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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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Editor's Notes

Hello Everyone,

I apologise for the long wait for your newsletter. We have decided on a new way of producing it. Instead of me trying to find interesting things to put into the newsletter the group's team are contributing directly into the body template and I will just be editing to make it look nice.

Our members are busy in our rooms.

The two Wendy's, Pam and the Research Team at back into the swing of chasing and checking details of Family Trees.

Kelvin is still at the computer busily entering the information for the Rates and is now up to 1917. Bill is struggling to keep up with him and entering and correcting all the original index, always busy at his desk, doing all the necessary things to keep the Group running smoothly.

We have a great group of people ready, willing and able to assist members with their Family History Research

- Family Tree Charts as part of the Special Project for the year.
- Lots of family trees researched by the team
- A large number of resources catalogued for the Library
- New members

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 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

Our Annual General Meeting has been done and dusted again for the coming year. There have been some changes to the team, but basically the same group of people are running the Group, just a few changes around in responsibilities.

Thanks to Chick for running the group for the last three years and continuing to be involved in the research department. If there is anyone in Benalla that knows the history and its people better than Chick, I have yet to meet them.

Wendy Webster has taken over the reins as Secretary, so you should all see a considerable improvement in the running of that department with less mistakes and probably better wording in the outgoing correspondence.

I inherited the President's role for the coming year, so I sincerely hope the wheels don't fall off while I am at the helm.

Other positions remain the same and in good hands.

Of course, there are the couple of escapees' that have travelled North to get out of the Victorian winter, but we will catch up to them when the weather turns to hot where they are, and they return to a cooler place.

There have been several changes in the rooms lately, including the updating of some of the Administration computers. We were lucky enough to be given six Windows Seven computers from a local Accounting firm, which updated our technology from about 15 years old to around 7 years old, but they created a big job to change over and update all the software programs to suit. However, this has now been completed, and we are up and running again. Michael Plex, a local Benalla computer Guru has done a wonderful job for us and taken away the worry and hard yakka from the mere mortals left in the rooms while this was all happening. Neil will be ecstatic when he returns from his overseas jaunt.

As a result, we have the old computers available to give away or throw out. Michael tells us that anyone having a computer with XP or Windows Vista working platform **should not** connect it to the internet, as these platforms are no longer supported by Microsoft and are **very** vulnerable to attack. However, the computer is perfectly suitable for all other use. Should anyone require a computer for writing letters, genealogy applications or all general computing, get in contact fast, first in first served.

We also have our new photocopier up and running, and apart from a couple of hiccups with knowing which button to push, it is working brilliantly and much quicker to access, and a far superior copy than we have ever had before. It copies both A4 and A3 and anything smaller so has revolutionized our copying capability. Looking forward to doing this year's calendars, all within our rooms.

A suggestion box has been initiated at the front desk so please don't be afraid to make any suggestions you think will improve the running or look of the group and its rooms. It will be cleared before each Committee meeting and acted upon at that meeting.

Cheers,

Bill

LIBRARY REPORT

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.

Some new books have been kindly donated by June Mayne (over 40) these range from books on Ned Kelly, Ben Hall, Fred Ward (Captain Thunderbolt), Tasmania, Tasmanian Convicts, Clans of Scotland, Beechworth Area, Sandy Creek, Benalla and District Soldiers and Nurses, and Ghost Towns of Victoria and the North East. A lot of books donated by June are cuttings from Newspapers etc these are a valuable source of information.

Some family histories we have received are-William Henry CLARK, John CLARK Jnr, Richard CLARK, LEE Family and William Henry Charles FISHER.

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

Judi Ryan
Librarian

RESEARCH REPORT

Requests continue to come in slowly. There have been several people from both in and out of town who have come into the rooms seeking help with their research. One man who came in was from Western Australia and was researching his HYLAND ancestors. Chick arranged for him to meet a 4th cousin who lived in Benalla, and they were able to share their research.

There were also a couple of women from Melbourne researching QUINN and HOGAN who spent several hours looking through our books, maps and other resources and were very pleased with their discoveries.

Other research requests from families include: PLOZZA and SYMES, SCHOLLES, RHODES, JOHNSON, MORAN, and BOYLAN.

Research Team

NEW TIPS SECTION

A vast amount of information concerning genealogy and family history is now available on the internet if you know where to go to find it. We have a small booklet in the library called "Irish Family History on the Web" by Stuart A Raymond, in its third edition, and it is just crammed with web addresses, gateways, search engines and information. Ireland is one of the most difficult places to research, so this book could be a Godsend to anyone struggling with their Irish family history. Remember, members can borrow books from the library for a week at a time, so first in, best researched.

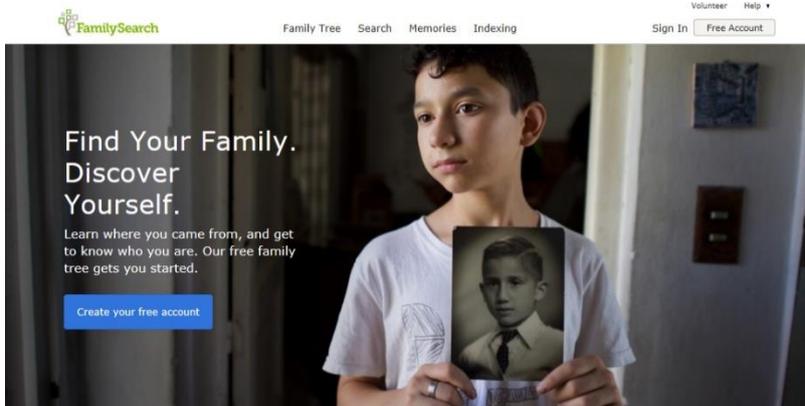
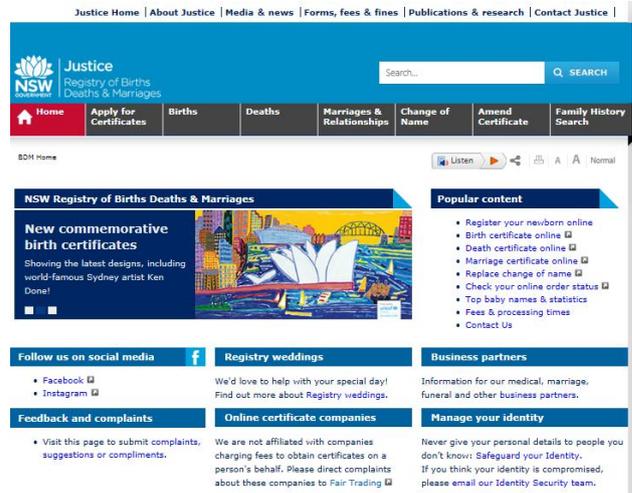
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Never give up searching!

RESEARCHING SUCCESS

Recently a researcher I was helping, obtained an 1881 Marriage certificate for his great grandparents from the NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages.

- He needed to know the name of the groom's mother and father. (NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages <https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au>) Unfortunately, although the town where the marriage took place was named, the groom's parents were not named on the certificate.
 - As there was also no death found for the groom, a lot of research went into finding out through other means just who his parents might be.
 - Everything seemed to point to a couple who didn't register any of the births of their children, but we had NO PROOF.
 - Even though we had the Marriage certificate,
- I decided to try to find this marriage on the family search website.
- <https://www.familysearch.org> You must log on, but there are no fees involved.
- BINGO there it was!



It was a record of this Marriage naming the bride and groom, their parents and the name of the Church.

- This led to the researcher emailing and obtaining a Copy of the Certificate of Marriage from the Church office. This showed everything, both sets of parents, and witnesses etc.

NOTE: We were advised that in NSW, the Church in the later 1880s did not have to provide parent's names when sending details to the Registrar.

Editor's Note: There are many places to research your family history. Some people write their journals and then upload them and their Family Trees to specific web sites for you to tap into. One that I have used it Family Tree Circles. www.familytreecircles.com Make yourself an ID, log in and look for your family name and see if anyone else is looking for the same family.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome
Ray Sellars, Jenny Bickerton, Jennifer Black,
Robert Downing, Lorraine Goodman,
Elaine Towers,

We wish them well with their research.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2018

AFL Grand Final –
Friday September 28th

Melbourne Cup Day-
Tuesday November 6th

December 25th and 26th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report on Office Bearers for 2018.

President: Bill Willett
Vice President: Janine Crawford
Secretary: Wendy Webster
Treasurer: Tom Sloan

Research: Wendy Maxwell
Chick Walker
Kaye Patterson
Wendy Webster
Pam Herbert

Library: Judi Ryan
Rosemary Archer
GSV Rep: Mary Millar

Electronics: Neil White
Web Master: Karl Phillipson

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.

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

The group decided to change their meeting days from Tuesday to Wednesday to accommodate the availability of majority of members.

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

October 17th
November 21st
December to be advised.

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

Some of our members have been diligently indexing the Rates Books.

Thank you to Kelvin Freemantle, Bill Willett, Ros Hunt and Jo Wise. The Rates have been completed up to 1916. Lyn has been indexing the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Baptism certificates, they are stored in coloured coded folders in the compactus and on a Master Index, this will make it much easier for people to access. Thankyou Lyn for your assistance.

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.

[BENALLA HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY.](#)

Obtained via Trove website.

UNITED MOVE TO BE MADE

A united effort by the Borough Council and the Benalla branch of the Victorian Teachers' Union is to be made to have a full technical school established at Benalla, and representations will be made to the Minister for Education when he visits Benalla next month.



The matter was brought forward at Monday night's meeting of the Borough Council by Cr. S. R. Harris, who moved that representatives of the Council confer with members of the Benalla V.T.U. to prepare a case for submission to the Minister for Education for the establishment of a full technical school at Benalla.



In seconding the motion, Cr. Ferguson said that Benalla lost its students to Wangaratta when they first started, and that town had never looked back.

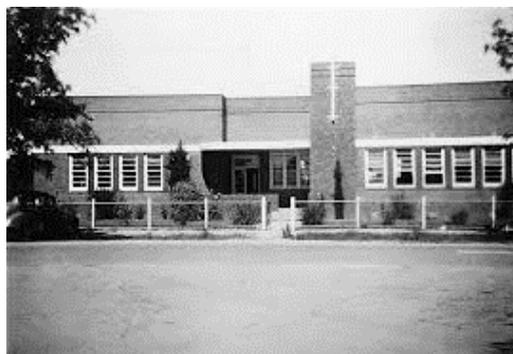
Cr. Say said there was conflict of policy in the Department as to whether it was better to have full technical schools or a combined school. If there was to be two distinct heads, there was likely, to be the problem of competition. He was in a

quandary as to the right attitude they should adopt. He felt they would have to be wisely guided.

Cr. Harris said the best solution was two separate schools like Wangaratta.

At a full technical school, the students received the true technical training, and there was no competition. Cr. Talochino said the biggest problem would be the fight against school consolidation. Cr. Say said that they would have a strong case with the proposed camp to be established here and proposed new industries.

Cr. Harris said the town was urgently in need of full facilities for apprenticeship in Benalla. The motion on being put was carried unanimously,



LINKS-

Benalla High School History book available at the National Library Australia.

<https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/1799912>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benalla_College



School Friends Reunion...

Invitation to those people who attended the Benalla High, Benalla Technical or FCJ Schools between the 1940's and 1990's.

It will be held on Saturday October 13th and Sunday October 14th

**The Glasshouse, Lakeside Community Centre
at Benalla Showgrounds
Entrance is via the second gateway on Arundel Street**

**COST- \$25.00 PER PERSON FOR A TWO COURSE MEAL.
Drinks available at the BAR.**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We have the opportunity of going through our old Benalla High School.
THE TOUR will commence at 2.30pm. Please note after the end of this year it will no longer be open to the public.
After the tour we will go to the Glasshouse to continue to catch up.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Stay together and enjoy a two course meal at 6.00pm. The Glasshouse has a huge room ideal for us.

SUNDAY we will get together again at the Royal Hotel.

It was 2012 when we had our last big reunion.
We suggest you book your motel as soon as possible.
Please let your friends know. The more the merrier.

**Please contact the committee by phone-
RSVP so they make sure there is plenty of food for us..**

Lorraine Crawford	0438 056 507
Berny Chivers	0417 535 916
Warren Tucker	0435 572 050

**Let's make this one a really
....BIG GET TOGETHER....
before we lose any more of our friends.**



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