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Hello everyone,

It's time for another newsletter, this time for the third quarter of 2021. Like the majority of people in Victoria, I'm looking forward to returning to some sort of normality. It would be nice to turn on the radio or the TV and not be bombarded with Covid 19 updates, and continuing bad news. Still pandemics create situations that are difficult to deal with. The Benalla Family Research Group has of course been in lockdown, and although we have continued operating, we have been under restrictions. The BFRG is continuing with family research however, so if anyone requires information about their family history, please contact us.

Regarding any inquiries for family research, or inquiries in general, the rooms are open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm, or contact us on the Website, or email our Secretary Jane Rushworth – secretary@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org or our President Bill Willett – president@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Hello everyone.

Well, it looks as though it's more of the same for this newsletter, covid, covid and more covid. Much the same amount of work is progressing at the rooms with the same few attending. We won't know what to do with ourselves when, or if we start to return to normal as is the promise.

We sent out our buds and prickles asking for your Members Interests, i.e. your brick walls and stumbling blocks, but we have had very little response up to now. If you have a brick wall or would just like to have contact with any others with the same name and would like to participate by placing your brick wall name on a Members Interest list project, you need to do it quickly.

What happens then is we make a list of all the brick walls of all our members and publish it on our website. Your name, contact details and a distinguishing number are retained by the group and not published until or unless there is an enquiry about your named brick wall. We will then get in contact with you and ask if it is OK to forward your

contact details to the person enquiring about your brick wall name. It is entirely up to you whether you contact the enquirer or not, but your details are kept within the group and not released to anyone without your permission. So please respond with your brick wall names ASAP.

The information centre has moved into the kindergarten next door while construction of the new cinema and toilets on their old premises and the museum is completed so hopefully, we may get a few enquiries from visitors to Benalla from that move.





The Benalla Festival has again been cancelled so our proposed display at the Gardens oval during that weekend has now been abandoned.

Several new resources have been made by the research team and placed in the group's library, one of which is the "Convicts of Benalla & Winton project", which so far has identified eleven convicts currently buried in these cemeteries. Each has a comprehensive section on that particular convict including some relatives and event details. It staggered me that two small cemeteries like Benalla and Winton, so far away from the birthplace of these convicts have direct connection to our convict era. Another resource being worked on and updated at present is the "Pubs of Benalla Project"

Library workers are currently finding more space in the compactors to house these new resources for you to use, so come in and search the rooms for what you want and need, and have a chat, discussion, and a cuppa while you are here. Look forward to seeing you all in the rooms soon. Cheers, Bill.

SECRETARY REPORT

We have 50 members. A hearty *thank you* to our long time members for your on-going support through a particularly difficult Covid era, and a *warm* welcome to our new members:

-  Bob and Pam Kennedy
-  Isobel McInnes
-  Coleen Lett
-  Jill Yates

Despite Covid ... or perhaps because of Covid ... it has been a busy and variable 6 months. The committee has made a pragmatic decision to implement the State Government's Covid guidelines. This means that all visitors to BFRG rooms will be asked to show proof of vaccination, QR code or sign in, wear a facemask, practice social distance, and use hand sanitiser.

If you are having trouble getting your "proof of vaccination" certificate on to your phone, go to: <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/individuals/online-help/medicare/link-medicare-mygov-your-medicare-card>

Your Xmas party invitation is in this edition. We look forward to catching up with you at the Benalla Gold Club on Wednesday 8th December 12.15-3:00 pm. **It is very important in this Covid era to RSVP to BFRG by Tuesday 23rd November so we can confirm numbers with the Golf Club.**

The BFRG will close for a Xmas break for these dates:

- Closed 4:00 pm 15/12/2021.
- Re-open 10:00 am 11/01/2021

RESEARCH REPORT

From the start of June until now the Research Team have completed 20 paid requests, well down on the previous three months. This brought in just under \$1000 to the group. Requests have included several rates lookups, two family tree charts, a Benalla house history, and research into a number of families including DALGLEISH/WELLS, VENIER/BERNADI, HOSKIN, BUCHANAN, CROXFORD, MOGFORD and the Mt Pleasant Hotel, MARTIN, PRIEST, KING and CHURCH.

Wendy Maxwell is finally back with us after 3 months having a wonderful time travelling around Queensland and South Australia.

As well as the completed Convicts at Benalla and Winton Cemeteries project, the Lone Graves project is still on-going.

Chick Walker from our research team has provided me with an article from the Benalla Ensign of Thursday 3 June 1954. The article refers to a local identity Mr. "Tup" Callow.

£150 wanted Home for "Tup" Callow

A public appeal for £150 has been launched by a group of leading citizens, for the purpose of providing a home for "Tup Callow", one of the town's best known and respected identities.

Because of the proposed erection of a new supper room at the Memorial Hall, where Jim was caretaker for some years, he had to seek other accommodation. Last weekend, a working bee erected an S.E.C. hut at the rear of his mother's home in Smythe street, and it is now hoped, that with public support, to suitably furnish it.

"Tup", as he is familiarly known to one and all, has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the town, and is always ready to assist with any function. For many years he was associated with the Fire Brigade and Football Club, and in his younger days taught many youngsters to swim, a sport at which he was outstanding. He was also a noted football trainer.

Subscriptions can be left with the following: - Mr. Max Moore, at Waters Skin Store, Cr. E. S. Straughair, at his new premises at Benalla West, Mr. Norm Sheehan, Carrier Street, and Mr. George Say, chemist, Bridge St.

The organisers are hoping for a quick and ready response from the public, as they are anxious for "Tup" to be installed in his new home as quickly as possible.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: -

Subject: Aging Great one! (Part 2)

😊 An elderly woman decided to make her will, and she told her solicitor she had two final requests. Firstly, she wanted to be cremated, and secondly, she wanted her ashes

to be sprinkled over Woolworths. "Why Woolworths the solicitor exclaimed?". The woman replied, "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week".

😊 Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out.

😊 The senility prayer: - Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

😊 I recently received a letter from our personable senior member Beryl Ilsley, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. In recognition of her milestone, Beryl received congratulations from the member for Northern Victoria, which caused her to wonder how the M.P. was aware of her birthday, when the Birth Index is only available up to 1920. Spoken like a true family researcher Beryl.

Beryl also sent me an item called: -

The real value of grandparents – tangible and non-tangible.

Grandparents answering machine message:

Good morning....at present we are not at home, but please choose from one of these options:

If you are one of our children, dial one, and then select the option from one to five, in order of your birth date, so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press two.

If you want to borrow the car, press three.

If you want us to wash your clothes, and do the ironing, press four.

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press five.

If you want us to pick up the kids from school, press six.

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday, or to deliver it to your home, press seven.

If you want to come and eat here, press eight.

If you need money, press nine.

If you are going to invite us to dinner, or take us to the theatre, start talking, we are listening.

Also from Beryl: -

According to the Macquarie Dictionary a Paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of an idiom, proverb, or well-known expression or formula of words, is altered to make an unexpected and humorous ending. Some examples: -

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- They begin the evening news with "Good Evening", then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I only wanted payslips.
- Women will never be equal to men, until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they're sexy.
- And: - I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure



Two of our committee members, Wendy Maxwell, and Judy Ryan, have compiled a useful collection of web sites, which can be used to aid family research. Here are some examples: -

- ✚ If you are researching in Victoria, the first port of call would be Victorian births deaths and marriages. Vicbdm.com.au
- ✚ Trove covers books, magazines, articles, photos, and digitized newspapers. Trove.nla.gov.au
- ✚ State Library of Victoria has copies of newspapers, government gazettes, electoral roles, post office directories, historical articles, and of course books. Slv.vic.gov.au.
- ✚ Public record office Victoria holds copies of wills, probates, and titles to property. Prov.vic.gov.au
- ✚ Coraweb has records of asylum and hospital records, cemeteries, convicts and shipping. Coraweb.com.au
- ✚ For military records search awm.gov.au
- ✚ For finding free family history records of Australian ancestors - myancestors.com.au

This is just a small example, there are many more, which I hope to include in future editions. The folder containing this information sits on the table in the rooms and is available to any member and guest when they visit.

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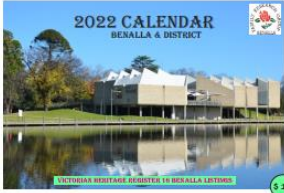
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July




August




September



October



November



December

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Well, that's it for this newsletter. At the time of writing, Victoria's roadmap out of lockdown has been published, which should mean that we can look forward to a continuing easing of restrictions from now on. This will be our last newsletter for 2021, so may I extend the compliments of the season to all readers. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Bye for now,
John Crawford, Editor.



Season's Greetings.



Enjoy your time with family and friends ... and catch up on cuddles.