program.
Alt + E	Edit options in current program
Alt + Tab	Switch between open programs
F1	Universal Help in almost every Windows program.
F2	Rename a selected file
F5	Refresh the current program window
Ctrl + N	Create a new, blank document in some software programs
Ctrl + O	Open a file in current software program
Ctrl + A	Select all text.
Ctrl + B	Change selected text to be Bold
Ctrl + I	Change selected text to be in Italics
Ctrl + U	Change selected text to be Underlined
Ctrl + F	Open find window for current document or window.
Ctrl + S	Save current document file.
Ctrl + X	Cut selected item.
Shift + Del	Cut selected item.
Ctrl + C	Copy selected item.
Ctrl + Ins	Copy selected item
Ctrl + V	Paste
Shift + Ins	Paste
Ctrl + K	Insert hyperlink for selected text
Ctrl + P	Print the current page or document.
Home	Goes to beginning of current line.
Ctrl + Home	Goes to beginning of document.
End	Goes to end of current line.
Ctrl + End	Goes to end of document.
Shift + Home	Highlights from current position to beginning of line.
Shift + End	Highlights from current position to end of line.
Ctrl + Left arrow	Moves one word to the left at a time.
Ctrl + Right arrow	Moves one word to the right at a time.
Ctrl + Esc	Opens the START menu
Ctrl + Shift + Esc	Opens Windows Task Manager
Alt + F4	Close the currently active program
Alt + Enter	Open the Properties for the selected item (file, folder, shortcut, etc.)

DATES OF INTEREST

ROOMS CLOSING

We wish to advise that the Benalla Family Research Group will close at the end of the day Wednesday December 14th

ROOMS REOPENING



The Group will reopen the doors on Tuesday February 7th.

WIND UP DINNER

We plan to have a wind-up dinner together on Wednesday December 14th at the Benalla Bowls Club from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to Bill Willett our secretary on 0429 947 696 ASAP.



Benalla Bowls Club

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY THE BREAK OVER THE HOLIDAYS



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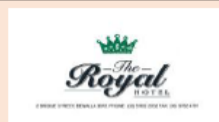
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