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## Meeting Schedule for 2024

### Committee Meetings

Regular Committee Meetings are not held and a meeting will be convened when business arises that is required to be actioned prior to the monthly meeting. Time and place will be advised as necessary

### General Meetings

General Meetings are *usually* held at 1.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Research Rooms at The Community Hub, 48 Burns Street. Visitors are most welcome.

No meetings are held in December

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## 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 Fee's cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Any subscriptions received from *new members* between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

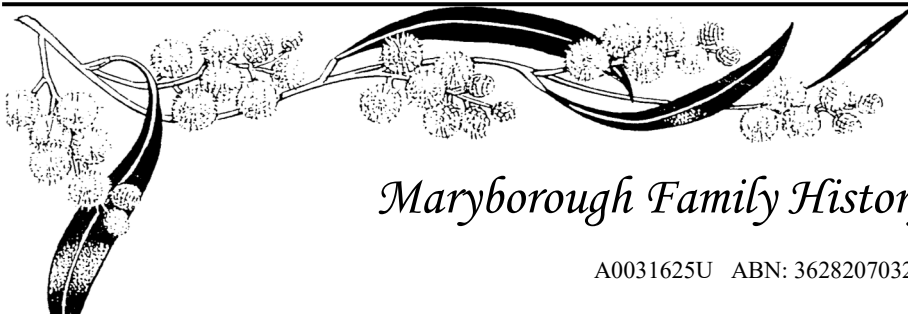
### Benefits:

- 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 48 Burns Street for *personal* research.
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## Front Cover

*Image - Christmas painting by Frances Brumdage 1912*  
*Sourced 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*.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

January 24th 2024 @ 1.30pm

February 28th 2024 @ 1.30pm

March 27th 2024 @ 1.30pm  
Annual General Meeting

April 24th 2024 @ 1.30pm

## NEW WEB SITE

Have you visited our web page recently?

[www.maryboroughvicfamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.maryboroughvicfamilyhistory.org.au)



Visit and read the new stories that have been added

# SCHOOL MEMORIES

## SECONDARY SCHOOL MILDURA HIGH SCHOOL 1959-1961

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Lynette Bond (Nee Dahmes)

There was a Boarding House on the school grounds near the big football ground. We did all our sports on the football ground, except netball.

We had a big double storey building and would have assembly upstairs, we would sing the Mildura High School song.

Some of the subjects we had were Arithmetic, Maths, Typing, Art, Geometry and Music with Miss Missin. Helen Bowring who had polio was in a wheelchair and taught us English.

We did cooking we cooked the meal, set the table up and waited on the Teachers for lunch.

We did sewing, a lawn petticoat, apron, tea towel, tartan skirt, and a holder to hold clothes. I still have some of the items. Laundry lessons to wash clothes.

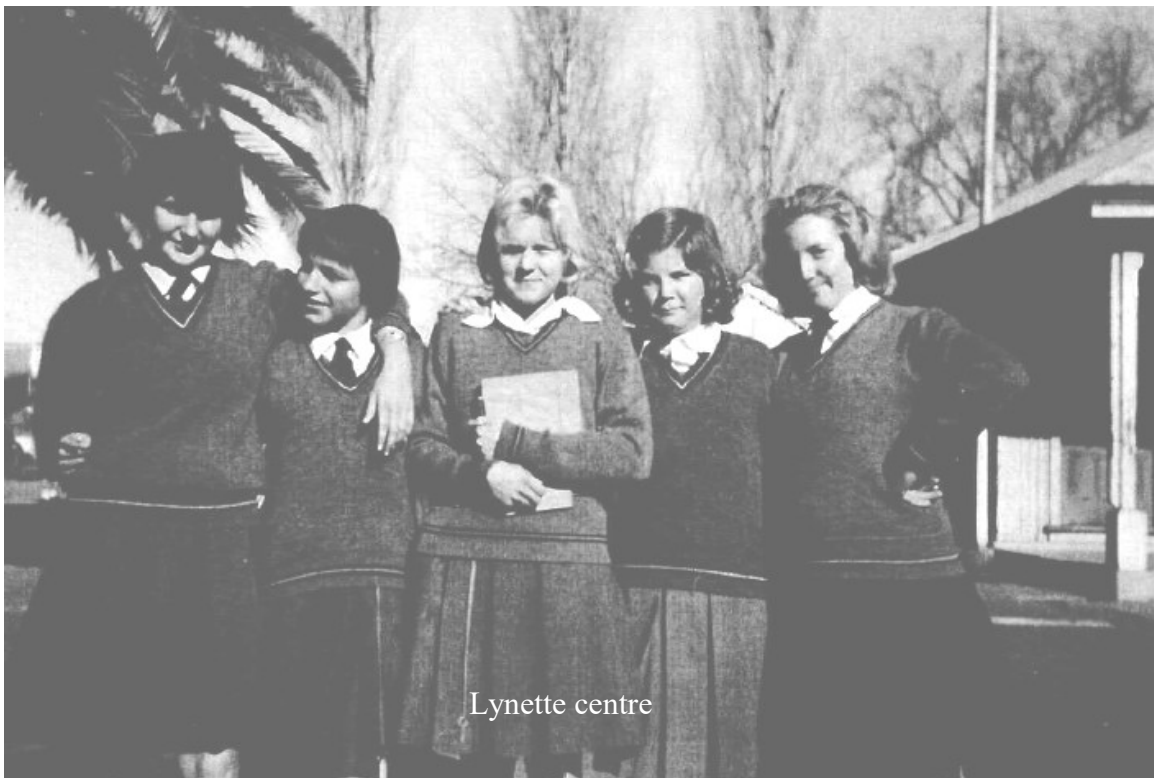
We had a tuck shop for lunch or you could go across the road to the Fish and Chip shop. We would sit on the grass under the trees for lunch.

We had School Prefects. I was walking up the main street here in Maryborough one day years later, and I spotted across the road my school prefect. I yelled out to her, it was Barbara Jardine who was Barbara Murray. She now lives here in Maryborough just like me (a small world).

I went to a High School reunion in 2012 celebrating 100 years of the school.

We had a tour of the school, went upstairs to have an assembly, just like we used to. Cooking room, locker area, lots just like it was. Display of photos, many happy memories.

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# Secondary School Mildura High School 1968-1972

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Wendy Marr

In 1968 I went to Mildura High School in Deakin Avenue and stayed there until Form 5 then I got a job in my Uncles Electrical Shop. I remember in 1969 we were allowed to go home at lunchtime to watch the landing on the Moon on T.V., but the trouble was not a lot of people had T.V. and as we didn't have one we had to watch it at a friend's house. I left school to work in the Electrical Shop then left there after one year to work at the Mildura Arts Centre which was owned by the Mildura City Council.

In 1970 while I was in form 3, I met my husband to be. He went to the Mildura Technical School and was not allowed to leave the school.

He (and a lot of boys) used to sneak out (to have a smoke) and go to the Fish and Chip Shop opposite my school and we met.

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## From the Sunny Creek School SS 2903 situated at Gippsland OLD GIPPSTOWN HERITAGE PARK MOE

Reproduced with permission

This school opened in 1889 and closed in 1966.

Originally called Yarragon East, its location was about 300 meters off the highway, between Yarragon and Trafalgar.

Exhibits include the WW1 honour roll of pupils from the school, early class photos and a wooden teacher's desk.

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We say Thank you, We say please  
We don't interrupt or tease,  
  
We don't argue, We don't fuss,  
Listen when folks talk to us,  
  
Share our toys and take our turn,  
Good manners are never hard to learn,  
  
It is easy when you find  
Good manners just means being kind

### Boys and Girls School Rules 1800'S

1. Walked in straight lines behind their teacher.
2. Girls entered left the room before the boys.
3. Boys removed their caps before entering the room.
4. A Girl was not allowed to show a bare ankle.
5. Children had to write with their right hand.
6. Children had to sit up straight at all times

A typical school day firstly involved an inspection for cleanliness, that is a check for clean hands, finger nails and behind the ears.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

How did you go with guessing the answers on the puzzles in the Spring edition. The drawings were basic and took some imagination- Here are the answers.

Picture Puzzle from Page 4 of Spring Newsletter

### - local schools

- 1-Timor
- 2-Moonambel
- 3-Lamplough
- 4-Majorca
- 5-Emu
- 6-Daisy Hill
- 7-Watchem
- 8-Evansford
- 9-Archdale

Picture Puzzle from page 5 of Spring Newsletter

### -Australian towns

- 1-Bendigo
- 2-Stockton
- 3-Renmark
- 4-Burnie
- 5-Menindee
- 6-Broome
- 7-Rockhamton
- 8-Kew
- 9-Ballarat
- 10-Hobart
- 11-Cairns
- 12-Nhill

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF TIMOR SCHOOLS

Timor-Bowenvale community recently celebrated 150 years of schooling in the area. The following brief history has been taken in part from the Lost Timor-Bowenvale face book page and was contributed by Tom Woolman, the site editor.

It started in the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Hall, on the Maryborough-Timor Road, in March 1873, and grew so quickly it had to move into the Mechanics Hall, then also the shop next door, all on the Eastern Side in Chinamans Flat, and wasn't able to 'cross the northern border' aka the Bet Bet Creek Road into Timor, for seven years, and move into its current home. Meanwhile, back on (now) Denyer's Road, Bowenvale, on the Western Side of Chinamans Flat, National/Common (fee-paying) School 714 Chinamans Flat had been founded no later than 28 Sept 1863 (we have a picture of page from the Roll ), and like all Common Schools became a no-fees school from the beginning of 1873. After a later name change to Leviathan Reef, and the decline of the nearby mines, it finally closed in 1902.

Timor SS 1207 was one of the first brand-new schools in the long awaited, free, compulsory, and secular State School system, and not just one converted on 1 January 1873 from the former Common School fee-paying, government supported system. Timor State School 1207 started in the long-demolished Sunday School rooms of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on the Maryborough - Timor Rd., in Chinamans Flat (which was about to start being gradually renamed to Bowenvale.)

SS 1207 started as a State School, in March 1873, and until March 1880, in various temporary premises in Chinamans Flat East, not to be confused with the 1862/3 commenced Chinamans Flat State School in Denyers' Rd., moved into the current school building in Timor, just over the Chinaman's Flat border. Chinamans Flat East, which closed in 1902 as the population moved with the deep mines to the north.

## GRANT NEWS

The Group was successful in their application in the 2023 round of the Central Goldfields Shire Community Grants program. The application was for a new Laptop to replace our 10 year old one that could no longer be updated and was quite temperamental with its exhausted battery. The new laptop has been delivered and will be ready for use shortly after the necessary software has been installed. Many thanks to the CGSC for their support of the Group by way of this grant.

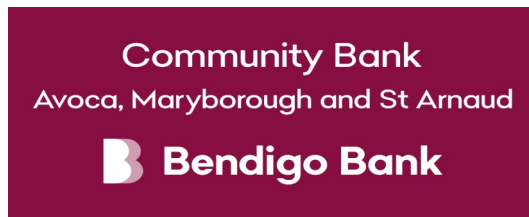
We had also applied for funding through the Community Bank Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud Community Grants scheme to have the Maryborough Advertiser Microfilm Rolls digitised to searchable pdf format and were quite surprised and excited when we were advised that we had been successful with \$9356 granted, which enables film rolls from 1867 to 2001( 1914-1918 are on Trove) to be digitised. They are usually available at the local Library but due to their film reader being out of order, and not being repaired or replaced in the foreseeable future, which makes it impossible for anyone to research the newspapers, we thought it would be a great project to undertake that would improve the access locally to the newspaper archive and the history of the local area that they contain. There has been comment and questions about these being available on Trove, but due to the high cost of digitising for Trove it was best to concentrate on providing local access for all 151 rolls of microfilm rather than just a few years. It will take some time to digitise and format the files but when completed it will be a valuable resource for locals and researchers with local access.

Representatives of the Group attended the Community Bank presentation night where in excess of \$250,000 was granted to 27 various organisations in the area serviced by the Community Bank.





We thank the Bendigo Bank for their generous sponsorship of this Group project and their ongoing support of numerous other local community Groups. Some of the many successful group representatives appear in the above photo. We also need to support the Bendigo Bank in any way that we can so that they are able to continue to be able to allocate grant funds to Groups like ours in the future.



### TIMOR SCHOOL PICTURES



Current school building built 1880



Grades 1 & 2 1905





On the twelfth day of Christmas  
 My True Love sent to me  
 Twelve tombstone photos  
 Eleven Census records  
 Ten DNA matches  
 Nine Death Certificates  
 Eight Family Search hints  
 Seven Marriage Records  
 Six Birth Certificates  
 Five Land Records  
 Four Probate Files  
 Three gabby cousins  
 Two Family Bibles  
 And a branch on my family Tree

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year and hope that you get a chance to do a little research in this busy time.

### CHRISTMAS -NEW YEAR CLOSURE

The last day we will be opening the Group Resource Rooms for researchers will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with our general meeting at 1.30pm.

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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.

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Autumn	21st February	12th March
Winter	21st May	12th June
Spring	21st August	12th September
Summer	21st November	12th December

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# Last word

## Why do?

\*Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke?

\*Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counter?

\* Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?



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