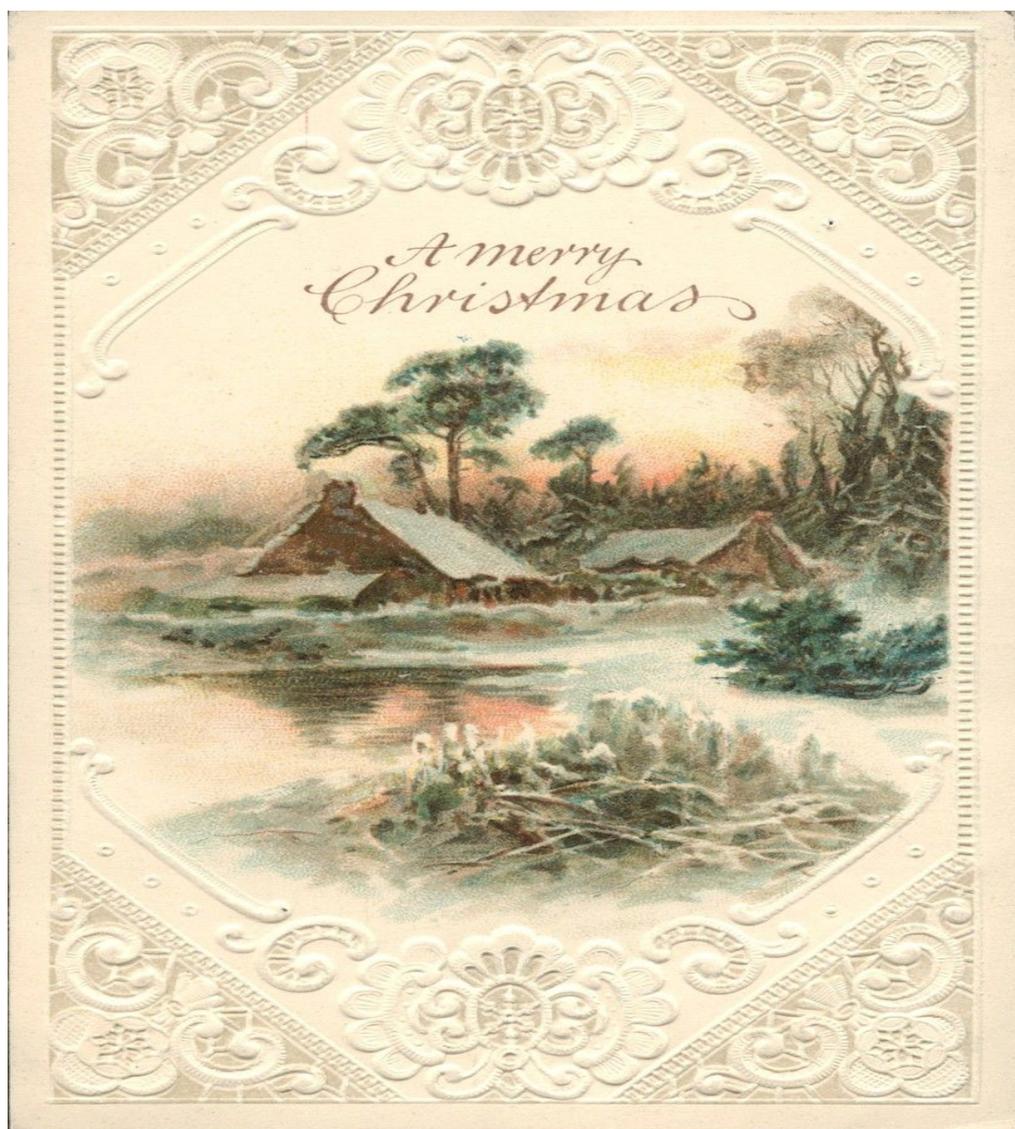




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Meeting Schedule for 2022 –2023

General Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings are held at 1.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Research Rooms at The Community Hub Station Street, Maryborough.

Visitors are most welcome.

November 23rd @ 1.30 pm - Last Meeting for 2022
December - No Meeting
January 25th @ 1.30 pm
February 22nd @ 1.30 pm
March 22nd @ 1.30 pm Annual General Meeting.

Membership Fees:

Full Single Membership	\$25.00
Full Joint Membership	\$40.00
Newsletter only membership	\$8.00

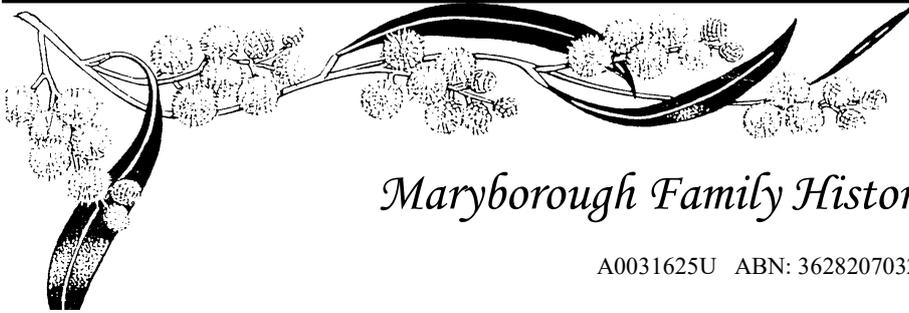
- A Joining fee of \$5 applies to all new membership applications (including lapsed memberships)
- Membership Fees cover the period from 1st of March to 28th or 29th of February.
- Any subscriptions received from **new members** between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

Benefits:

- The annual subscription includes our quarterly newsletter "Wattle Bark" posted to your home address.
- Full members have access to our extensive research facilities in the Community Hub, Station Street for **personal** research.

Front Cover

*Christmas Card from collection of Edward F Clark
Who served as a missionary 1912 –1914
From LDS collection online*



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Research Fees:

Postal Research:

- Deposit: \$20, non-refundable
- Hourly research fee: \$10 for each hour or part thereof
- Photocopying and Computer print-out: 50 cents per sheet side
- Additional costs: as advised.

Upon receipt of the deposit we will complete the research as requested. The applicant will then be advised of the costs applicable. The results would be posted upon receipt of the balance. *[The rationale behind the non-refundable*

deposit being that it takes just the same amount of time (or even longer) to come up with a nil result.]

Enhanced Research: For a fee of \$15 per grave we will provide a full monumental transcription as well as a photograph of the grave.

Visiting Research: The fee is \$10 per hour or part thereof; the minimum fee is \$10. and is for the purposes of **personal research only**.

Visitors *must* be accompanied by a financial member who will *only* provide assistance to access the records but *will not undertake any research per se*.

NEW WEB SITE

The group was fortunate enough to receive a small grant from Central Goldfields Shire Council for the creation of a new web site. With a lot of angst about the design and content we now have the site up an running.

www.maryboroughvicfamilyhistory.org.au

Please visit and let us know what you think.

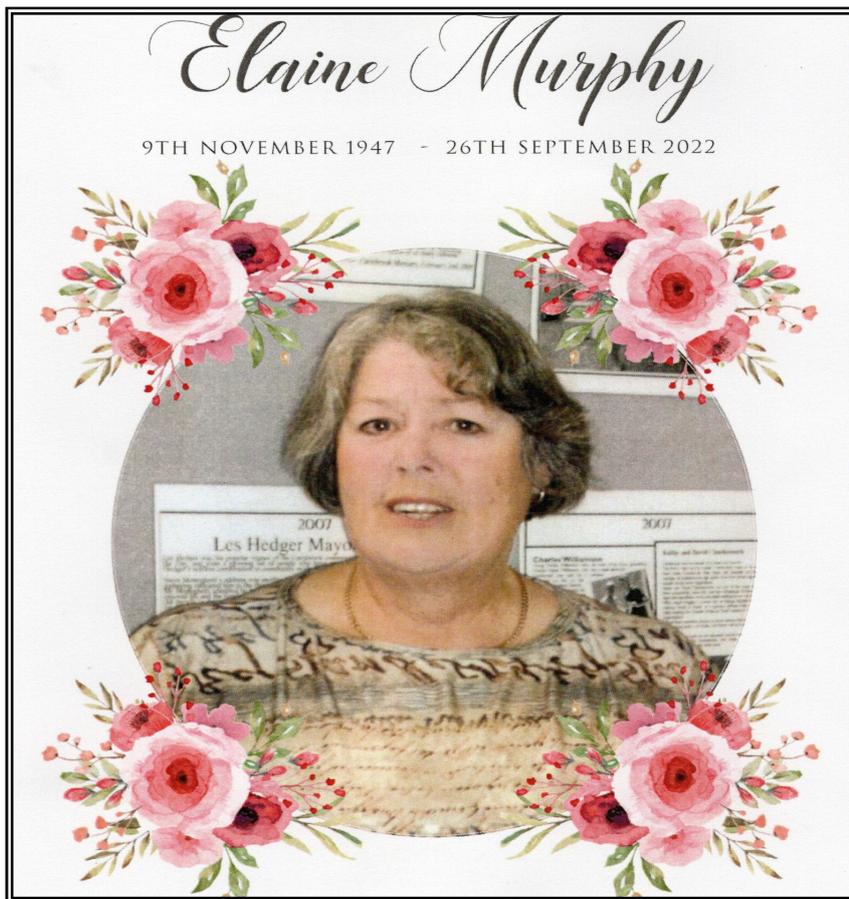
Maryborough Family History Group Inc were also recently successful in applying for a Local Community Grant from the Central Goldfields Shire Council.

We have purchased a much-needed new printer, and have started putting it to good use.

Our thanks to the Council for their very generous donation.



VALE ELAINE MURPHY



Elaine Murphy was born in Melbourne on the 9th November 1947 and passed away on 26th September 2022.

Elaine was the eldest of 6 children -3girls 3 boys. She was educated at St. Joseph's Girls where her best marks were in history.

Elaine moved to Carisbrook in 1972 with her two children. Elaine remarried a few years later and had another son. She moved away from the district twice, but moved back and said she had no intentions of ever leaving again. Elaine began looking into her family history in about 1983. On moving back to Carisbrook, Elaine became interested in local history as well. She joined Ballarat GSV and Bendigo AIGS. Wishing that there was a group closer she put a notice in the Maryborough Advertiser for interested people to contact her and as they say the rest is history.

Elaine was convenor of the first meeting on 19th February 1993 of interested people with the view to form a Genealogical Group.

The first meeting of the Group was held on Tuesday 2nd March 1993 at the Learning Centre with 22 interested people attending and the Maryborough and District Genealogical Group was formed with inaugural Office Bearers, President: Elaine Stevens, Vice President: Joy Vandenberg, Secretary: Barbara Lundberg and Treasurer: Harry Marshall, being duly elected.

Elaine held a number of positions with the group including President, Newsletter Editor, Vice President and Researcher during the next 12 years.

Elaine went on to peruse her interest in history, specifically of her home town of Carisbrook. Elaine will be remembered for her enthusiasm for history, and her helpfulness to other local and family Historians.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

STORY OF A MAN WHO WENT TO WAR

From The Maryborough Advertiser 22 April 1987

On March 16, 1916, Joseph Thomas Marshall of Maryborough answered King George IV's call to arms against Prussian threat to Europe.

Joe Marshall was a 36 year old labourer when he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force, leaving his wife Laura to wait upon his return to their Majorca Road Home.

Two months later, after the required paper-work and medical examination had been approved, Joe Marshall was appointed to the No. 5 Tunnelling Company as a Sapper.

He embarked from Melbourne for active service on May 25, eventually landing in Devonport from "Warilda" on July 18.

Entries in Sapper Marshall's diary, which is now in the care of his grandson Norm Marshall, describe the long ship voyage.

"There was about 1700 on the *Warilda*—crew and soldiers, she is only a little boat 7570 tons, but she could cut through the water all right, but it was a long trip, I was sick of it, 55 days."

"We came through the Great Australian Bight, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Bay of Biscay, English Channel and then off the boat."

Sapper Marshall spent the next month in England, practising route marching with the Company. Then he embarked for Boulogne (*now called Boulogne—sur-Mer*) August 28 and then travelled by train to Etaples. (*further south along the coast*)

At Etaples he experienced his first practise gas attack.

"Went through a tunnel full of gas for a trial with our gas elements on. It burnt our clothes all right. You could not see through the gas, you just had to keep going on.

"It was 3 1/2 times as strong as you could get in the battle field and then they gave us a tear shell to go through, I thought it was going to burn my eyes out."

The 5th Company left Etaples for the firing line at Flanders on September 25, where Marshall fought in the trenches only three miles from the enemy line.

After six weeks in the trenches, he wrote;

"It is something awful to see the trenches blown up and the shells roaring through the air. There was a terrible bombardment today.

"It's marvellous how a man escapes from it.

It makes you duck your head and get down. My mate and I have had the shrapnel all around us and never got hit."

But on January 27, 1917, Sapper Joe Marshall's luck in escaping harm ran out. He was knocked over by a shell at Ypres and injured.

After receiving treatment at two hospitals in France, Sapper Marshall was transported to England with "bronchitis and a bad back."

He then spent more than three weeks recovering at Exeter Hospital in Devonshire.

Sapper Marshall returned to fight in France for the remainder of the year, and was later gassed. After treatment in Rouen Hospital, he left for Australia.

The Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, and Sapper Joseph Thomas Marshall returned to home soil on February 11 the following year.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4037 Name MARSHALL Joseph Thomas
 Unit No 5 Tunnelling Coy
 V28456 Joined on 16-3-16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation

1. What is your Name? ... MARSHALL Joseph Thomas
 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... in or near the Town of Murrumbidgee in the County of Victoria
 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born British Subject
 4. What is your Age? ... 36 years & months
 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Labourer
 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom, to whom, and for what period? ... No
 7. Are you married? ... Married Mrs Laura Marshall Majorca Road MARYBOROUGH VICTORIA
 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)
 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Ineligible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... No
 13. Have you ever been suspected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you undertake that no pecuniary allowances will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... No
 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... No

ERN SAW TOO MUCH HORROR IN WAR

From The Maryborough Advertiser 22 April, 1987

Photo and report: Philip Ashton.

Ern Morton fought at Gallipoli in 1914.

Ern Morton remembers it all on Anzac Day, but Ern doesn't march.

"I was at the first march in London. When I came home from the war I used to go because there was so many coppers there. I enjoyed the reunion. I would never go near it now, because they are against peace. They are all for war."

Ern saw a lot of that war. He enlisted at Narromine in New South Wales with a friend who had been brought up in Ern's family. Months later Ern was standing beside him in a trench and saw him blown to pieces by a grenade.

Ern's wartime stories are remarkable. Remember the disastrous Australian advances depicted so graphically in the film "Gallipoli." A freak bullet caught Ern in the hand a few hours before that charge.

He was invalided out to a hospital ship. Nearly all of his regiment was killed. Eric Bogle's very popular song "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda" "We buried ours and the Turks buried theirs, and we started all over again."

Ern Morton was there.

"Towards the end of May, we had an armistice. The British and the Turks decided that. I took part. All the dead bodies out on No Man's Land were just too much. They had a 24-hour truce and buried the dead. We met the Turks, exchanged cigarettes. We tried to talk with what little language we could.

If we could have an armistice like that in wartime, why can't the heads of different nations meet on No Man's Land and decide to settle their differences without causing all the bloodshed, and horror of War?

Later in France, Ern had what he described as his most dramatic wartime experience.

"We were advancing in a 'hop-over'. I had a machine gun with me over my shoulder. I came across a young German Officer, probably in his late teens. He pleaded with me to kill him, to put him out of his misery. He was mortally wounded.

'I thought then, 'here's one of the men that we are fighting, that I'd been taught for the last three years to exterminate at all cost. He was speaking better English than I'd ever speak, probably educated in an English college, pleading with me to kill him. I lost all interest in the war. It was the climax."

Ern's ideas were to crystallise when he returned home to Australia and tried to adjust to civilian life.

"It was all a mistake, I read a lot of books when I came home. The leaders of both countries were sending men to the war compulsorily. They were having men killed to make a profit out of their death. It's going on today, and that's what turned me against war absolutely.

Later, as a member of Parliament, Ern campaigned for a fair go for the returned soldiers. He was shocked at the treatment of the diggers, especially the plight of the forgotten heroes down on their luck during the depression years.

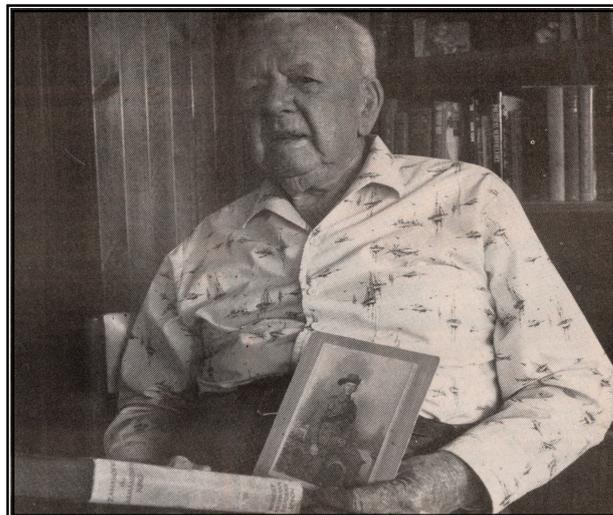
"I remember a man, he had his wife with him and he was carrying a little girl on his shoulders, walking the roads of this country begging for food — and he'd served on Gallipoli!"

Ern's views caused him a few problems with the RSL, "I was a member of the League at Coburg, I moved a resolution that we invite the returned soldiers organisations of the world, enemy and all, to join one big organisation. We'd never have another war if the soldiers all combined together, I was nearly expelled from the league over that."

Later Ern resigned from the RSL.

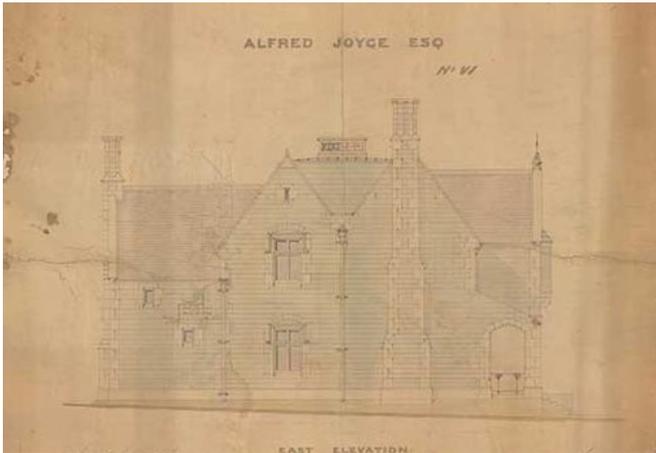
Ern Morton is a remarkable man, and a very persuasive campaigner for peace. Is he proud to have fought as an Anzac?

"No. Don't accuse me of that. At the time, I enlisted for patriotism, but I very soon learnt the mistake, the great mistake. There's no necessity for wars.



VISIT TO NORWOOD SEPTEMBER 2022

Recently, some of our members joined with a Dunolly Museum tour to Norwood, Wareek. The Norwood property was settled in 1842 by Messrs Gibbons, passed to J. M. Fisher in 1846, Fisher and Deeves had possession from 1847 to 1852, and then occupied by George and Alfred Joyce from January 1852. (Ref: Barbara Humphrey) At this time Norwood had an area of 37,000 acres. They acquired the station with 5,500 sheep at 4/6 each, a ten roomed brick cottage, farming implements and utensils. During the early 1860's plans were drawn up, Alfred Joyce became the sole owner in 1854. During the early 1860's plans were drawn up, excavations were carried out, and bluestone was quarried locally and cut to size. By 1867, Norwood was completed – a grand homestead with twenty one rooms situated close to the Bet Bet Creek.



Architects drawing of Norwood Homestead, Wareek showing view facing to the east.

Website: Federation University

In 1864, when a fire threatened Norwood the following article appeared in The Herald. "The Joyce's establishment is by far the largest of its kind in the district, comprising an extensive sheepstation, woolshed, and necessary out-offices; a large flourmill, grain store, fully stocked workshops, stables, farming machinery, church and school house." (Ref: Trove, The Herald, 8 Feb 1864). He was employing upwards of fifty men at the time. It is understood that many families lived on the settlement, as a distant relative of mine was born at Norwood. A cemetery was also on the land.



Member Cheryl inspected the restored bluestone stables.

In 1854, Alfred Joyce built the only bridge (in the area) across the creek to enable access to the newly discovered goldfields towards the St Arnaud area. He charged a toll for its use, and quickly recovered the expenses for construction. All that remains of the bridge today were two old red gum posts on one side. It was quite a swift flowing creek when we visited! A blue stone weir was built across the creek for domestic and sheep washing purposes, and continues to dam the flow of water.



In 1887, after a series of disasters – sheep and wool prices down and drought conditions, the Norwood homestead and reduced acreage was sold by public auction to Mr John Douglas. His son Joseph Harold Douglas succeeded his father, and later his widow Mrs Sadie Douglas lived for many years in the homestead. It has been said that in her later years (into the 1970's) she lived downstairs in just one room, with minimal heating and certainly no modern conveniences.

Sadly, the homestead building became into disrepair and was in need of some love and attention, although the original structure appeared to be sound and has been retained. We were impressed with the obvious care and dedication that has been put into restoring the homestead, stables and surrounding gardens. Norwood is listed by Heritage Victoria and by the National Trust.



Member Bec looking at the Homestead from the north east corner. The chimney on the left is seen on the original architect's drawings.



The front of Norwood Homestead. Extensive gardens surround the Homestead, on all sides.

References: Article written by Barbara Humphrey (MFHG), Maryborough A Social History 1854-1904 by Betty Osborn and TrenearDuBourg, Maryborough 1854-1954 by Harold V Nunn, Maryborough Victoria Industrial Centre of the Midlands booklet, Trove: The Herald, 8/2/1864, Federation University website.
Helen Ritchie

The first Bull and Mouth Hotel, a single storey stone building, opened on the site in about 1855. It was in a prominent location at the intersection of two main roads through Maryborough, backing on to the Civic Square, and became an important local meeting place and landmark. In 1904, Maryborough's Jubilee Year, the owner, the former Maryborough resident Thomas Procter of Ballarat, engaged the Ballarat architect W E Gribble and local builder W J Dingle to construct a new two storey hotel, incorporating three shops along High Street. The appointments of the new hotel were the most modern for the period and included piped hot water and a telephone system. On the ground floor were a public bar, a private bar, a parlour, a spacious dining room, a commercial room, a billiard room, a kitchen and a laundry, while upstairs there was a large drawing room, more than fifteen bedrooms and three bathrooms.



Information taken from Bull and Mouth Hotel web page.

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Do you have something to contribute?

Do you have a yen to write? Or maybe you have some family stories that you would like to share with others? Maybe you are having a problem with your research? If the answer is Yes! then you may wish to submit an article to be published in a future edition of the newsletter.

Not able to put it into writing?

Please contact the Editor for assistance or guidance. Phone: 0409561885.

Publication Dates & Deadline

Edition	Closing dates for contributions	Planned publishing dates
Autumn	21st February	12th March
Winter	21st May	12th June
Spring	21st August	12th September
Summer	21st November	12th December

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We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.*

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A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past
And shift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine;

Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
in some forgotten crypt;

Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.

Curtis Woods, Tennessee



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