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Hello members,

Winter must be a good time for genealogists. I have dusted off my ‘research hat’ and been diving into the past! The trouble is, it has been such a while since I last did any significant research, that I have forgotten where I have already ‘been’ and ‘who’ I have contacted etc. The moral I think is to keep at it in a steady and persistent way!

While our meetings have been well attended and without incident, some strange happenings affected our Boolarra friends in Gippsland at their June meeting. The members were gathered in the original 120 year old Boolarra Primary School on June 19 when an earth tremor of magnitude 5.4 occurred. The epicentre was only a few kilometres away and so the old building shook, the floor, the walls and ceiling buckled, the light swayed from side to side, the guest speaker was rudely interrupted and some members rushed off to see if any damage had been done at home. Member of M&DGS Margaret Willsmore, grew up at Boolarra and her brother and sister-in-law were at the meeting. She wondered whether the minutes secretary got to record the historic event in the minutes!

We are very much looking forward to our September meeting which will be over by the time you get this. Meryl Bolin graphologist will be the guest speaker.

On October 20, Mark Grealy from Archival Access Victoria will conduct a whole day workshop with lots of topics to be covered. The workshop will be held at the Carnegie Centre from 10.30 am till 6 pm. See details on page 15.

Unfortunately at our AGM, several positions on the committee remained vacant. If you feel you could step up and become more involved with our society, please contact me and I will forward your message to the committee. We urgently need a President. Two other roles needing someone are the Publicity Officer and the Guest Speaker Organiser. The latter two positions have been capably handled by Raylee and they do not require a big time commitment. If you are interested in helping with any of these positions contact me or phone Raylee Schultz 50238778.

I welcome contributions from you so please write to hsmith16@y7mail.com

Till next time, Happy family searching,

Helen Stagg

PS If any members would prefer to receive their newsletter via email, please email me and I will add you to the list. This saves a lot of handling and postage. hsmith16@y7mail.com
The Mildura & District Genealogical Society Cemetery Project.

The Mildura Nichols Point Cemetery project has involved the indexing on computer of the headstone transcriptions and photographs collected over many years by the Mildura & District Genealogical Society volunteers. With the successful Local History Grant the Society recently received, the completed computer index of 16,000 entries has now been published.

The transcribing and photographing of the headstones has involved many years of hard work by the Genealogical Society’s dedicated volunteers and by being able to complete this project and have it published it will now meet the needs of many people, especially those who are working on their family and local histories. These books provide a very important research tool and data base for all groups including schools, libraries and other local history and genealogical societies.

The three Mildura Nichols Point Cemetery volumes include the Monumental and Lawn Registers and Inscriptions and cover the years 1891 - 2010. The books were launched by Mr Peter Crisp MP at the Mildura Genealogical Society AGM on the 6th August.

The Mildura & District Genealogical Society is situated in the Carnegie Local History Centre 74 Deakin Ave. The Genealogical Library is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 11am-4pm. On these days volunteers are on hand to help people with their research. The Genealogical Society Library is the largest in N/W Victoria and has a comprehensive collection of family history and local history publications and research tools. For further information phone 0350220172

For Sale:
The new 3 part Mildura “Nichols Point” Cemetery Publication.
- Book 1 Monumental and lawn cemetery Register
- Book 2 Monumental Cemetery Inscriptions
- Book 3 Lawn Cemetery Inscriptions

Price: $30 each or $75 for the 3 books together. There is a 10% discount for members of the M&DGS. Postage will be $12.50.

Above: Mr Peter Crisp, MLA Member for Mildura, officially launched the 3 volumes of the Mildura Cemetery Register and Inscriptions on Aug. 6 2012.
Olympic Games: Early Mildura connection.
Enid Sutherland and Sue Burgess did some interesting research for this newsletter when they came across the pictured brush set with little metal plate inscribed: “Presented to Ivan Stedman by Mildura Swimming Club on his departure for Olympic Games 1924.” They looked him up on The Australian Dictionary of Biography and found this information.

Ivan is mentioned in Ken Wright’s book, A Land Fit For Heroes, which is Jenny Dedman’s choice for book review this quarter.

Life Summary
Birth: 13 April 1895, Oakleigh, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Death: 7 January 1979, Prahran, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Religious Influence: Anglican
Occupation: dairy products manufacturer, farmer, Olympian, public servant, soldier, soldier-settler, swimmer

Page 108 of Wright’s book states that Stedman had Block no 258 at Red Cliffs. He was a blockhand at Mildura when he enlisted from Melbourne. He was ‘Mentioned in Dispatches’, a military award for gallantry or otherwise commendable service, for diving into a river in France to rescue a British soldier; this is not surprising given his swimming prowess.
Stedman, Ivan Cuthbert (1895–1979)

By Harry Gordon

Ivan Cuthbert Stedman (1895-1979), swimmer, was born on 13 April 1895 at Oakleigh, Melbourne, second son of Victorian-born parents James Cuthbert Stedman, merchant, and his wife Lesbia, née Allee. Ivan was educated at Brighton Grammar School and briefly (1905-07) at Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore). At the age of 12 he contested his first race, a 50-yard (46 m) event for boys, at Melbourne's Middle Park Baths, but 'got kicked in the face and pulled out'. In 1910-11 he won Victorian junior championships over 100, 200 and 300 yards (91 m, 183 m and 274 m).

Swimming styles began to change in the first decade of the twentieth century. Variations of side-stroke were followed by the English trudgen—which involved a frog-like kick and alternate sweeps out of the water with either arm—and finally the crawl, pioneered by Arthur and Richmond Cavill and Alick Wickham. Stedman switched in 1911 from what he called 'pure trudgen' to a two-beat version of the crawl, imitating Cecil Healy, the swimmer he admired most.

In 1912 Stedman won the 220-yards (201 m) championship of Victoria, his first senior title, and joined the Melbourne Swimming Club. Respiratory troubles and a throat operation made him withdraw from a trial for fourth place in Australia's 4 x 200-metres freestyle relay team for the Olympic Games that year. After leaving school, he had taken a job with the tobacco merchant Joseph Kronheimer & Co., and 'flirted with Lady Nicotine'.

On 13 June 1916 Stedman enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force. He joined the 5th Field Artillery Brigade on the Western Front in August 1917, but was wounded at Passchendaele, Belgium, two months later when a shell burst in his gun-pit. Following convalescence in England, he rejoined his unit in France in May 1918. For diving into the dark waters of the Hallue River on 23 June and rescuing a British soldier, he received an award from the Royal Humane Society, London. In September Stedman learned that his hero, Healy, had been killed at Mont St Quentin.

Discharged from the A.I.F. on 4 December 1919 in Melbourne, Stedman was chosen for the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, Belgium. He led the Australian team in the procession at the opening ceremony. With (Sir) Frank Beaurepaire, Harry Hay and William Herald, he won a silver medal in the 4 x 200-metres relay. Back in Victoria, he took up a farming block at Red Cliffs under the soldier-settlement scheme. In 1921 he was victorious in 100 (91 m) and 200 yards (183 m) breast-stroke races at a carnival of champions in Hawaii. His Australian championships included the 100-yards (91 m) freestyle (1920 and 1921), 220-yards (201 m) breast-stroke (1921, 1924 and 1927) and 440-yards (402 m) breast-stroke (1927). In 1924 he competed in freestyle and breast-stroke events at the Olympics in Paris.

From about 1927 to 1931 Stedman owned and managed a factory which processed dairy products at Lang Lang, Victoria. At Christ Church, Essendon, on 6 September 1930 he married with Anglican rites Violet Livingstone Jackson, an opera singer. He worked successively as a sales representative for B. Seppelt & Sons Ltd, as a contracts officer with the Department of Supply and Development, and as office manager for Peter Isaacsion Pty Ltd. Having turned to long-distance swimming, he won the three-mile (4.8 km) handicap along the Yarra River in 1946 (in record time) and in 1952. With his friend Percy Cerutty, he studied ways of delaying the process of ageing. Stedman died on 7 January 1979 at Prahran and was cremated. His wife and their son survived him.

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I’ve lost an ancestor in the online censuses! How can I find him/her?

By ROY STOCKDILL

This is a very common problem, especially when an individual is found in one census but not in another. It’s important to remember that census returns can contain many errors of mistranscription and indexing, plus enumerator’s errors and the fact that information often varies, sometimes wildly, from one census to another.

But remember also that transcribers are told to transcribe exactly what they SEE and not what someone thinks it ought to be! Remember the maxim that "an enumerator's error is not an error" and you should never try to correct what is clearly an enumerator's error based on some other information you may possess. All you can do is add a note of annotation in your records, clearly explaining why you think something is incorrect.

Individuals and families moved about in Victorian times far more than we imagine and the likelihood of finding people at the same address in successive censuses is not high. Often you may find someone has moved many miles away for work purposes. Occupations particularly susceptible to this were railway workers, commercial travellers, merchants, seamen and fishermen, and so on – even agricultural labourers who may have left the land to go and find work in factories in a town.

And then there’s the fact that sometimes our ancestors told fibs, varying from little white lies to whopping great big ones! Perhaps they’d told a lie to their spouse about their age and had to maintain it, or possibly there was a more sinister reason - like someone in authority was looking for them. I’ve come across a number of cases where the name has changed altogether but one can still tell from the family pattern (children's names, ages, birthplaces etc) that it was the same family. Some people elevated their social situation in the censuses.

There may be other reasons why ages and birth places can differ in censuses. Many people genuinely didn’t know precisely how old they were, particularly if they’d been born before 1837. Or they might give their birth place as a village in one census and the nearest town in another, sometimes different places altogether. Maybe they thought they'd been born in a particular place and, by the time of the next census, they'd found out they were actually born somewhere else. Some gave the name of the earliest place they could remember living in, which might not have been where they were born at all.

How can you break down these brick walls when searching the online censuses?

There’s a family historian’s motto that says “Less is more”. What this means is that it is possible to enter too much information into the search fields, especially if you’ve ticked the "exact" box. If just one detail is wrong, then you may well not find your ancestor. To solve the problem try these things...

1. Uncheck the "exact match only" box.
2. Try variant surnames and allow soundex and/or phonetic matches, using every variant you can think of.
3. Use wildcards. Use only some of the surname and an asterisk to allow the search engine to fill in the rest. The drawback to this approach is that you may return too many results. In these cases you may have to gradually add information a bit at a time to eliminate some of them.
4. Omit the surname altogether. It’s surprising how often this can work! I often try entering just a forename or forenames, an approximate age and birth place and you may be fortunate enough to find your ancestor appearing in a surname that has become seriously garbled, either in the original census or in the transcription, but which you can recognise by the forenames of the spouse and children.

5. If you can’t find an individual with his/her family, consider that they might have been living away from home in service; in an institution, such as a school, hospital, workhouse, prison or asylum; gone into the army or navy and serving abroad or in a military establishment somewhere; working overseas. Don’t forget to look for them in shipping lists and other resources.

6. Always look at the neighbours and up and down the street. In Victorian times when homes were seriously over-crowded, some families often "farmed out" some of the kids to other family members like uncles and aunts, cousins and even neighbours who weren’t relatives.

7. Has the missing person you’re looking for died/got married/gone abroad/changed their name, etc, etc.

8. Read the help and advice sections at FMP, Ancestry, etc, thoroughly before starting out on your search. These give very similar advice to that I have given above.

9. ALWAYS check to see whether there are what Findmypast calls "Known issues" in the censuses. For instance, there are missing pages, missing piece numbers and other known problems. I was recently looking for people I thought ought to be in the parish of Malpas, Cheshire, in the 1841, but then I looked at the Help page and discovered substantial parts of the parish were missing. In Yorkshire in 1841 parts of the parish of Ripon are missing. The damaged (and many recovered) pages in the Manchester area in the 1851 are well known but in Yorkshire in 1851 pages in the parish of Darton were damaged by flooding. Pauline Littons say in her excellent book "Pitfalls and Possibilities in Family History Research" that in 1861 16 piece numbers have not survived and sections of another 81 are missing. In Yorkshire, parts of Leeds and Halifax are missing, also parts of Guisborough. If you are unlucky enough to have had an ancestor in the missing bits, well - TOUGH!

10. Are there alternative records that can be checked? A good source, especially if your ancestor was from a gentry, ecclesiastical or land-owning family or a tradesman, is to look at directories around the time of the census (though of course they won’t normally name other members of the family). Also land and house records, though this will rarely apply to a humble working family.

11. Many men are absent from the 1901 census because they were fighting in the Second Boer War in South Africa. My wife’s grandfather, William John Troth, was among them.

12. Forenames can be as much of a problem as surnames! Sometimes nicknames or pet names were used, especially for children, and forenames often got reversed. For instance, my wife’s grandfather (as above) was born at Stratford-on-Avon in 1878 as William John Troth and appears as such in the 1911 census in that name in Coventry. But his marriage appears on FreeBMD in Coventry in 1910 as John W Troth and his daughter, my wife’s mother, now aged 101 who appears in 1911 as being 2 months old, swears he was always known to everyone as "John Willie". So if you can’t find someone with an advanced search, try reversing the forenames and/or initials.

13. If you still can’t find an ancestor, can you find other family members based on your searches in an earlier census? Perhaps this will give you a clue.

14. Above all, use your imagination and persevere!

Good luck with your next foray into census research!
Can You Help?

My name is Christeen Schoepf and I am a mature aged PhD candidate at UNE, Armidale, NSW, (although until recently, from mid north S.A.), and the topic of my thesis is the Cheer-Up Society of First World War South Australia. This patriotic fund was formed in Adelaide in November 1914 and rapidly spread, with over eighty sub-branches opening before the end of the war to provide food, entertainment and moral support to young soldiers leaving for, or returning from the front. I have spent some years exploring museums, archives, libraries and other repositories in S.A., however, little evidence of any of the groups still exists and I am now widening my research area. The significant story of these people who gave their precious time and great efforts is an important one that is to date, relatively untold so it is the intention of this project to discover what information remains and present such a contribution in a published format which will also include the Second World War era.

How can you help? If you have a story or personal memory to tell, a photograph to share or any other information, no matter how small, that will assist me to give a voice to the outstanding work of these many hundreds of women and men, and place the story of the Cheer-Up Society of South Australia collectively on the historical record, please do not hesitate to contact me by snail mail at Christeen Schoepf, School of Humanities, UNE, Armidale, NSW, 2351 or by email at cheerupsociety@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from some of you.

Photo: State Library of South Australia PRG 280/1/9/102

Cheer Up Hut Adelaide: crowd waiting outside Cheer Up Hut erected for the use of soldiers in Adelaide ca 1918.
REPORTS

President: Graeme Butler.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their support during this year. Due to Raylee’s hard work we received a grant to buy a Fire Safe to preserve our valuable inventory, and the Mildura Council has renewed the carpet and lino in the Carnegie Centre. We had a successful visit from Public Records of Victoria who ran a digitisation seminar.

The Cemetery Index and Photos of headstones in Mildura Cemetery was completed and we are now working towards publishing them and the release of a DVD of the headstones and records. We are suffering from a lack of volunteers for the duty roster and committee members. It would be nice to have competition for committee positions. Due to other commitments I will not be seeking re-election.

Library/Projects: Lyn Grant.

The space on the shelves created by the library makeover last year is rapidly filling. This past year approximately 130 books have been added to the collection, mostly by donation, however we did purchase some Irish and German related titles to complement the excellent Irish and German nights held during the year.

The Whitehorse Manningham Library Service has been looking for good homes for some of its Australiana collection that is excess to their requirements. We have already received 30 from the first list issued and are hopeful that some from the second list will also come our way.

There are also around 50 new CD’s available on the computers. Twenty-four of which are from an ongoing series of headstones photos in Tasmania that will be added to as more become available.

After about 30 years and the input of some 57 volunteers the Mildura Cemetery books have at long last been printed. To give you an idea of how big this project has been there are 16,868 entries in the register, 9,277 photos and 16,540 scanned burial orders and because of the sheer volume of information three books were produced, one each for the register of burials, the monumental headstones and the lawn headstones.

An exciting project started this year is a book called “A Window into the Past: A synopsis of submitted biographies of those buried in Mildura Cemetery (Nichol’s Point)”. It is proving to be very popular and quite a number of entries have already been received.

The team has finished proofreading an index to the many research queries the group has received. In recognition of the many years of dedicated service by Thelma Bock our recently retired research officer it has been named “The Thelma Bock Index.”

The mysteries of the filing cabinet where the many years of “bits of paper that might come in handy” have been stored is currently being unraveled. The articles are being placed in concertina files ready for filing and indexing.

Once again the Thursday Team has achieved a lot and I would like to acknowledge the great work they have done this year. I would like to mention the work the girls have done in preparation of the rooms for the highly successful Anitta Maksymowicz night and the packing up and preparing of the rooms for the laying of the new carpet.
AGM Reports cont:
Grapeline Editor: Helen Stagg.

The last twelve months has allowed me the opportunity to really establish myself as the new editor of the Grapeline. It has been a stimulating and rewarding experience, due to the kind and generous support of the committee and members who have sent me ideas and articles for inclusion. The December 2011 and March 2012 editions I think were most interesting, springing from the celebration of the completion of our cemetery project, and including stories about member's ancestors buried at the Nichols Point cemetery. I want the members to really have a sense of 'ownership' of the newsletter and I welcome feedback and suggestions about content. Copyright rules prevent me from including articles of interest I may come across, so the emphasis for Grapeline is very much on contributions from members about their own family history, or discoveries that they have made and resources that may be of use to other members.

A new addition to the newsletter has been Jenny Dedman's book review of an item in our M&DGS Library. This is a great way to alert members to some of the fabulous resources awaiting their use in our library.

Grateful thanks to Peter Crisp and his staff for printing our newsletter and to the other behind-the-scenes people who assist to get the newsletter folded and sent out each quarter. Jenny Dedman, Maree Dyer, Liz Wallace, Tom Heard and Judy Hall have all assisted at some stage over the last 12 months and then Mal Williams kindly handles the posting out. Thanks to all these people and anyone I inadvertently have omitted for their assistance over the past year.

Webmaster’s Report 2012: Graeme Butler
In the past year, there have been 5210 unique visitors to the website.

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Note: There have been issues with our website and it may be down for maintenance when this newsletter goes to press.
Can you identify these men? 2nd World War. Stories or information to hsmith16@y7mail.com
Tuppy Upton: Does anyone know anything of her?

I believe that the Irene Upton mentioned in the article below was referred to by locals in the 1930’s as “Tuppy.” It is thought that she conducted a dancing studio in the vicinity of Etheringtons jewellers. Any information in relation to this “Tuppy” Upton would be appreciated. Email: hsmith16@y7mail.com

This article is from the Sunraysia Daily (exact date unknown, but about late 1920s.)

Last Friday Mrs A. Upton of Deakin Avenue, Mildura, entertained a few friends at a musical evening and dance. The hostess, who was daintily frocked in a phlox pink frilled crepe-de-chine, received her guests in the drawing room, which was aglow with beautiful blooms. Between the dances Mr John D’Albero of Mildura and Mr Basil Dean of the Humphrey Bishop Company, delighted those present with musical items. Among others present were: Mr and Mrs Stranger, whose vocal efforts were much appreciated; also Mr and Mrs Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs A. A. Clarke and Mr and Mrs O’Leary. Miss Irene Upton’s musical solos were enjoyed.
Book Review by Jenny Dedman:  
A Land Fit for Heroes written by Ken Mackenzie Wright

This book is the story of the 'soldier settlement' of Red Cliffs, after the men returned from the dangers and hardship of the Great War.

The first chapter outlines the general background of the settlement while the major part of the book is, in effect, a mini biography of each settler and his family. However, many events and incidents outlined in this section would be of general interest, not just to those whose family history is involved. Also included in this book are 108 photographs of the soldiers in uniform who settled on the blocks and 39 general photos, including early houses, street scapes and working conditions on the blocks.

The downside of the book is that it is in order by block number which is not easy when you do not know which block your family lived on.

The following is an example of the stories in this book.

**Settling on block number 102, Lamont C. A.  MM: 1516 days active service**

Charles Lamont was born in Ghent, Belgium in 1891. He spent six years in Mildura as a block hand before enlisting he served in Egypt, France and Belgium and was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery. He married Margaret Boden. They had six children; Matilda died in infancy and the family was dogged by tragedy. On one occasion after drinking and argument, Lamont burnt his tent down.

Lamont was a very thoughtful man and looked after his fellow settlers, but in spending so much time working for others his own property suffered. It all became too much for him and in 1927 when his home was totally destroyed by fire, he was found near the home suffering from shock. He died soon after and over 300 and attended his funeral.

The next year tragedy struck again in the form of a horrendous level crossing accident at Irymple. The Manager of Mrs Lamont’s block, William Bowman, was driving the family and several neighbours in a motor truck to the grand carnival at Mildura, the vehicle was struck by a southbound train and was dragged over 100 yards along the line. Killed instantly were the driver, Ivy Kent aged 18, Colin Tickell aged 14, Josephine Lamont aged 14, Mrs Lamont and daughter Nancy aged 10 subsequently died, the survivors were the remaining Lamont children, Gladys aged 12, Peggy aged eight and Lorna aged three.

Peggy and Lorna were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Weir on block 252 while Gladys was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Virgona, subsequently marryng their son Angie.

*(Editor’s footnote: See Grapeline March 2012 page 12 for a news report from Trove of the 'tragic train crash in 1928 which claimed 6 lives at Irymple.)*
Land Ownership and Family Research
By Andrew McCormick

Family research involves the use of a variety of primary and secondary sources in our attempts to unravel our past and learn about our ancestors. Hours can be spent in the pursuit of our past; being online and visiting such sites as the Public Record Office of Victoria (PROV) or the National Archives (Canberra) as well as examining electoral rolls, rate books, local histories, shipping lists, probate and will documents, newspapers and birth, death and marriage registers. And while these sites, lists, documents and registers are invaluable in our research, there are other interesting and unusual resources we can use, such as searching land titles to find out about the family’s ownership of a parcel of land.

The value of tracing land ownership is evident in the maps and information it can reveal about the family’s present or past ownership of an allotment of land. The Certificate of Title search can produce a map of the land (and/or the Parish), tell you what members of the family owned the land, whether a mortgage had been taken out and to whom, whether there are any caveats or easements, and may even include information on the death of the owner (if they died while still owning the land as well). So, the examination of the land titles can provide specific information on family ownership and land use, providing another valuable, and fun, tool to be used in the pursuit of unravelling more information about your family’s past.

At first, tracing land ownership can appear complicated however by keeping the following things in mind it does not take long to be able to undertake a successful and often rewarding search. It is important to remember, the search works backwards from the most recent title and in some cases to the Crown Grant. So, what do I need to begin my search?

To search for a Certificate of Title you first need to have an address or a lot and plan number for the land you wish to find out about. Then once you have the address you can search for the Volume and Folio Number of the Certificate of Title, which can be undertaken online (via Landata (see Land Channel)). Once you find your title, you can then select the documents you wish to obtain and order them (either paying online or setting up an account with the Department); usually within five minutes you will be sent copies of the documents to your email address (or if you prefer you can have the documents posted to your address).

Also, if you are in Melbourne you can visit the Land Information Centre where you can view titles before purchasing them and also search the General Law titles: an excursion which is both worthwhile and interesting. If anyone has any questions/queries in how to use and order land titles, I am only too happy to help and can be contacted through the Genealogical Society. The web address for the Land Channel (Department of Sustainability and Environment) and access to the titles is www.land.vic.gov.au
Archival Access Victoria

Mark Grealy runs a small family research organisation called Archival Access Victoria that specialises in records held at the Victorian Archives. The Public Record Office of Victoria holds a wide variety of records created by the Victorian Government dating back to the 1830’s. The records contained in the archives include Immigration and shipping records, Inquests, Wills and Probate Documents, Court Records, School Records, Asylum Records as well as records relating to all facets of early land ownership in the colony of Victoria. Archival Access also offers different levels of research, from a basic family tree to in depth research involving not only records held at PROV but also the State Library of Vic and Victorian BD&M’s.

Mark is coming to Mildura Saturday 20th October to conduct an interactive presentation with examples of records he has digitised. He will also bring with him some digitised records for our Library, things that are specific to our area. Mark will not charge us for the workshop but we are covering the cost of his return flight airfare. Therefore we will ask for a gold coin donation on the day to help cover the cost.

For further information about Archival Access please check out their website at research@archivalaccessvictoria.com

Archival Access Victoria Special Presentation Mildura Saturday 20th October 2012.
It is important that we have names if you are able to attend. Please RSPV by Friday 12th October to Raylee Ph 0350238778

The program for the day will be as follows:

10.30am – 11am Morning Tea.
11am - 12.30
Mark will begin the presentation showing us how to do our research at the PRO and the records that are available etc.
He will cover what records he has been able to locate that relate specifically to Mildura. This will include question time.

12.30pm Lunch break - BYO Lunch

1.30pm Mark will discuss the queries that have been sent to him by our members. He will present digitised copies of these queries explaining the steps he took to finding the files.

4pm Afternoon tea.
6pm Finish

To help Mark with this workshop he would like people attending the day to send through a problem that they may have with their own research. We often call these problems “our brick walls”. This can be done by emailing your queries to raylees@hotkey.net.au and I will forward them onto Mark.
Mark will then work on these requests and show us on 20th October how and if he was able to solve your problem.

It should be a very interesting day.
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Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Author: Unknown.
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