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Enquiries for the month. I was eventually able to find the death of Gary Bourke's great uncle (see last month's newsletter). He was buried in the Donald cemetery under the name of Ned_ Edward. This gave me his year of his birth and then I was able to look up the Pioneer Indexes, which had him recorded as Edmund. The mother's surname was also slightly incorrect. Jim Barham rang for information on Allan Hines, son of Robert Chinery Hines and Grace Loutitt. Ronald and Kathryn Muir wanted information on Ronald Thomas Muir. Ann Dunstan dealt with these two enquiries.

John Skewes rang the archives saying that he would call on Tuesday, 8th May and that he was researching Henry Thomas Skewes of Watchem. The archives was not open on that day but we arranged for him to call on his very distant cousin, Florence Breed, nee Skewes-Saunders. John wishes to update the Skewes grave in Watchem and wanted our help with birth dates of his relatives.

Mrs. Redden emailed for information on Bridget McNamara, nee Kenny, from Laen. Ronda McIntyre, descendant of Isaac Duff, called in for facts on "Lost in The Bush" and 1864 Morton Plains Aboriginals. Ann dealt with these enquiries.

Ken Morris sent the following email re Keith Richards.

"Keith was a friend of my brother-in-law John Mules and together we went on a trip to White Cliffs (NSW) in about 1966. Recently I was digitising some colour slides of that trip and several contained pictures of Keith his family would never have seen. If it is possible to find a contact for the family I'd like to pass on the photos". The Archives staff has contacted John Richards re the photos.



Stephanie & Philip Stabback from Sydney called at the archives. Stephanie is a great granddaughter of John Marriott Goldsbury. They bought several books

on Donald and Cope Cope_ Rang Walter Goldsbury to come in to meet them. Terry and Gloria Sands wished for Sands/Goldsmith information.

Ross Stanley is writing a book on Clive Morgan and wanted sporting interests of our original Godfrey Morgan, Clive's ancestor.

John Goode came in to research our Birchip Donald Times collection from the 1970s.

Kaylene Cossar from Charlton visited and bought several books on Yeungroon and Charlton selectors.

Jennie Brownlee, who has done research on the Cameron and Warren families, wished to be put in contact with fellow family researcher, Tamazine Manion.

We seem to have lost Tamazine's original email but had her phone number.

Sara Adams came in to look up netball records.

Phil Fitzhardinge emailed for information on St Joseph's Catholic Church, Watchem.

Stephen Arnel, 2nd cousin of John Arnel and Great great grandson of Jeffcott selectors, Ann & Charles Arnel, visited and collected Arnel information.

Incidentally, Ann Arnel was the Mrs. Arnall who ran a dining rooms and boarding house in Woods St in 1882.

This letter came via email from the Williamstown Camera Club.

On behalf of the Williamstown Camera Club, a sincere (and a little belated) affirmation of the thanks expressed earlier by Neil Anderson. You and the other members of the Donald Historical Society (especially the two Annes, Leo Tellefson and Daryl Warren) made us very welcome back in April and we thank you most sincerely.

Also, a big thankyou for forwarding the copy of Page 6 of "The Buloke Times", which was passed to me today. The postal address on our website belongs to a past Office Bearer - she mentioned a couple of times there was an envelope at her place for the Club, and we never managed to catch-up for the handover until this afternoon. A copy will be circulated to our members, who I am sure will be impressed and will no doubt recall the happy memories. We especially enjoyed the 'models' and appreciate the effort they made to assume 'the part' in line with the period of the Taggerty carriage. Though, the dinner and camaraderie at the Donald Hotel was also a highlight.

The other purpose of this email is to let you know that we have collated a collection of photos from our weekend away. They are of both Donald and St.Arnaud (don't be jealous - Donald was the best bit!) and can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rmzc2krjj72cs7o/AAD9FoNGx7BaSw9-H0q7xoUCa?dl=0>
The photos will be in the dropbox for several weeks and can be downloaded at any time, as you wish. The link will also be sent to David Falla.

By the way, not sure whether you are aware, we originally intended to stay in Donald, however, the larger motel was booked out, and with a lot of the other accommodation in use by the railway workers, the available accommodation wasn't sufficient on our original date. Hence, locating at St Arnaud as it was the most convenient town between Melbourne and Donald.

Hope you and the others enjoy the photos and thank you once again for the hospitality and welcome. If we can reciprocate in any way in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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Blasts from the Past “Donald Times “June 1918.

June 4th. The Victorian Recruiting figures for last week were... Country – Ballarat 4, Bendigo 5, Coragulac 15, Corio 18, Echuca 7, Flinders 3, Gippsland 12, Grampians 2, Indi 4, Wannon 12, Wimmera 7. Total 89

June 11th. At the Court of Petty Sessions on Friday last before Messrs A. Hepworth and W. Sproat J’s P. The following were fined one pound for failing to have their children vaccinated. *(Six names followed) (One pound was the price of a year’s subscription to the “Donald Times “)*

A generous response has been made to an appeal for assistance from Mr E. Straube of Bangerang who lost four draught horses last week through the animals getting at wheat. Mr Straube was pretty busy putting crop in and the loss sustained put him in a most unfortunate position. To make his position worse, other horses were also affected. The case was one which aroused general sympathy and the residents of the district have come to Mr Straube’s assistance with liberal contributions. Messrs. Schulz have given him two horses valued at thirty pounds and a substantial sum has been received in cash donations.

Ten years ago there was only one building in Ouyen. Now the telephone exchange has 34 subscribers and there are 152 private boxes at the post office. A flour mill is about to begin operations, and next month a freezing works will be erected.

June 18th. The public should remember the new arrangement that is to inform them of the intended return of a soldier, and should make a point of turning up in large numbers at the post office in order to give the rousing welcome that is so well deserved. At four o’clock on each day that a soldier is expected the whole of the church bells will ring and same will be repeated at five o’clock to announce his arrival. He will be conveyed by motor car to the post office where the band and residents will assemble and the welcome extended.

A hare drive was held last weekend, but only a small number of “sports “attended and as a result only 13 hares were secured. It is to be hoped that a greater number will attend their next drive so that schooling can be commenced.

June 21st. The Donald Shire Council intends to provide gold medals to the soldiers if same is legal.

June 25th

BIRTH

SPENCER – On 24th June 1918 at Nurse Hoare’s Private Hospital, Donald, the wife of the late Sgt. E. G. Spencer – a daughter.

DEATH

SPENCER – Died of wounds on 8th June 1918 in France, Sgt. Edward George Spencer, beloved husband of Mollie Spencer (nee Pearse) . Aged 28 years.

June 28th Private C. Richards was entertained at a welcome home social by the residents of Litchfield last evening.