

NEWSLETTER



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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are fit and well and staying warm through the wintry weather we have been having of late.

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.

I have been looking at various websites to learn more about Benalla born people. Where they grew up, where they attended school and what they went on to do with their lives. It has been a very interesting journey. I have decided to share some stories and web links for you to have a look at yourselves if you wish. If you have already viewed these stories my apologies, but as we do get new members from time to time the repeats will not go to waste.

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-

- Learning Excel- the Basics- step by step explanation of how excel can make lists, family trees, and keep good financial records. How to find and replace, cut, copy and paste, how to insert tables and charts. How to use the addition option.
- Learning Word and what it has to offer you. From writing letters, to making booklets or newsletters. How to insert photos, text boxes, how to select and change the size of the fonts. How to attach to emails all sorts of information, including shortcuts.
- Shortcuts on Microsoft programs- printed shortcuts would be available to keep.
- How to access and utilise Trove
- Digital photographs- transferring photos to your PC, basic editing, selecting and saving in the best format, low and high resolution, emailing etc.

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 the not too distant future. We can share morning tea or lunch together. Should be great.

My thanks go to the team who have assisted with items for the newsletter this month.

I am keen to hear from any of our members if they have a comment to make or something to contribute to the newsletter.

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

Hello from President Chick

Well, winter is here again –wet, cold and miserable so if you are getting bored at home the group rooms are lovely and warm both in temperature and people all contributing to the functioning of the group. I would like to thank our team for the great effort they put in.

Research has been very busy which is great as it is one of our main sources of income. Later in the year when the weather is warmer a garage sale is planned so this a good opportunity for you to clean your cupboard of unwanted items. These items can be dropped in at our rooms any time.

Bill has ordered new blinds for the rooms and we have also had a very old map of Benalla framed. A new laptop has been purchased for the Secretary. This will give Bill the flexibility to work from home on the 'Rates' project.

Other current projects include indexing 'Births, Deaths and Marriages' and assisting the Tatong Heritage Group with their project of marking graves without a headstone.

BILL'S RESEARCH TIPS

Editor's Note:

Bill was away for a short holiday. But is back at his desk working hard on the rate books. I asked him to compile a list of tips for our members to assist them with their research.

Here is his first set of tips

When you are researching your ancestors, and indeed, any research that requires finding the names of people to add to your Family Tree or documents, think of the pronunciation of the name in many differing ways and from different languages and countries.

Everyone has encountered an accent of some kind and sometimes they are quite different to your own accent. Just imagine you are sitting down at a desk filling out a form by telling the person across the desk your details while she writes the official document. The way they hear your pronunciation may be quite different than the way you hear yourself speak, and this often leads to different ways of spelling the spoken word.

For instance... I am currently going through the Benalla Rate Books and listing the Farmers and others missed in the first attempt at indexing all the rate books.

Several names are spelt very differently when you look at the name written on paper, but sound the same when you speak.

McKernan is also spelt McKiernan and McKeirnan; Maginness is also spelt seven different ways such as Maginnes - Maginess - Maginness - Maguiness - Maguinness - McGinnes - McGuinep; Moffat, again spelt Moffit and Moffet; Reilly, also spelt Reily - Riley and Ryley; Ballantine - Ballintine - Ballantyne. The list goes on.

Some families have "Anglicised" their names and dropped the "O" off the front of their name such as Halloran, changed from O'Halloran, and I am sure that Pam, the Wendy's and other that use our Digger data bases can name many hundreds of names in those resources that you might miss if you don't have your wits about you when researching. Go for it.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Three Generations of Webster- Volume 1 and 2- Author Trevor James Fisher from Kilmore

Births, Baptisms, Marriage and De Facto Relationships, Death and Burials NSW 1801-1810- Dr Craig James Smee

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH DESK

Research continues to be interesting and varied. Some days are busier than others when there is a fairly constant stream of people coming into the rooms with various requests.

Additional requests via our email contact address - research@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org - also continue to keep the research team busy with further queries and responses going back and forth.

Recent requests have included;

William McKellar - Lima Station

The Ivory bakery and tearooms - Benalla

Rettkes' butcher shops - Benalla

Perryman's Boarding House - Benalla

Doyle, Williams and Caine family histories from the Benalla and Condobolin areas.

A FAMILY TREE TO HANG ON YOUR WALL OR A GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

As stated in the last edition of Roses and Thorns we are still working on our second detailed family tree chart project. The data has been entered on a Family Tree Maker program and when completed will be transferred to a family tree chart.

Please let us know if you would like a family tree chart for your wall or even a family history in another format.

Details of the possible costs involved and what is required to achieve this can be discussed with members of the research team.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HISTORY, LOCAL COMMUNITY AND GENEALOGY?

Article by Bill Willett-

Check out the commitment, passion and love of everything local by two residents of Winton.

Dave and Wendy Webster have travelled the East coast of Australia looking at cemeteries and the way they work. Recently they took off for South Australia to study the way one cemetery marked the graves of those that had no headstones.

Working with the Winton Cemetery Trust, they have now committed to helping upgrade the already well preserved Winton cemetery in a similar fashion.

Wendy and Dave have been researching the lives and times of all those pioneers and people buried in the Winton Cemetery, and are compiling a short dossier of the families for posterity. At present there are two humongous volumes that Wendy has typed up, that are absolutely priceless. Wendy suggests that it will be an ongoing love for some years to come.

They have already photographed all the headstones and have now made these available online under Benalla District Cemeteries, for access by those that are a long way away and are unable to get to Winton. The link to the cemetery is www.benalladistrictcemeteries.org

Anyone looking for family history from around Winton, Victoria, would well be advised to make contact with Wendy through the Benalla Family Research Centre by emailing research@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org. You may be able to help them with their project as well by emailing any information you have about the early pioneers of Winton and surrounds.

What a fabulous and valuable project this is turning out to be. Congratulations Wendy and Dave and well done, and may you continue your passion for the area's history for many years to come.

Post script: The project is spreading with other Benalla Family Research Group members, Wendy Maxwell and Chick Walker, working with the Tatong Heritage Group and the Moorngag Cemetery Trust to complete the same kind of project with the Moorngag Cemetery.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new and returning members who have signed up since the last newsletter went out. We appreciate your support and hope you are enjoying everything that the Group has to offer you.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yearly memberships become due as from July 1st. Our Treasurer Tom is busy sorting out invoices to make it easier for members to pay their dues if they still want to be involved.

BENALLA'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

From the Editor-

Whilst researching Alfred Grix's war records recently, I discovered that there were people who were born and educated in Benalla who went on to have distinguished careers and some who served in the armed forces.

From humble beginnings to great achievements

I would like to share these with you. If you are already aware of these people and have read it all before I apologise. Hopefully it is something new for you and enjoyable to read.

I will include some website links for you to do some research if you wish. I wanted to be able to show just how much you can find on your relatives through searches in particular on the Australian War Memorial and the Australian National Archives sites.

https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/all/?preferred_name=&service_number=&unit=&conflict=0&op=Search

The screenshot shows the 'AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL' website. The 'People' tab is selected. On the left, there is a sidebar with links like 'Pre WW1 Conflicts Nominal Rolls', 'WW1 Nominal Roll', 'WW2 PoWs', etc. The main area is titled 'Search for a person' and contains a form with fields for 'Name', 'Service number', 'Unit name', and 'Conflict'. A 'Search' button is at the bottom of the form. To the right of the form, there are links for 'About units', 'About the war', and 'Department of Veterans' Affairs'.



Obituaries Australia-

<http://oa.anu.edu.au/>

<http://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/burvett-alfred-sydney-20284>

I looked up Alfred Burvett at that web site -



Alfred Sydney Burvett was born in Benalla and was educated at the state school in Carlton, Victoria. He worked as a silversmith and served in the cadets and citizens forces prior to the outbreak of the First World War. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on March 7th 1915 and was part of the surplus of troops at the Broadmeadows Camp used to raise the 24th Infantry Battalion. His younger brother, Herbert Henry Burvett, also served with the AIF in the 6th Infantry Battalion.

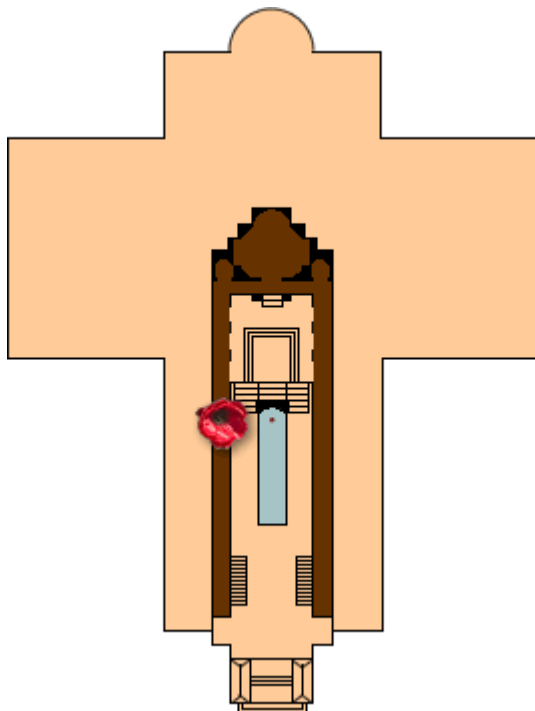
Alfred embarked from Melbourne on May 10th 1915 aboard the transport ship HMAT Euripides and trained in Egypt between July and August. During this time, his brother died of wounds received on August 7th at Lone Pine. The 24th Infantry Battalion were sent to Gallipoli in September 1915, mostly serving in the Lone Pine area.

In early 1916 Alfred proceeded to France, receiving two swift promotions by July; from Corporal to Acting Sergeant. The 24th Battalion moved to the Pozières area and on August 24th 1916 involved in heavy fighting.

Alfred Burvett was killed in action during this time and is buried at Courcellette British Cemetery, France.

Location on the Roll of Honour

Alfred Sydney Burvett's name is located at **101** in the [Commemorative Area](#) at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).



Roll of Honour name projection

Alfred Sydney Burvett's name will be projected onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory on:

Mon 25 July, 2016 at 12:06 am
 Fri 9 September, 2016 at 8:17 pm
 Fri 4 November, 2016 at 1:49 am
 Sun 8 January, 2017 at 10:52 pm
 Fri 10 March, 2017 at 8:44 pm
 Sun 30 April, 2017 at 1:25 am
 Mon 12 June, 2017 at 9:01 pm
 Mon 24 July, 2017 at 8:43 pm
 Sat 9 September, 2017 at 2:42 am
 Fri 3 November, 2017 at 9:37 pm
 Mon 8 January, 2018 at 2:11 am

These dates and times are estimates. Please note that previous advised times on this site have recently been changed to ensure that early evening projections are clearly visible and not affected by twilight. The actual time of projection could also change as a result of weather and other factors, so it is advisable to check closer to the date. In the rare event of a temporary loss of electrical power, the names scheduled for display in that period will not appear until the next time listed.

In Memory of
Sergeant

Alfred Sydney Burvett

157, 24th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 24 August 1916 Age 21

Son of Alfred Stephen and Maria Burvett, of 3, Mackenzie St., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Native of Benalla, Victoria.

Remembered with Honour
Courcelette British Cemetery

Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Service records

The National Archives holds records about service in the Australian defence forces from Federation in 1901. Find out how to access the records we hold relating to service with the:

Australian Army (Army)

- [Boer War](#)
- [World War I](#)
- [Service between the world wars](#)
- [World War II](#)
- [Service after World War II](#)

Royal Australian Navy (RAN)

- [Service up to 1970](#)
- [Service after 1970](#)

Discovering Anzacs

Discovering Anzacs - The National Archives of Australia and Archives New Zealand commemorate the Centenary of Anzac.

Hilda Mary Knox 1883–1917

On Sunday evening, 4th inst., Holy Trinity Church, Benalla, was crowded, the occasion being a memorial service to the late Sister Hilda M. Knox, who died from meningitis in London on February 17th. The Church was filled in every part, and extra seating accommodation had to be provided. On either side of the choir stalls were hung the Union Jack and Australian flags; on the stand at the rector's pew was a beautiful wreath, and the pulpit and chancel were suitably draped in black and purple, with the badge of a Red Cross nurse in the centre. The Anthem, "Crossing the Bar," was sung by the choir, also the hymns, "Now the Laborer's task is O'er," "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "Abide with Me." The sacred solo; "He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye," was beautifully rendered by Miss Edwards. At the conclusion of the service the "Dead March" was played by the organist, Miss Walter.

The Rev P. J. Edwards commenced his discourse with the quotation from Sir Walter Scott:-

When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering Angel thou.

He said it was their pleasing duty to bear tribute to the women, especially to one who had played a great part in the terrible war now raging. The courage and resourcefulness displayed by the women had been wonderful. They had to bear a large portion of the burdens of this war, and their heroism called forth adoration. Seldom had the call for women been greater. In spirit they were on the battlefield. During this war we had read of many heroines—some widely known, others less known. The story of Nurse Cavell was well known; she fell a victim to a net cunningly set, and she died a heroine. Reference was made to the hardships endured by nurses in Serbia, their heroism was beyond all praise. Then there was Sister Knox, whom they honoured because of her beautiful and loving character. She had added glory to womanhood, and the story of her life could never fade. Love was her watchword. Indeed, she was devoted to cause of love—her great love of her parents, her love of her sisters and brothers. It was her loving influence which induced three of her brothers to enlist in the great cause of freedom, and it was her love for her country and sympathy for the wounded and dying when in that solemn moment she offered her services. Her life was spent in succouring those who had need of it. She stood ready and waiting to answer the call, and of the Christian reward she was indeed sure.

She was born in the present residence of her parents on December 29th, 1883. Many of those present went to school with her, and had known her in the Sunday School and choir. In the Sunday school she was an apt scholar and teacher, and distinguished herself by winning many prizes. In the choir she was a valued member also. She was endowed with a beautiful disposition, and was in every way suited for the noble profession she adopted. After a successful course she left the Homeopathic Hospital, a duly qualified nurse. Shortly afterwards she received an urgent call to return to her dear home at once, where her skilful services were required to nurse those who in her infancy had nursed her. In 1914, when war broke out and there was a call for nurses, Sister Knox was amongst the first to volunteer, and she left these shores in the Kyarra. Her sterling worth—and character and good nature was soon carried to all parts of the Empire. She returned for a rest, and when she returned to the war again she took her beloved brother, and when he passed away she did not leave her post of duty, and a telegram was received from her telling the sad news. She worked very hard, and the authorities decided to send her to England.

She had been in England a fortnight, and then there came a message, not from Hilda, but from the Defence department, that Sister Hilda Knox had gone to her well-earned reward. Her parents had received hundreds of letters from all parts of Australia. One lady wrote to Mr Knox that her only son was in the 4th L.H., and was in the ward in a hospital in Egypt of which Sister Knox had charge. He had been nursed by her, and spoke of the unfailing attention which they had received. He said, *"We used to watch the door for her to come in. Every man of us loved her, and called her 'Our Daughter of the Regiment.'"*

Her noble life and sympathetic influence was nobly bestowed on all. What comfort they got out of this great sacrifice! Surely they could say their brave men and women had done their duty. Their great joy was that these men and women, when the call came, could not ask if it would pay but they only asked if it would be right, and for the right they went.

Reproduced from The Benalla Standard article as shown on the next page



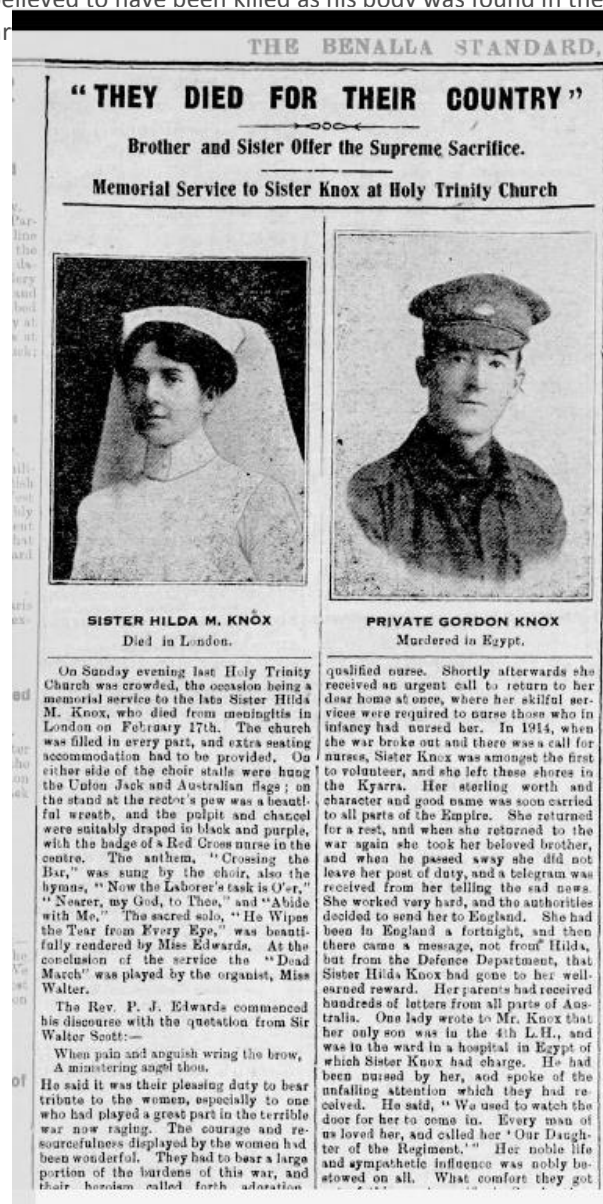
Robert Gordon Duncan Knox was born at Benalla on August 25th 1892, the son of Mr. James Knox and Mrs. Mary Isabella Knox.

He was educated at the Benalla West State School. He joined the Bank of New South Wales service on 21st January, 1911, in Warrnambool.

He was transferred to Maldon in February 1911; to Bendigo in October 1912; to Kyneton as Ledger-Keeper in December 1912; to Moama in February 1913; to the Head Office in August 1913; to Moree in September 1914; and to Millthorpe in December 1914.

Robert Knox enlisted in the A.I.F. in August 1915 and was attached to the Army Medical Corps, 14th Australian General Hospital.

While at Cairo, on his way to the front, in December 1916, Robert Knox is believed to have been killed as his body was found in the Nile on January 1st 1917.



Another local man went onto serve his country

Walter Alexander McConnan 1886-1964

Walter was born at Benalla on January 29th 1886 to Rev. Alexander Candlish McConnan and Mrs. McConnan. He was educated at the North Eastern College in Benalla and joined the service of the Bank at Tallangatta on November 27th 1902. His later appointments were to Deniliquin in December 1909; The Rock June 1910; Linton 1912; and Elmore 1913.

He enlisted in November 1914, and was posted to the 8th Light Horse Regiment and served throughout the Gallipoli campaign and later in operations over the Sinai Peninsula, Palestine and Syria.

Having held various non-commissioned ranks, he received his commission as lieutenant in 1918.

Lieutenant McConnan was one of 39 out of the original 500 members of the 8th Light Horse, who returned with the regiment in August 1919 after four and a half years abroad.

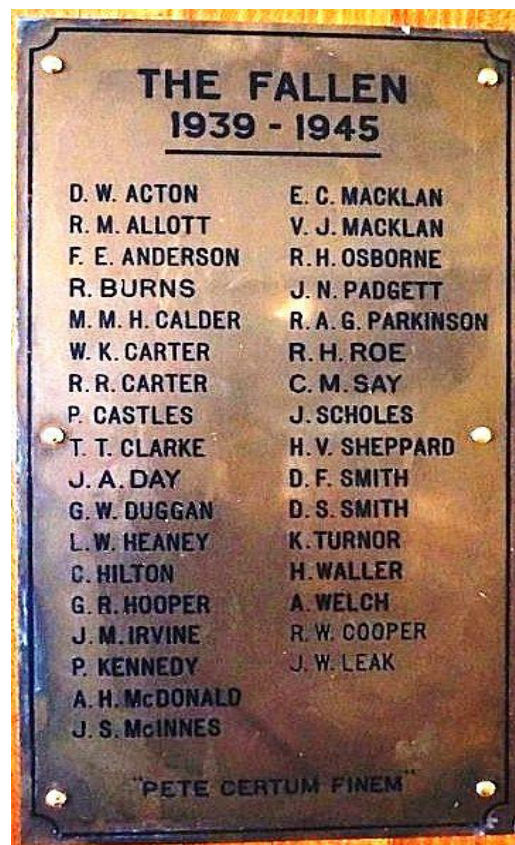
[In last year's Roses and Thorns edition March 2015 there was an extensive story on Rev McConnan, so I won't repeat it. For the new members who may be interested in reading about his life please click the link to the newsletter and look for it on Page 4.](#)

Alexander McConnan was born in London in 1856 and studied for his ministry at Glasgow University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree.

<https://benallapresbyterian.org.au/about-us/our-history/>



Above: Honour Roll from St Andrews Presbyterian Church Benalla



Right: Honour Roll from the RSL in Benalla

How wonderful it would be to research these wonderful people who gave their lives in the war of 1939-1945.

Many cemeteries are now online and photographs have been taken of all of the headstones within. If you wish to find a photo of your family members' headstones it is an easy process.

The Tolliday Great Great Grandparents Rose and Fredrick are interred at Moorngag. Open the website and click on the letter of the surname and the family name and download the photo. I have included the links below and a print screen of how the website looks for our family name.

<http://www.benalladistrictcemeteries.org/cemeteryrecords/surname/tolliday/258>

Benalla District Cemeteries

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T W Y

TOLLIDAY

Name	Age	Cemetery	Section	Late Residence	✎
Frederick TOLLIDAY	58	Moongag	Methodist	Lima	✓
Rose May TOLLIDAY	66	Moongag	Methodist	Lima	✓

SEARCH

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TOLLIDAY, Fredrick

Mooring Cemetery

Born	1878
Died	Saturday 18th July 1936
Age	58
Section	Methodist More Info
Plot	116
Late Residence	Lima

A photograph of a dark grey granite gravestone for Fredrick Tolliday. The inscription reads: "A TRIBUTE OF LOVE TO MY DEAR HUSBAND AND OUR LOVING FATHER FREDRICK TOLLIDAY DIED 18 JULY 1936". The stone is set at an angle.

Michael Joseph Savage was born on March 23rd 1872 at Tatong. He was the youngest of eight children of Irish parents Richard Savage a farmer and his wife Johanna née Hayes who died in 1877.

He was educated at the tiny Rothesay State School from 1879 to 1884. He worked in a Benalla wine and spirits shop from 1886 to 93. He also attended night classes at Benalla (North-Eastern) College, became well known as a boxer and weightlifter, and was secretary of the Benalla Fire Brigade in 1892 and a member of its champion competition teams.

In 1893 he lost his job during the Depression and 'humped the bluey' into the New South Wales Riverina where for seven years he was a labourer and irrigation ditch-digger on the North Yanco station, with membership in the General Labourers' and Australian Workers' unions. In 1900 he moved to North Prentice near Rutherglen, became a goldminer, a stationary engine-driver and foundation manager of a co-operative bakery.

He joined the Miners' Union and was largely responsible for the construction of the North Prentice Hall. Converted to socialism and active politics by Tom Mann in 1904, Savage became a branch and electorate secretary of the Victorian Political Labour Council, unsuccessfully advocating the socialist objective at its 1906 and 1907 conferences. Selected to stand for the State seat of Wangaratta and Rutherglen in 1907, after missing selection narrowly for the Federal seat of Indi, he had to withdraw because of financial difficulties.

He migrated to New Zealand in October 1907. After working briefly as a flax-cutter he became a cellarman in an Auckland brewery and president of the Brewery Workers' Union. Secretary (1908-10) and Chairman (1910-11) of the Auckland Socialist Party, Savage was foundation president of the Auckland Social Democratic Party in 1913 and the first secretary of the Auckland Labour Representation Committee in 1915. He was president of the Auckland Trades and Labour Council in 1910, then Auckland chairman of the New Zealand Federation of Labour, and was prominent as a union spokesman during the 1912 Waihi miners' strike and the 1913 waterfront and general strike.



During World War I, he opposed conscription and after the war advocated the formation of 'one big union' to cover Australian and New Zealand workers.

In 1919 he became National Secretary of the three-year-old New Zealand Labour Party. After unsuccessfully contesting the Auckland Central seat in Parliament, he won Auckland West in 1919, holding it until his death. Having been Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party in 1922-33, Savage succeeded H. E. Holland as leader. His charismatic campaign was a major factor in the election of New Zealand's first Labour government in 1935. Savage was Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs from 1935 until he died in Wellington of cancer on March 27th 1940.

He had never married and returned to the Catholic Church shortly before he died; he was buried at Bastion Point, Auckland. The achievements of the first Labour government, especially its system of pensions and medical care, became personified in this slightly built, modest man. For years after his death his picture hung on thousands of living-room walls.

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aw/events/public-lectures/Michael-Joseph-Savage>



The Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park in Auckland.

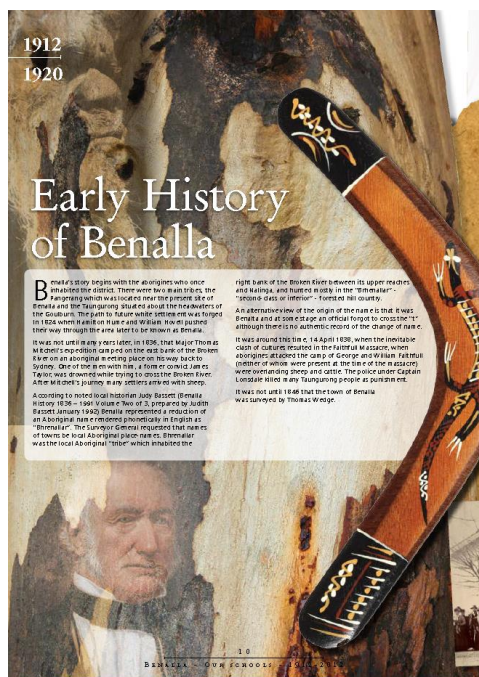
<https://www.yelp.com.au/biz/michael-joseph-savage-memorial-park-auckland>

A small four-page book on the early history of Benalla, from the Faithfull Massacre in 1838 on the property of George and William Faithfull, to when it was surveyed as a town by Thomas Wedge in 1846, to the schools being established in Benalla and the smaller rural districts. Even mentioned Broken Creek and Upotipotpon as schools set up by the pioneers.

I found it very interesting, I had been looking for information on the North Eastern College. I now know that it was established in 1889 by Mr T R McCristal and was located on the corner of Smythe and Benalla Streets and was previously known as Benalla Grammar School it closed in 1909.

When the House system was inaugurated at the commencement of 1925 the surnames of the most prominent of the founders of the school – Rev. A.C McConnan and Dr. J.A.D Nish- were taken as House names.

We have Wedge Street, Nish Court and McConnan Street named after these early visionary men.

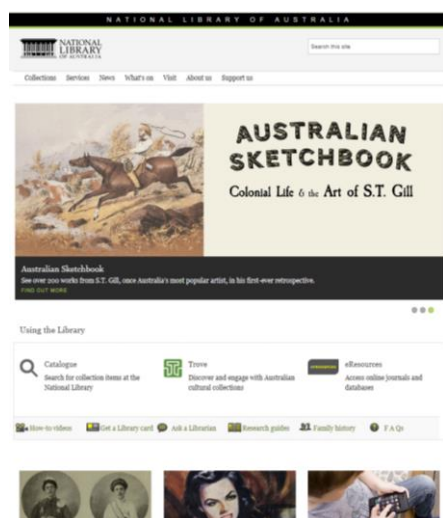


Dr. James A.D. Nish



<http://www.benallap-12college.vic.edu.au/Sites/benalla/CMS/Docs/Centenary%20Book.pdf>

First page of the National Library Website.



www.nla.gov.au



<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rss/issues/Victoria/222>

North Eastern Ensign (Benalla, Vic. : 1872 - 1938), Tuesday 16 April 1872, page 3

ALEXANDRA—Impounded at Alexandra.
Bay mare, collar marked, shed, 10 near shoulder
To be sold on 1st May.

BENALLA—Impounded at Benalla, 4th April
Trotter, bay, black points, JO near shoulder
like J near thigh, K off shoulder
Black gelding, near near hind coronet white, like
W off shoulder
To be sold on 6th May.

A SALE OF CROWN LANDS by public
auction will be held at Eleven o'clock of
Wednesday, 24th April, 1872, at the Court-house,
Benalla.

The following lots will be offered:—
TOWN LOTS.
Winton, county of Dalatira, parish of Winton,
in the township of Winton, on the main Sydney-
road. Upset price, £8 per acre. Allotments 6
to 10, 13 to 16, section 3; 1, 2, 6 to 10, section
4; 2c each.

COUNTRY LOTS.
County of Moira, parish of Shepparton, on the
Broken River, within three miles south-west of
the township of Shepparton. Upset price, £1
per acre. Allotments 24 to 28, 29 to 31 in 2p to
60a to 30p.

County of Moira, parish of Kialla, on the
River Goulburn, about four miles south-west of
the township of Shepparton. Upset price, £1
per acre. Allotments 60, 74, 80a to 3p and
380a respectively.

Plans and information can be obtained at the
Crown Lands Office, Melbourne; and at the
Court-houses, Benalla.

SHIRE OF BENALLA.

TENDERS will be received up to Two p.m. on
Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Council
Chambers, Bridge-street, Benalla, for the
Erection of a Bridge, &c., over the Seven
Creeks, on the Melbourne-road.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the
Council Chambers during the usual office hours.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily
accepted.

By order of the Council,
F. McDONNELL,
Secretary.

Council Chambers,
Benalla, April 4, 1872

SHIRE OF BENALLA.

Appeals against Valuation.

**THE Council will hear APPEALS AGAINST
THE VALUATIONS on**
WEDNESDAY, the 17th APRIL,

WEDNESDAY, the 17th APRIL,
At the close of the ordinary meeting.
Notice of all intended appeals must be sent to
the Shire Secretary three days at least before the
time of meeting.
F. McDONNELL,
Secretary.

Dated this 4th April, 1872.

**TO THE RATEPAYERS OF WING-
BATA.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—
A VACANCY having occurred in the Council
of your Borough, I beg to offer myself as a
Candidate for the vacant office. I am led to take
this step by the desire to serve the best interests
of the town, and to commence early my political
apprenticeship to the service of my adopted
country. It is true that I cannot point to long
years of experience in public life, but at the same
time I have not to deplore a course of neglected
opportunities or misused power. We shall now
soon have the railway at our doors, bringing
with it, as we hope, a larger population and
increased prosperity for these districts. With
our growing advantages will come increased
responsibility and power. It becomes you then,
my fellow burgesses, to make choice of really fit
and proper persons to represent you in all your
political institutions—persons whose integrity of
purpose, intellectual fitness, and social standing,
may serve to win some little respect for our
governing bodies. In my attempt to accomplish
such an end, whatever the personal result to
myself, you may always count upon the hearty
support and energetic services of
**Your obedient servant,
JOSEPH J. TUCKER.**

Benalla Bowling Club.
GENTLEMEN interested in the Game of
Bowls are requested to Attend a Meeting
to be held at the Royal Hotel, Benalla, on
Saturday next, at half-past Twelve p.m., for the
purpose of forming a Bowling Club and Framing
Regulations for the management of the same.
F. McDONNELL,
Secretary pro. tem.

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MR. THOS. J. J. WYATT'S
STUDIO
OPEN DAILY
FROM TEN TILL FOUR O'CLOCK.
Portraits taken from Cartes-de-Visites size
to 10in. x 12in.

Caution.
MR. G. A. GOODWIN,
Crown Lands Agent,
158 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE.
BEGS to inform Holders of Crown Lands and
the General Public that he is in no way
connected with Messrs M. N. Smith and Co., of
Benalla and Melbourne, and that Mr. H. N.

A THRILLING OCCURRENCE.

A very serious accident, and one which came near having a fatal termination, befel a lad named Frederick Ledger, 15 years of age, nephew of our well-known townsmen, Mr Robert Ledger, on Sunday morning. It appears the young fellow had volunteered to hold a horse for Mr Martin Moran, and in the latter's absence mounted the animal, thinking to have a quiet ride. The lad rode quietly away, but being an inexperienced horseman his "seat" in the saddle appeared to amuse some grown-up youths, who, it is alleged, caused the horse in question to bolt off with his now frightened rider. The animal galloped down Mair Street, towards Barrack Street, the clattering of his hoofs bringing the people to their doors to ascertain the cause. The horse continued his mad career along Bonalla Street towards the river, the lad clinging desperately to the pommel of the saddle. Approaching the steep declivity near the mill the horse appeared to slacken his pace a little, but was unable to stop soon enough, and darted down the steep embankment at the foot of which is a large lagoon. Into this the horse plunged wildly, jumping off a bank some four feet high into the water. A young man named James M'Farlane, who had seen the horse galloping up Mair Street, saw the horse emerging from the lagoon riderless and minus the saddle. Guessing that something was amiss, M'Farlane put spurs to his own horse, and he was not long in reaching the scene of the accident. Meeting two men who were standing unconcerned on the bank, M'Farlane asked "Where is the rider of the horse?" One of the twins, pointing to the water, replied "He's in there." Young M'Farlane, after giving the men a bit of his mind, with commendable promptitude jumped into the water, only waiting to divest himself of his coat. When he had waded into the water up to his waist he touched some object with his foot, and after groping along the bed of the lagoon he caught the inanimate form of the unfortunate lad, which he at once bore to the bank. The lad to all appearance was dead, but one of the several bystanders who by this time had collected around the spot discovered that his heart was beating faintly. M'Farlane, who throughout behaved in a most praiseworthy manner, rode off, dripping wet as he was, for Dr. Nicholson. In the meantime young Ledger, whose pulsation was improving gradually, but who was still unconscious, was removed to his uncle's residence in Mair Street, where the doctor was promptly in attendance. It was found that the patient had sustained a severe contused wound over and extending behind the left ear, probably through striking a log in the water or being struck by the horse's foot. This was the only mark of violence apparent, and without doubt it was this injury which stunned the lad and prevented him from helping himself in the water. Dr. Nicholson stated the boy must have been under water at least five minutes; this being the case, it would appear that the stunning blow which he received was the lad's salvation, in a sense, as in his unconscious state, during his lengthy immersion, he would not breathe into his lungs sufficient water to suffocate him. The doctor ordered his patient to be kept quiet, and about 9 o'clock in the evening, or twelve hours after the accident, the little fellow showed signs of returning consciousness, and shortly afterwards, on being questioned, gave answers which conveyed the impression that he had a faint idea of his morning's experience. He, however, appeared to have no recollection of being in the water; and this gives coloring to the supposition that the lad was struck by the horse's foot, when falling with the saddle off the animal's back, before he fell into the water. Under Dr. Nicholson's unremitting attention, and his relatives' tender nursing, the young sufferer is doing as well as can be expected. We hope to be soon able to chronicle his convalescence. The prompt action of the young man M'Farlane in connection with this affair was commended as much as the callous indifference to the unfortunate lad's fate on the part of the two persons already referred to was condemned by the public when the affair got noised about. We certainly think this is a case which would be brought under the notice of the Humane Society, with a view to securing some recognition of such a resolute and gallant act as performed by M'Farlane. But for the latter's promptitude in this matter a young life would inevitably have been lost. We trust some of our leading townsmen will lay the facts of the case before the Humane Society.

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Above: Benalla Bowling Club advert appeared in the North Eastern Ensign on April 16th 1872.

Right: The story of the near drowning of 15 year old Frederick Ledger was reported in the November 25th 1884 edition of The North Eastern Ensign

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