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# NEWSLETTER

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The Benalla Family History Research Group is a friendly, helpful and dedicated group of people who are striving to collate our local history and maintain it for future generations.

Visitors are always made very welcome and the Research team are available to assist with any enquiries on finding relatives and ancestors.

The group encourages and welcomes new Members, as the resources available are very valuable to a person seeking to learn more about their family tree.

Our normal open days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm.  
Please note we are not open on Saturdays except by appointment.

We will open at other times if necessary, by appointment.  
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Hello Everyone,

A *bumper issue* for our first newsletter for 2019. I hope you all enjoy having a read.

I wanted to acknowledge ANZAC DAY and the efforts and sacrifices the brave men and women had done for us and continue to do so to keep us safe.

The newsletter should have gone out in March but will go out in June instead. I have listed website links for you to look at, we have an Anzac Day report from Beryl Ilsley from Lake Rowan, and we learn about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle at Binh Ba in Vietnam.

John Crawford has a wonderful family history to read through. I hope you enjoy his story.

- We have loyal sponsors who support us financially which assists us greatly.
- A dedicated team of friendly, regular members who spend their time researching and assisting other people in their family tree journey.
- Members who come in regularly to enter the data for rate indexes. Or those who assist with the extensive Library and varied tasks that keep the group running smoothly
- A wonderful committee who meet monthly to discuss items of importance and make plans for future direction of the group.

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- John Crawford, Beryl Ilsley, Judi Ryan and Bill Willett for their input this month. I do hope you enjoy reading everything that is included.

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.

Meredith

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to this quarterly newsletter.

The group has been pushing forward with gusto. Kelvin and I have been labouring on the Rates and adding in all the farmers and those professions that were missed out in the first index years ago.

We are now doing 1920-29 which leaves another 25 years to go. We have calculated that by the time we get to finish the 1943 rates, working at the consistent pace we have been, we will both be well into our nineties. It is a huge job. So far, we have transcribed, corrected and collated 115,541 rate entries into five indexes, each of ten years. So, if you come into the rooms looking for those that went before you in the early Benalla Shire, you can now search these indexes by name, and look up their professions, where they lived, and in some cases such as farm owners, their property sizes.

Library tell us they are running out of space quickly, and constantly need to shift books from one place to another to fit them all into their proper categories.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from Council to purchase a small letter folder, which will ease the burden of folding fliers and leaflets to hand out to clients.

If you haven't already looked at our website, it is worth doing, as there is a lot of information on there that can help you find those missing relatives we all have. Also, to help on that side, we are currently compiling a list of the most helpful websites to use in your genealogical research.

The cooler weather is here, but it means that we will have our usual migration North to overcome soon. If anyone has some spare time to spend, we are always looking for some other new faces to help clients with their research, or just index a book. These indexes are so helpful when it comes to locating information on your family. We use Microsoft Word and Excel for most of this work, and only need the fingers to type it in.

We are always friendly and have a cuppa ready most of the time, so pop in and have a chat. Cheers, Bill.

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### *Editor's Note:*

Bill wrote his report prior to the AGM, but as the Newsletter was not sent out beforehand, his report has been edited.

The positions for the Executive committee have been filled.

The AGM was well attended on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and the box on the left shows the names of the members who have taken up the reins for the year.

Our thanks go to outgoing Treasurer Tom Sloan who has done a sterling job for the group and we wish Carole Gray continued success in this role. Tom and Bill will support Carole. We thank all office bearers for their support of the Group.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Family History Research Group now has over 3,400 books, over 400 CDs and 219 microfiche catalogued in the library. A large amount of these resources will not be found on the Internet, so please as members, utilize these resources whenever you are in the vicinity of our Group. Below is a huge list of resources added to our library since the last Newsletter of 2018.

If any member has any books or family histories they would like to donate, please advise a committee member.

We have received a large collection of books compiled by June Mayne, these have been catalogued and placed into the library.

Judi Ryan

Librarian

*Editor's Note:* As it has been some time since the last Newsletter the number of books added into the library is huge as you will see by the following list.

A History of Devenish	The History of Botany Bay-Supplement To
Finding Forebears in Poland	Chance and Challenge-History of Municipality
Nathu (Young Natoo)	Campfire Tales
Lt Col Alexander Hopkins THWAITES	Wonnangatta Moroka
Ewert Family History	Wonnangatta Station-The Next Twenty Years
Forget Me Not	Nannine By the Lake
Desertion and Bigamy	SELLARS -Scotland
Tasmanian Convict Sites	Aboriginal Victorians
Window Tax Explained	Benalla Cemetery Walk Research Information
Convict Ancestors	Military Medals and Awards
Ancestors Causes of Death Explained	Some WW1 Service Records
Bastardy Bonds (Parish & Poor Law) Introduction	Commemorative Calendar
South Australia Guide to Sites and Sources	Save The Wishbone for Me
Finding Criminal Ancestors	Alex WANN Benalla Property Owner
Paupers Explained	The Shepparton News
Where & How Your Ancestors Live	Bill the Bastard
Immigration to Australia	Fromelles The Final Chapter
Castlemaine Cemetery -A Walk with Glimpses of the Pas	Wounds & Scars
The Stockade-Carlton Forgotten Prison	ANZACS On the Western Front
The Golden Harvest	Jacka's Mob
Inquests in P.R.O.V. From the Timber Industry	The History of The Fourth Battalion A.I.F.
Convict Lists and Assignments	Farewell Dear People
Royal Tour-Diana and Charles	The Anzacs
Australian Open-Official Program	The Great War
Irish Roots	The Australian Light Horse
Blarney	Crumps and Camouflets
Greece and Crete	Pompey ELLIOTT
South Melbourne-A History	MONASH- The Outside Who a War
Sent Forth A Dove-Discovery of the Duyfken	Twenty Second Battalion
Maryborough-A Social History	
Growing Up with Trees- A Shepparton Story	
A Dictionary of Heraldry	
F.C.J. Magazine	
Lake Walk-Benalla	
Kelly Cemetery Tour- Benalla	
The History of Botany Bay	

## RESEARCH

On 3rd of Feb 1855 Bridget Plunkett was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for the crime of robbery. A 48-year-old servant could read but unable to write, Plunkett does not appear a woman of any great significance.

However, 'No. 1' is carefully written in the left-hand corner of her prison record.

Plunkett, most likely unbeknownst to her, was the first of many women to be recorded in the first book of the Victorian Female Prison register. Created by the Penal and Gaols Branch, the Victorian Female Prison register records the name and details of female prisoners in custody in Victorian gaols since 1855.

Plunkett was to be the first of many. Between 1855 and 1948 over 7000 women were recorded in the register. Today, sixteen volumes containing over 7000 files are open for public viewing at the Public Record Office Victoria. 900 of these are accompanied by mugshots, stunningly evocative images that show complex moments and emotions.

Aside from offering a rare look at the faces of 7000 convicted criminals, these records offer a glimpse into the lives of women who committed crimes as varied as living 'without sufficient means of support', to infanticide and murder.

Browse these women's files or search the database for a specific name. As well as searching individual women, use the 'compare' tool to bring up data about crimes, occupations, native place of birth, or date and ship of arrival.

Article taken from <https://vagrantsandmurderesses.com/>

Image taken from <https://prov.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-blog/vagrants-and-murderesses>

Thank you to Wendy Maxwell for informing me about these stories.

## OUR WEBSITE

Our website is full of great information and is easy to navigate. When you have some time please check it out. Copy the links below to learn more about the Rate Index, Family Histories, or publications.

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

<http://www.benallafamilyresearchgroup.org/publications>

<http://www.benallafamilyresearchgroup.org/libraryrecords>

## Hints for the Genealogist✓

- Write letters, letters and even more letters.
- Read member's interest lists, stray certificates - or other things that may resemble the name you are researching.
- When you visit another town, visit the Cemetery
- Visit the family history section of the library
- Do not despair when you are stuck - just keep trying
- When emailing include your postal address
- When requesting information, include a business size self-addressed envelope as well
- Use lists on the Internet and email as well, to find contacts with your family tree branch
- Do not forget to use 'favorites'
- Always offer to pay for return mail to cover expenses.
- Use the Internet, it's one of the best ways to gather information

## How to get started on your search.

- Start with yourself and family records such as birth, christenings, marriage, or death certificate. Use family stories as a base for verification of events.
- Family school records, photos, awards, and service records, deeds, family bibles. Obituary notices, diaries, letter and cards, etc.
- You can obtain information from the Records Office, census returns, military / navy records, probate records, land and property (titles), Church records, naturalization records, court and inquest records, shipping records (overseas and inwards), newspapers (state or local library), history groups.
- Visit family history groups and museums to get an understanding of their daily lives and the hardships your family endured. Visiting cemeteries and reading the headstones can give you lots of information.
- Our group exchanges newsletters with other groups and can share the pitfalls of sending for information and that feeling of hitting the brick wall.
- **Information that may be found on Certificates.**
- Birth Certificates: name of person; name of father, his age, birthplace, and previous issue; name of mother her age, maiden name birthplace; place and date; married, place and date; occupation.
- Marriage Certificates: date and place of marriage; ages and birthplace; parents of the bride; parents of the groom.
- Death Certificates: name and date of death; place of death; occupation; sex and age; place of birth, time in Australia; father's name, his occupation; mother's name, place of marriage; ages at marriage; name of spouse; children of marriage, informants name, ages of children; cause of death; length of illness, medical attendant, minister and religion, undertaker; witnesses; where registered.
- Compare this information against other records you may have.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

The group members are always busy on their days in the rooms.

They are-

Indexing rate books

Cataloguing new resources

Researching people's family history

Designing Family History Charts

And we are always looking for people to help in the rooms with library duties and general indexing of books. We have the gear and the know-how; all we want is you.

Can you spare a day occasionally to help?

No task would be difficult to do, and you would be most welcome.

We can promise a cuppa, a friendly chat and something nice for morning or afternoon tea in our little kitchen.

## **MEETING DATES**

For your information the committee usually meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11.00am.

### **2019 Dates**

June 19th

July 17th

August 21st

September 18th

October 16<sup>th</sup>

November 20<sup>th</sup>

December -meeting To Be advised

If you wish to attend one of the monthly meetings please advise the Bill Willett. We are pleased that Cr Danny Claridge attends our meeting representing Benalla Rural City Council.

## **WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ROOMS**

Thank you to Kelvin Freemantle, Bill Willett, Ros Hunt and Jo Wise. The Rates have been completed up to 1917 and currently working on 1918-19 decade.

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

Although the rooms were open from 10am till 4pm on the Saturday during the Wall to Wall festival we had no visitors attended. The five members that attended had a quiet day doing normal group activities in the rooms. Lots of extra work was completed.

## GEORGE STAINES AND THE FIGHTING JUDYS

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1852, Rose McCusker arrived in Melbourne on the “Wanata”, and was employed by Mr. Bourke of Melbourne, for three months for 20 pounds p.a. with rations. She was a domestic servant from Armagh, Ireland, a Roman Catholic, and could neither read nor write. She was born circa 1835, in Lurgan County, Armagh, Ireland, and was the youngest of seven children born to Hugh and Sarah.

She travelled to Victoria to join her father, and her sisters Catherine McKinley, and Sarah Ann McShane, her mother was deceased. Her brother Hugh would join them in 1856. All of the McCuskers settled in Keilor and lived close to each other on the banks of the Saltwater (Maribyrnong) River.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1856, Rose McCusker married George Staines in St. James Church of England in Melbourne. Witnesses to the marriage were Hugh McCusker and Bridget Bourke. George was a native of Mount Nessing, Essex, England, and was the son of William and Amelia.

For the next 40 years, the McCuskers and their spouses, in particular the three sisters, raised their families, became landowners in Keilor, and engaged in constant disputes with various neighbours. These disputes were so ongoing, that the women were described by Senior Constable Bird of the Keilor police and the Griffith family as the Fighting Judys. Here are some examples: -

14 August 1861 Mary Hassed had George Staines charged with illegally detaining her goose. The case was dismissed.

20 July 1864 George Staines was before the court being charged with breaching the vaccination act. This charge was instigated by Senior Constable Bird. George was fined 1 shilling, with 5 shillings cost.

13 September 1871 Bridget Griffith had Rose Staines charged with assaulting her on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. Rose was fined 5 shillings with 2/6 costs.

21 August 1873 Thomas and Catherine McKinley were charged by Mary Rootsey with using threatening language to her in a public place. Catherine did not appear in court. Thomas was fined 4 pounds with 1 pound 12/6 in costs.

12 December 1874 Sarah McShane was charged by Richard Griffith with making abusive language in a public place. Sarah was fined 5 shillings.

6 January 1875 Richard Griffith had George and Rose Staines charged with assaulting him on the 12th December last. Case was dismissed.

23 June 1875 Rose Staines had Richard Griffith charged with putting her in bodily fear on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Richard was bound over to keep the peace.

Bridget Griffith had Catherine McKinley and Amelia Staines (Rose's daughter) charged with unlawful assault. They were both fined.

30 March 1878 George Staines wrote a letter to the President and Councillors of the Shire of Keilor, as follows: -

Gentlemen,

I beg to call your attention to what I consider a grievance. Richard Griffith has put up his fence some fifteen feet on the north end of Flora street at a point where the street is narrow, with one panel across he has completely cut off all communication with the watering place, as my boy has to water his horse in the dark morning and evening we find it very inconvenient he has also fenced across in to the creek at the east and has cut a drain across. I may mention that was the only road out where anyone wants any sand in Keilor by directing him to remove his fence to his proper boundary you would greatly oblige.

Your humble servant

George Staines.

To the President and Councillors of the Shire of Keilor.

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned humbly beg to call your attention to the following grievance. Richard Griffith has erected his fence across the brow of the bank of creek thereby stopping all access to the water besides taking in about two acres of the Common he has also fenced across to the creek at the east end of his paddock. By causing the same to be removed to his right boundary you would greatly oblige.

Your humble servants

Patrick McShane, Mrs Ross, Mrs J. Hassed, Edward Hassed, George Staines, James McWhirter, Hugh McCusker, Thomas McKinley

28 May 1878 George Staines, along with James McWhirter & Michael Fox, who were managers of the Common had Thomas Cahill before the court for a claim of 1-pound 14/6. This was a fee for depasturing his stock on the Keilor Town Common. The case was dismissed with 2 pound 2 shillings costs.

9 October 1880 Rose Staines had Bridget Griffith charged with assault. Bridget was found guilty and fined 2 pounds with 2/6 costs.

5 December 1880 Bridget Griffith had Rose Staines charged with assaulting her on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. The case was dismissed with 5 shillings costs to the defendant.

14 October 1891 Sarah McShane charged by John Griffith with unlawfully assaulting him at Keilor. The case was dismissed.

The Judys' spouses were also involved with the courts. Thomas McKinley, husband of Catherine, was charged in 1865 with allowing his pig to wander on a public road in Keilor, in 1869 with illegally detaining a cow belonging to H. Powell (case dismissed), and in 1890 with selling tobacco without a licence to do so. Thomas did not appear in court, and was fined 5 pounds with 5 shillings costs, in default of payment, one month's imprisonment.

Patrick McShane, husband of Sarah Ann, in 1859 was charged by Constable Quigley with being drunk and disorderly, using obscene language and exciting words at the Eldorado Hotel, Keilor. Patrick was fined 1 pound or 48 hours imprisonment, also fined 2 pounds or 4 days imprisonment. Costs were 12/6.

In 1865, Patrick was charged by Constable Bellinger with illegally removing stones from off Crown land in Keilor. He was fined 5 shillings with 5 shillings costs. In 1870, he was charged by Henry Seuling with illegally detaining his goat. Patrick was ordered to deliver the goat back and pay 6/6 in costs.

While these court proceedings were taking place, George and Rosie Staines were having babies – 10 children in all, one of which, their seventh child, Rose Alice Staines, born in 1868, was my Great Grandmother. George was also acquiring land and building a home. In 1868 he is listed in the Keilor Rate books paying rates on his own property – one and a half acres and a house. In 1875 he purchased 5 allotments of land in the township of Keilor. In 1878, George Staines and John Delahey, submitted tenders to the Keilor District board for the formation of footpaths and roadworks in the town. In 1885 George purchased 2 additional parcels of land, one of 13 acres and the other 15 acres.

George now owned a substantial amount of land in the township of Keilor and the surrounding area. He also, in partnership with John Delahey, submitted many tenders for road works to the Keilor Shire, sat on juries, and supported local causes by putting his name to petitions.

By the late 1800s George and the Judys were getting on in years, and their appearances in court subsided somewhat. In 1895, Catherine McKinley (nee McCusker) died in Keilor, and she was buried on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1895 in the Keilor Cemetery. She was 71 years of age.

On the 22nd February 1898, George Staines was staying with his daughter Elizabeth Ann, when he accidentally drowned in the Saltwater (Maribyrnong) River. The Magisterial Inquiry into his death reads as follows: -

Elizabeth Staines stated that her father was in the habit of going to the river for two buckets of water every morning, as soon as he got up. This morning she heard him go as usual and twenty minutes after she thinking her father was a long time away went to see what was keeping him and she could see one of the buckets in the water and the other one on the bank full of water but could see no signs of her father. She then went and informed Duncan Ross who plunged into the river and recovered the body from six to eight feet of water. When taken out of the water he was dead having evidently been in the water for upwards of thirty minutes.

Elizabeth Staines also informed that for some time past her father had complained of feeling giddy when he first got up in the morning and no doubt one of these fits came over him whilst in the act of drawing water. There are no suspicious circumstances connected with this death. (J.D. McKenzie Mounted Constable 4486).

There was also an item in the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1898 edition of the Essendon Gazette "Death of an old Keilor resident". He was 66 years old.

In January 1900, Rose Staines (nee McCusker) died in Essendon, and she was buried on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1900 in the Keilor Cemetery, with her husband George. She was 67 years old.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1901, Sarah McShane (nee McCusker) died, and she was buried in the Keilor Cemetery on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1901. She was 72 years old.

So, the story of George Staines and the fighting Judys came to an end. The graves and headstones of Thomas and Catherine McKinley, Patrick and Sarah McShane, and George and Rose Staines, can still be found today, close together, in Keilor Cemetery. Many of their descendants can also be found nearby. Of course, these people are my ancestors and relatives as well. Many of the incidents in this story, are between the Judys and the Griffiths.



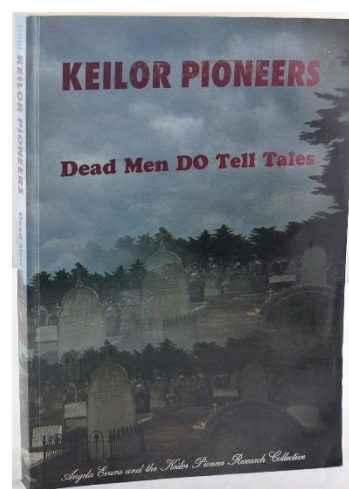
In an age when mental health issues were not well understood, Richard Griffith was committed several times to what was referred to in those days, as the lunatic asylum at Yarra Bend. Sympathy should therefore be extended to his wife Bridget, as she had to cope while he was away.

This is a photo of my Great Grandmother Rose Alice Staines, as a young woman. She was the seventh child of George and Rose Staines (McCusker) and she was born in 1868.

John wants to acknowledge the book from which much of this history was found.

**"Keilor Pioneers -  
Dead Men DO tell  
Tales"**

by Angela Evans and  
the Keilor Pioneer



Research Collective

*Editor's Note:*

**Yarra Bend Asylum** was the first permanent institution established in Victoria that was devoted to the treatment of the mentally ill. It opened in 1848 as a ward of the Asylum at Tarban Creek in New South Wales. It was not officially called Yarra Bend Asylum until July 1851 when the Port Phillip District separated from the Colony of New South Wales. Prior to the establishment of Yarra Bend, lunatic patients had been kept in the District's gaols. Yarra Bend was proclaimed an Asylum under the provisions of the Lunacy Statute 1867 (No.309) in the Government Gazette in October 1867.



*A pillar from the gates of Yarra Bend Asylum. It is the last remaining structure of the asylum and is situated on the west side of Yarra Bend Road, just north of the Eastern Freeway cutting.*

From its establishment until 1905 the institution at Yarra Bend was known as an asylum. This title emphasized its function as a place of refuge rather than a hospital which provided treatment for mentally ill people who could possibly be cured. The Lunacy Act 1903 (No.1873) changed the title of all "asylums" to "hospitals for the insane". This Act came into operation in 1905. Despite the change in designation the function and structure of the agency was unchanged. The title was altered to reflect the community's changing attitude towards mental illness and the Victorian Government's approach to the treatment of mentally disturbed persons.

Article taken from Wikipedia.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarra\\_Bend\\_Asylum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarra_Bend_Asylum)

## Anzac Day at Lake Rowan

Amongst the tranquil setting of our native trees watched over by the Lone Pine planted by our forebears, can be found Lake Rowan's Cenotaph; a tribute to our war heroes from the Boer War through to the cessation of hostilities of WW1.

On the morning of April 14<sup>th</sup>, the annual Anzac Day Service was opened by Mr Brian Cosser reading the Anzac Requiem.

Mr Ian Summers, President of the Yarrawonga-Mulwala RSL Sub Branch, presented the thought provoking and historical Anzac Address.

Mr John Duncan sang his melodious rendition of two Australian Anzac Hymns.

Members of the respectful and dedicated gathering laid wreaths in memory of the fallen.



A young local lad efficiently controlled the movements of our Australian Flag.

The gathering then moved to the Lake Rowan Hall where they were once again treated to scones, jam and cream and a hot cuppa.



Soldiers who had recently returned from Vietnam marching past Sydney Town Hall in 1968. At least 16 such parades were conducted to welcome units back during the war, with many attracting large crowds of civilians.

*Editor's Note:*

#### **Battle of Binh Ba - 50th Anniversary**

*I watched the memorial service on television on June 6<sup>th</sup>.*

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/BinhBa50>

June 6<sup>th</sup> marks the 50th anniversary of the battle of Binh Ba, one of Australia's most significant engagements in the Vietnam War.

Article by Michael Kelly

**Please check out the Australian War Memorial webpage. Some links of interest below.**

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day/traditions>

<https://www.awm.gov.au/> <https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/honour-rolls>

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/harry-willis-and-the-62%2C000-poppies>

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/phillip-johnson-and-the-62%2C000-poppies-display>

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/australian-imperial-force-aif-badges-1914-1918>

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/honour-rolls/roll-honour-name-projections>

**Also please check out the Shrine of Remembrance web site. It has some areas of interest**

<https://www.shrine.org.au/Home>

<https://www.shrine.org.au/Exhibitions/The-Shrine-Collection>

### **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commemorative Ceremony**



This ceremony is held after the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie, commencing at 6.30 am.

This commemorative ceremony is conducted to honour those Indigenous Australians who have served in the Australian forces since 1901. It is hosted by members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association (ATSIVSA) and is open to all members of the public.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day/atsivsaa>

**BENALLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, St Andrews****WW1 /DR2785**

Copied by permission from the book "War Memorials in the North East of Victoria. Benalla &amp; Districts"

Author Gregory E Kirk

By the same Author in the "Lest We Forget" series are two books, being "Swanpool &amp; Districts Call to Arms" and "Tatong's Call to Arms".

**(original listing first, then (alphabetical listing follows)****ROLL OF HONOR****THE GREAT WAR 1914-18**

GROVE G.R. MANWELL D. T.

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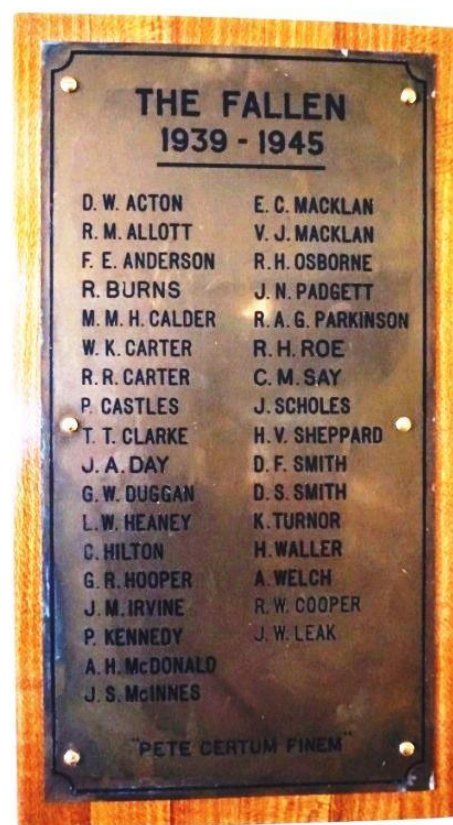
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