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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. Please contact us via the contact form on our Website ... or email our Secretary or President

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Hello Everyone,

A $bumper\ issue$ for our last newsletter for 2018. I hope you all enjoy having a read.

What an exciting year it has been.

- We have seen our little Group grow in member numbers.
- 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.

This newsletter I wanted to give special attention to the Centenary World War 1 and the cessation of conflict on November 11th 1918. I have researched a young man via the Australian War Memorial web page. I hope that you all have a read of this.

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- Janine Crawford, Wendy Maxwell, Wendy Webster, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the years nearly at an end again, and how quick did that one pass.

Must thank all the loyal volunteers and workers at the group's headquarters every Tuesday and Wednesday for the past year. You have all done a fantastic job and so far, we have managed to keep the ship afloat.

We have successfully changed our computer system to an upgraded level. All but the Treasurer's computer was easily dealt with thanks to the help of Neil, our IT volunteer, and our local computer Guru of Excellence, Michael Plex. Tom is just about to push the button to finalise his computer, but it has taken some time to get there. We found a glitch in the original computer assigned to Tom, but we have ditched that one and assigned the spare, so all of Tom's time setting up the necessary programs have now paid off.

We are now up to the year 1919 in the rate indexing and plugging along quite comfortably. Kel has much shorter fingers now thanks to his keyboard efforts. We can always accommodate any new recruits to indexing and library duties, so if you want a good day's company and chatter, let us know.

The girls are madly answering all the research requests coming from the website, and in the meantime, constructing new family trees for our clients. They have now organised a seven-generation chart that can be adapted to any family. Four, five and six generation charts have already been constructed, so they are ready to go with any request made. An exhibition of family tree charts together with information on the group has been set up on the Carrier Street side of one of Miller's windows , and our thanks and appreciation go to Miller's Department Store for that opportunity. The display will be there until December 5th.

Neil has designed this year's calendar and they have been printed and are now in circulation. To order a copy, email the secretary on secretary@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org with the numbers required. We are not going to guess the numbers required this year so if you want one or more, please order it soon.

Our new photocopier has been a great success, and all the charts and trees, as well as the calendars, are now produced in the rooms at a very high quality that was not available to us in house before this major purchase. Pamphlets and fliers are now very easily and quickly produced as required.

Our holiday season is advertised elsewhere in this edition, and our wind up will be held on the last afternoon at the rooms. You must please notify the secretary if you intend to attend, as we will fully cater for lunch at 12pm.

Once again, thanks to all the fantastic crew in the group, and I wish you all, a happy and safe Festive Season, ready for a refreshed and bubbly start to hopefully, a busy and prosperous New Year. Cheers,

Bill.

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 are not found on the Internet, so please as members, utilize these resources whenever you are in the vicinity of our Group.

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

Judi Ryan

Librarian

FAMILY TREE CHARTS ON DISPLAY AT MILLERS DEPARTMENT STORE

Our Research ladies have been busy putting together a display to install in the Miller's Department Store window. The display which will be on view for 3 weeks, consists of some beautiful Family Tree Charts. The Research Team have been responsible for the design and layout of these original and unique 6 and 7 generation Family Tree Charts.

The designs on a chart are as variable as there are families who would like one. The charts can have a family crest, family photos, individual historic portraits, a homestead photo, a garden, a cemetery plot, it is limited only by imagination on what your Family Chart could depict.

OUR 2019 CALENDARS

The 2019 calendars have been printed on our new whizz bang printer.

Therefore, we have been able to reduce the price from \$15.00 to just \$10.00. This year the calendars showcase photos from the Howship Collection. They are just wonderful images of Benalla from a time long ago.

The calendars would make lovely gift for a friend or family member especially as Christmas is coming quickly.

\$10 OLD BENALLA \$10



Numbers of calendars printed are limited so be early. Order as soon as possible so we know if we need to do another lot.

They can be purchased from the Miller's Dept Store in Bridge Street, the West End Post Office-Bridge Street West, Stuck on Stationery 57 Carrier Street, the Information Centre in Mair Street and of course from us on a Tuesday or Wednesday, just pop in have a chat and a cuppa as well. If you would like a calendar mailed out to you, then there would be a small charge for the postage.

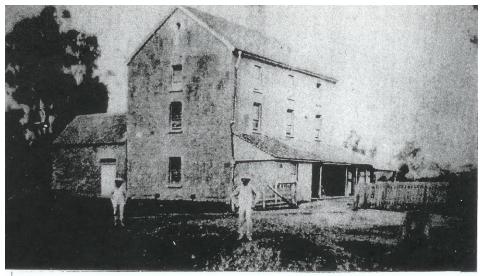
RESEARCH REQUESTS

SWABY, John (1829-1870) worked at Reilly's Mill in Benalla. John arrived in Victoria in 1859 together with his parents and siblings on 'Agincourt' at the age of five. He married Mary King. John worked at Reilly's Mill which was located on the corner of Nunn and Church Street in Benalla. Part of this building is still standing. (this is where the Opportunity Shop is located now)

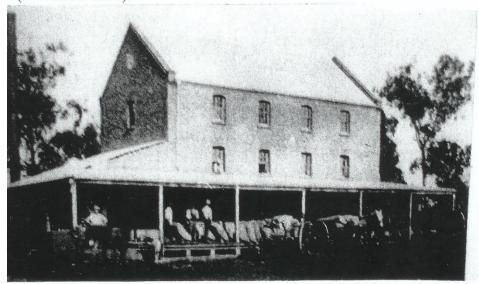
McCLAUSLAND, Rev. Anderson John (1823-1888). The Rev. McClausand married twice. It was his second marriage that created such an interesting story together with his connection to Kilfeera Station through his second wife Mary Jane (nee Banks) Johnston whose parents were living there at the time.

FRASER, Charles (c.1831-1881). Charles came from Scotland and was a bachelor who owned Benalla Station which was 7,202 acres in the Dookie area. Charles also owned a hotel in Dookie.

HENRY, Doctor Joseph (1840-1903). Joseph came from Kilkeel in County Down, Ireland and was a well-known doctor in Benalla in the 1860s and beyond. He married Edith Octavio Tatham in 1870 and they had ten children. His brother was Thomas Henry.



Reilly's Flour Mill in Nunn Street. Built in 1874, this photograph was taken in 1895. The main structure of the building is still standing. (November 1991).



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome back Marie Harris and John and Judy Barry. We hope they enjoy their time within our group and have success in their family research.

GROUP CLOSED

The last day to visit the Group will be Wednesday December 12th

GROUP REOPEN

The Group will be open again on Wednesday January 16th

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

December 25th and 26th

January 1st

January 26th

January 28th

March 11th

April 19th - 22nd

April 25th

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 out 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 out?

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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11.00am.

December 12th

To be confirmed as it is our Last Day Open

2019 Dates

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th Our AGM is usually in May also June 19th

If you wish to attend please advise the Secretary. We are pleased to advise 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.

Kel has noticed that the old fashioned names have not been used as often as in the past. New names emerging are Muriel, Marion and Rose.

Lynda has been assisting Chick with the production of a book about a family member.

The ladies have been working steadily in the Research Department.

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

MY FAMILY CHART- Janine Crawford

Let me tell you about my Family Chart that the Ladies at Benalla Family Research Group did for me; but first we must go back to where it all began.

My husband had been researching his family, and when he had finished his chart the ladies at the Research Group printed it out for him, and as an anniversary present, I had Jim from 'She's Arty' frame it. Well, I was so happy with the end-result that I did my own family history chart, and what fun it was, (well sort of!). I must admit, there were a few times that looking for family had me sitting at the computer at all hours of the day and night!

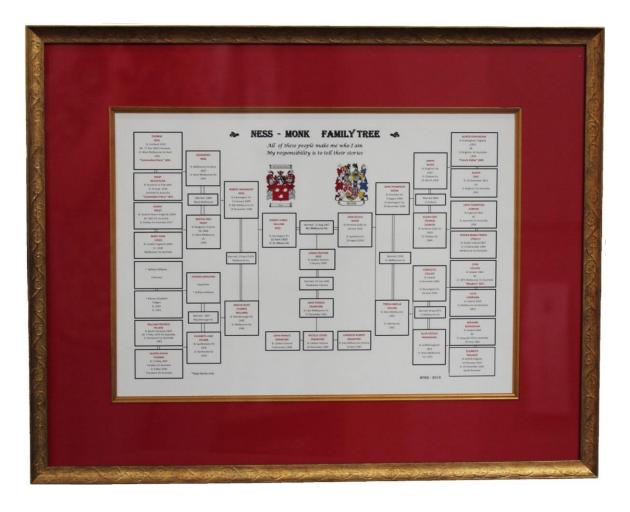
So, the end-result is the 'NESS / MONK' family history chart.

I found a Great Grandfather who was a bigamist (3 wives at the one time), a Great Great Great Grandmother who threw herself into a dam and drowned, a Great Great Grandfather who built the Faraday School. And that's just one side of the family.

On the other side I found a Grandfather who was the fireman on Puffy Billy, a Great Great Grandfather who came to Australia as a guard on a convict ship. (he came to Western Australia) and a Great Great Great Grandfather who built a hall in Ferntree Gully that still stands to-day.

I have found family members all over Australia, and I am not finished yet.

To the ladies at the Benalla Family Research Group I thank them for the finished chart, and to all the members of the group, thank you all for your help. Researching family history has opened a whole new world for me.



ELIZABETH TAYLOR/RULE/GOULD 1847 – 1931



Elizabeth Taylor (Rule/Gould) arrived in Port Phillip on board the "Hope" on the 21st July 1849 with her parents Noah and Hannah (nee Martin) Taylor and her brother William, according to shipping records she was aged 4 years and William was 1 year old.

The Taylor family came from West Lydford in Somerset. Shipping records say Noah Taylor on his arrival in Port Phillip, was employed by James Hodgkinsen of Woodstock as a farm labourer.

Elizabeth's first marriage was to Joseph Rule, she was 17 years old and he was 39. They married in 1864 in Meredith, Victoria. Joseph had been married in 1855 to Mary Bottomley, they had two children, James born 1857 and Elizabeth born 1859, Mary died in 1862 aged 30, leaving Joseph with two young children.

Joseph Rule arrived in Port Phillip on the 19th October 1852 on board the "Otillia" his occupation was noted as a Miner.

Elizabeth and Joseph went on to have eight children of their own:

- 1. Robert Muter Taylor Rule 1864- 1865 Born Morrisons Diggings Vic
- 2. Elizabeth Rule 1865-1890.
- 3. Mary Jane Rule 1867-1944. Born Ballarat. Vic
- Ellen Rule 1868-1946. Born Buningyong. Vic
 Louisa Rule 1870-1940. Born Buningyong. Vic
 John Rule 1871-1924. Born Buningyong. Vic
- 7. William Rule 1873-1874. Born Avenel. Vic 8. Sarah Ann 1874-1936. Born Avenel. Vic

Their last child Sarah Ann was born sometime in 1874 in Avenel, by March 1875 the family must have moved to near Violet Town, as by this time Joseph was working with the Railways in this area.

On the evening of Saturday 20th March 1875, Joseph had knocked off work around 5 pm, he and another man named Donahue and a 14-year boy named Stephen Wallace took the rail trolley into Violet Town for supplies. On their return trip they were struck from behind by a north bound ballast train at 8.06pm, both Joseph Rule and Stephen Wallace were killed. The train driver and other workers on the train retrieved their bodies, loaded them into the train and took them to the "Shamrock Hotel" in Benalla, on arrival they notified the police of the accident.

An inquest was held into their deaths by the Deputy Coroner Dr. John Nicholson on the 22nd and 23rd March 1875 at the "Shamrock Hotel". A full report was written up in the North Eastern Ensign. A copy of the inquest can be viewed online at the Public Records Office of Victoria.

Joseph Rule is buried in the Violet Town cemetery in an unmarked grave, his wife Elizabeth, left with 8 children wouldn't have had the means to be able to place a headstone on Joseph's final resting place.

Elizabeth was only about 28 years old at the time, how she managed with all these children is hard to imagine.

Joseph had four children to his first wife Mary Bottomley, who died in child birth in 1861 along with the last baby. Maybe the three older children from his previous marriage were old enough to be of assistance.

It wasn't until 4 years later, the 28th July 1879 that Elizabeth married for the second time to Benjamin Gould, the marriage was recorded at Euroa, she was 32 years old and Benjamin was 43 years old. However, their first child Benjamin Gould was born in 1877, on his birth registration (19289/1877) his father is recorded as "unknown" but on his death registration in 1959 (25092/1959) his father's name is recorded as Benjamin Gould. Therefore, Elizabeth and Benjamin must have met shortly after the death of Joseph Rule.

Benjamin Gould was born in Nottingham England c1830, in 1851 he was convicted of larceny and transported to Tasmania for the term of 7 years on board the "Lady Kennaway" arriving on the 28th May 1851, he was 19 years old. According to shipping records Benjamin left for Port Phillip on the 13th July 1854 on board the "Royal Shepherd" with a conditional pardon.

Benjamin was a hawker in the North Eastern area of Victoria, he was mentioned on the first page of Ned Kelly's Jerilderie letter, and Jim Kelly (Ned's brother) is reported as working for him. Benjamin was arrested as a Kelly sympathizer, he supplied them with food and drink.

Benjamin and Elizabeth had six children together all born at Violet Town in Victoria:-

- 1. Benjamin 1877-1959
- 2. Annie Selina 1879 1970
- 3. William Thomas 1881 1972
- 4. Walter Henry 1883 1969
- 5. Arthur Alfred 1885 1966
- 6. Frank Albert 1890 1955

They must have lived a very tough and hard life as Elizabeth had four of her children taken off her in 1889, Annie Selina aged 10, William Thomas aged 8, Walter Henry aged 6, and Arthur Alfred aged 4. She would have been pregnant with Frank Albert at this time.

The Children's Register of State Wards Victoria records that the four children were committed to care on the 13th December 1889.

Written on the report belonging to William Thomas Gould (No 17348) is - "Mother, 30 Melrose Street North Melbourne 25/3/90 - Mother of Violet Town made application for their discharge on the 23rd March 1890 but was refused as of account of unfavourable police reports. On the 6th January 1891, John Rule of Violet Town half-brother of the children made application for their discharge, but it was refused as the local police reported that he can hardly keep himself and is residing with his mother who is not fit to have custody of the children."

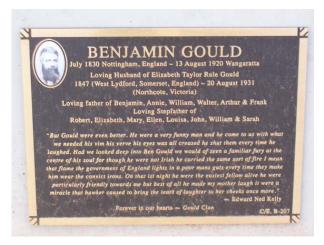
According to the Children's Register they were finally discharged to their Mother (Elizabeth Gould) on the 15th June 1898.

The Census and Voters Lists of 1903 – 1919 show Elizabeth as living at Violet Town with her three sons, William, Walter and Arthur. There is no mention of her husband Benjamin Gould living with them. There is a photo of her with the two younger boys standing in front of a weatherboard home, address Sydney Road, Violet Town. See photo next page.

Benjamin was in and out of the Beechworth Prison:

- 1. Conviction date 5 May 1881 for arson, one year hard labour.
- 2. Conviction date 12 August 1887 non-compliance of court order.
- 3. Conviction date 23 January 1889 assault 6 months.
- 4. Conviction date 12 August 1889 –assaulting police 2 months.

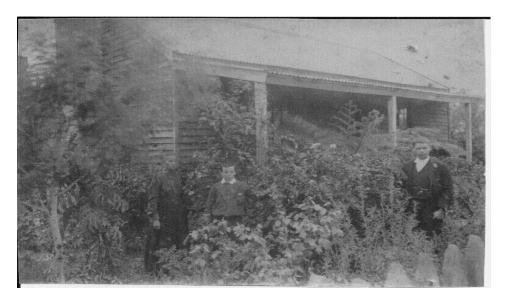
The last time Benjamin was put in prison was around the time his wife Elizabeth Gould had their four children taken from her and placed in care in Melbourne. She must have lived a very unpredictable life with him.



Benjamin died in Wangaratta on the 13th

August 1920 aged 90 years, he is buried in the Benalla Cemetery, Church of England Section B Plot 207.

Elizabeth gave birth to 14 children in 26 years, she died at Northcote on the 20th August 1931 aged 86 years, she is buried in an unmarked grave in the Fawkner Cemetery, Methodist Section D plot 55.



Elizabeth, Frank and Arthur outside their Sydney Road home in Violet Town, Victoria.

Wendy Maxwell 2018 BFRG – Sources: Digger, BDM Vic, Public Record Office Vic, LINC Tasmania, Prison Records, Shipping Records, Ancestry for Voters List & Public Trees for photos.

UNVEILING OF THE WINTON NORTH HONOUR ROLL

On October 28th 2018, at the Mokoan Hub and Café, the Winton Wetlands and the Winton North Community Group held a ceremony to unveil the Winton North State

School Honour Board.

This was a joint project to recognise and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of local soldiers who served during WW1.

There was an introduction and recognition of the families of the five men killed in action together with a short RSL service.



The board contains a brief history of the Winton North community, and a report of the original unveiling of the Honour Board in 1921 which contained photos of twenty soldiers supplied by a well-known local photographer, Mr W J Howship. It is disappointing that it is not known what became of this original board. The present Honour Roll is located at the Winton State School and has the names of eleven men who were involved in WW1 and two in the Boer War.

Above is the photo of the Honour Board including the photos of the five young men killed in action together with some information about each of them.

Fittingly the Honour Board was unveiled by a Lt. Col. Alison Lee CSM Rtd, who has been a member of the defence force for over 20 years and who has served overseas on a number of occasions. Alison grew up in the Winton North area and her parents are fifth generation farmers in the Winton/Glenrowan area.

This Honour Board will be located at the site of where the Winton North State School once stood in the Winton Wetlands. There are a number of other historic information boards throughout the Wetlands which make for interesting reading.

https://wintonwetlands.org.au/visit/general-info/ https://www.enjoybenalla.com.au/listing/winton-wetlands-winton-north/ https://www.facebook.com/wintonwetlands



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

One of the stories I discovered was about Harry Willis and his family. His older brothers Bert, George, David, and Sydney all enlisted after the war broke out.

Even though he was too young to have joined up Harry received a white feather, which as we all know was a sign of cowardice.



Harry pictured here enlisted in July 1915, by forging his mother's signature. He served on the Western Front and was one of the 5,000 soldiers killed, injured or captured in one of the worst days in Australian Military history.

It is quite an interesting and moving story of the brothers and their families, their search for Harry's burial place, and is well worth reading.

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

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

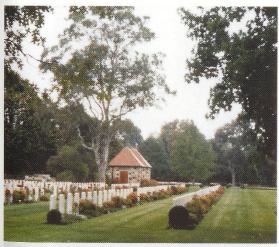


Victoria

Springvale War Cemetery and the Victorian Cremation Memorial

Located within the Springvale Necropolis, the Springvale War Cemetery contains 611 war graves, made up of six sailors, four soldiers and two airmen of the U.K. Forces; 25 sailors, 386 soldiers and 182 airmen of the Australian Forces; one member of the Salvation Army (attached to the Australian Military Force); one member of the YMCA (attached to the RAAF) and three sailors and one soldier of the Netherlands Force. The names of 72 Service personnel whose remains were cremated appear on the Cremation Memorial near the cemetery.

During the early months of WWII this land was set aside for the burial of men and women of the Services dying in the Melbourne area, by agreement between the Minister for the Army and the Necropolis Trust. Many of those buried there died of wounds in the Heidelberg Military Hospital after return from operational areas, others from sickness and accident.



Springvale War Cemetery

Albury War Cemetery

During WWII, Albury became a major Army base for Allied troops, ordnance and supplies. It also contained a Military Base Hospital which serviced the large military population in the area. Located within the Albury General Cemetery, in Waugh Road the cemetery contains 96 war graves, including two men of the Royal Navy. The other 94 burials are those of soldiers and airmen of the Australian Forces, most of whom died from war-related injury, illness or accident. A Cross of Sacrifice stands in the central path, flanked by the marble headstones on each side.



Albury War Cemetery

These pages were taken from the booklet entitled War Cemeteries within Australia. A few copies are available in the rooms. It details a comprehensive list of the numbers of war graves and war cemeteries throughout Australia. It does not feature every cemetery that contains a number of war graves as not all of those war graves are in War Cemeteries.

In Victoria there are five War Cemeteries they are located at Springvale, Bairnsdale, Sale, Mildura and Tatura (German Military Cemetery).

Benalla has 11 graves, Shepparton 10, Wangaratta 6, Tatura (German) 250, Seymour 19, Albury 96.

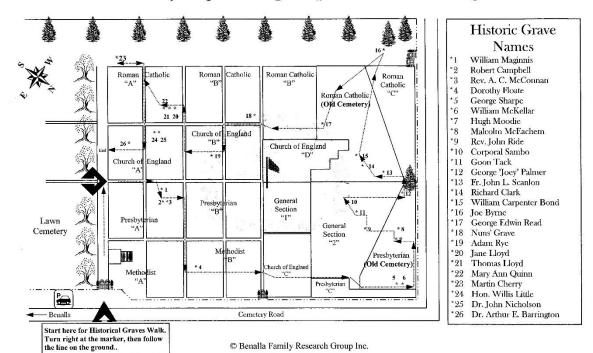
The Office of Australia War Graves maintains 11,651 war graves. Of these approximately half are in war cemeteries and the remainder distributed among 900 civil cemeteries throughout Australia. There are also memorials to 1,033 missing personnel.

Web site links for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

https://www.cwgc.org/

https://www.cwgc.org/history-and-archives/first-world-war/themes/road-to-peace

Benalla Cemetery map showing the graves of historical significance



BENALLA CEMETERY

^{*}1 William Maginnis (1841-1902) Early flour miller. Died from a fall from the railway

Bridge in 1902

*2 Robert Campbell (1860 -Train driver whose death in 1894 at Baddaginnie

caused a signalling change by Victorian Railways. *3 Rev. A. C. McConnan (1857 - 1930) Presbyterian Minister for 42 years from 1884. McConnan House at the High School was named

in his honour

4 Dorothy Floate.

A self taught cook, who won many wards at Shows and wrote cook books including

Success.

*5 George Sharpe. (1822 - 1882) Built the Commercial Hotel in 1856.

Benalla's first Shire President.

*6 William McKellar. (1797 - 1893) Benalla's first settler in 1839 at "Lima Station".

Died in 1893 aged 96 years

*7 Hugh Moodie. (1835 - 1903)

In 1869 conducted a foundry in the town where Carters and Beaurepairs were located.

Died in 1903

*8 Malcolm McEachern.

Early discoverer of a cure for sheep scab.

*9 Rev John Ride. (1789 - 1862)

1st Primitive Methodist minister in Victoria 1850.

Died 1862 aged 73.

*10 Corporal Sambo. (1825 - 1879) Native tracker brought from Queensland to track

down the Kelly Gang.

*11 Goon Tack. (1845 - 1880)
A Chinese resident who died at the age of 35.

*12 George Jocy" Palmer. (1859 - 1910)

Australian Test Cricketer in the 1880's Died 1910. Restoration of grave in 1999. HISTORICAL WALK

*13 Fr. John Lawrence Scanlon. (1846 - 1880) First Parish Priest at St. Joseph's Church.

Conducted burial of Constable Scanlon.

*14 Richard Clark. (1817 - 1859) Benalla's first Publican ran the Black Swan Inn at Arundel Street in 1840. Richard died in 1869.

*15 William Carpenter Bond (1817 - 1891) Benalla's first town pound keeper in 1848

16 Joe Byrne. (1857 - 1880) Member of the Kelly Gang, killed in 1880 at the

Glenrowan siege at Jone's Hotel. *17 George Edwin Rcid. (1852 - 1852) -Earliest burial 1852, probably moved from

Barrack Street Cemetery in 1854.

*18 Fight Nuns' Grave
The grave site of nuns who died whilst

serving at F.CJ.

*19 Adam Rye. (1820 - 1922) Aged 102, youngest of a family of 33. Had 263

descendants at the time of his death. *20 Jane Lloyd. (1837 - 1904)

Aunt of Ned Kelly

*21 Thomas Lloyd. (1837 - 1900)

Uncle of Ned Kelly.

22 Mary Ann Quinn nee McCluskey(1799-1894) Ned Kelly's grandmother who died at Swanpool

*23 Martin Cherry. (1821 - 1880) A hostage who was killed at Glenrowan siege 1880 *24 Hon. Willis Little. (1847 - 1917)
Born near Benailla 1847. Early Shire councillor and

Member of the Victorian Legislative Council. ^{*}25 Dr. John Nicholson. (1839 - 1915)

Very civic minded doctor who practised from 1870 to 1914. He died in 1914.

*26 <u>Dr. Arthur Barrington.</u> (1862 - 1919) A doctor from 1891 - 1919. Instigated Benalla bowls club and President of the Esperanto Club.



BENALLA CEMETERY HISTORICAL WALK

(Other specific walks can be arranged)

MAP OF THE **GENERAL & OLD** BENALLA CEMETERY

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Email secretary@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org

Bill Willett 0429 947696 Sec.

Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Ist Saturday of the month

By Appointment

The Group has records of over 120 Victorian Cemeteries

Check out the Benalla Cemetery one day soon. Lots of interesting history there. The flyer above shows the grave sites of some notable Benalla folks. One can see that many of our town's streets have been named after these people. This flyer is available in our rooms.

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

Special Messages from all of us here at the Benalla Family Research Group

We will be having lunch together on Wednesday December 12th, our last day open for 2018. Please come in, join us for lunch, but please RSVP soon, for catering purposes.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we hope to see you in the rooms one day very soon.

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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.

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