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Hello everyone,

It's time for another newsletter. I must apologise for the lateness of this edition, as I have had some health issues to deal with. Hopefully they are in the past, but it will be a short edition this time although I will endeavor to keep you up to date with happenings within the group. At the rooms it's business as usual, researching family trees, and undertaking associated projects. There is also the ongoing issue of looking for a new home, which will affect the Group until the situation is resolved.

Regarding any inquiries for family research, or inquiries in general over the holidays, contact us on our Website, or email our Secretary – secretary@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org or our President Bill Willett – president@benallafamilyresearchgroup.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

There will be no Presidents report for this issue as Bill is recovering from a replacement knee operation. You will hear from him in the next edition.

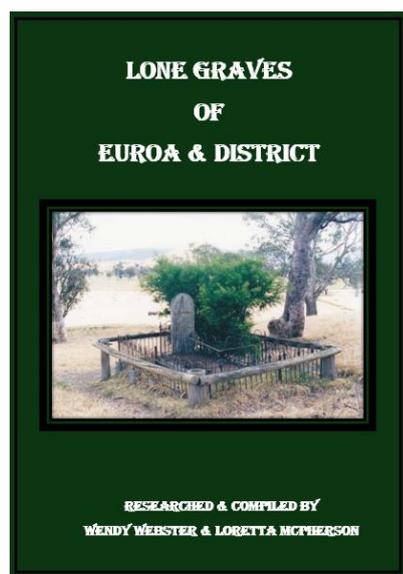
A DAY IN THE GARDENS

The Group will once again attend the annual Benalla Day in the Gardens to be held this year on November 10th at the Benalla Botanical Gardens Cricket oval.

We welcome all Members to participate in our interactive site featuring:-

- Children's activities including creating their own family tree
- Raffle for a hamper, quilt and membership of the Group
- Jellybean guessing competition
- Family History research
- Inspection of Benalla Rate Books index and Howship photos for sale.
- Library books for sale
- BFRG publications including Lone Graves of Benalla and Lone Graves of Euroa, and Arthur Baird Quantas's Quite Achiever
- 2025 Calendar – Watering Holes of Benalla and District.
- Parish maps for inspection – locate your property

Our site offers a fun experience for all age groups and an opportunity to sit and talk to Committee members about your area of interest. Come and join us.



A second book on the topic of Lone Graves has just been completed covering those graves in the Euroa districts including Violet Town, Balmattum, Boho, Strathbogie, Miepoll, Longwood, Avenel, Gooram, Merton, Yea, Dry Creek, and Tarcombe, Wanghambehm and Wappan Stations.

This collection, again, is not limited to confirmed graves as it also contains believed grave sites in the following categories: -

Lone grave/s—isolated single or groups

Station/Pastoral cemeteries— (Tarcombe and Wanghambehm Stations)

Private cemeteries—family cemeteries (e.g., Wappan Station, Doogalook)

Unsubstantiated—rumoured grave/s only (Shean's Creek Road, Violet Town)

Once again copies of all death certificates, Inquests and Wills are held by the Benalla Family Research Group together with maps of locations referred to throughout the book.

This project has followed the completion of “Lone Graves of Benalla & District” and was only achievable through the generous donation of material from Loretta McPherson, who has also assisted with the associated research.

The book is now for sale at the Benalla Family Research Group, (St Andrew's Church Hall), 9 Church Street, Benalla at a cost of \$30. Phone orders will also be taken by phone on 0427664271.

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

The BFRG will hold our Christmas break up on the 17th December 2024 at the Benalla Golf Club at 12.30pm. Please contact the Group if you would like to attend, because we need to provide the number of people attending to the Golf Club before the date.

New and renewed memberships are a bit slow this year so if you haven't paid your subscription yet, this is a reminder to do so, so we can continue to provide the conditions and friendliness we are known for, and the services we provide. To keep an accurate data base of members, a membership form has been included that we wish you to complete and return to the rooms.

Well, that's all for this edition. There will be more of the same in the next one.

Bye for now,
John Crawford,
Editor

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