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This is the first newsletter for 2010 and president Sue-Ellen McCreghan and her committee are hoping more members will take the time to visit the branch library at 117 Gilbert St, Latrobe, this year. Come and make use of the comprehensive research material available. This now includes access to the popular family history website Ancestry.com. An introduction to this programme will be held at the March 25 meeting. Internet access is improved as Broadband is now installed.

A range of activities will be held over the coming weeks beginning with a Heritage Scrapbooking Day conducted by Sue-Ellen on March 13. Participants will be shown alternative ways of displaying photographs at the session which begins at 10.30 a.m. Cost: \$20 (includes a project kit). Extra \$5 for non-members. BYO lunch. Observers are welcome. Numbers are limited so book early. Please bring copies of photographs only.

The Legacy Users' Group will meet at 10.30 a.m. on February 25. Dale Smith will demonstrate ways to get the most out of the Legacy Family Tree programme. BYO lunch. Members free, non-members \$5.

A basic beginner's course for those new to family history research will be held at the library on April 24. Conducted by Helen Anderson the course will outline research procedures including where and how to obtain those all-important birth, death and marriage certificates. Internet research will also be covered. Those interested are asked to contact the secretary by April 16 as places are limited. Cost: \$25 including lunch.

The Mole Creek Online Centre is expanding its library and the group has purchased several of our publications to add to its collection.

The publications committee is compiling two new research aids covering the Kindred Cemetery (book) and the Ulverstone War Memorial Gardens. (CD) These will be available soon.

As the result of a recent publications workshop several new members are currently checking the Latrobe cemetery transcriptions. Thank you to those who offered to assist. Additional volunteers are always welcome so please contact the secretary if you can help.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 25: Legacy Users' Group. 10.30 a.m.

Mar.13: Heritage Scrapbooking Day. 10.30 a.m.

Mar.25: 10.30 a.m. Meeting; followed by an Introduction to Ancestry.com

Apr. 24 Basic Beginners course. 10.30 a.m.

Apr. 29: Branch Annual General Meeting. 10.30 a.m. Lunch to follow.

Contact secretary Rosie Marshall on 6426 7334.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The following books have been donated to the library:-

Coss, Ros: *Municipality of Kentish 50 years of Local Government: Wardens 1908-1958.*

Coss, Ros: *Claude Road Memorial Hall and the Soldiers who served their country in World War 1 1914-1918 and World War 2 1939-1945.*

Sims, Peter C. OAM: *The Butler Sisters, the life and times of MacLaine, Lapham and Radcliff families of Scotland, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Volume 2.*

Smith, Wayne, *Ripper Tassie Tales.*

ANNUAL MEETING

As daytime meetings have been well attended in comparison to the previous night meetings this year's annual meeting will take place at 10.30 a.m. on April 29. The meeting will be followed by lunch. Nominations are now being called for office bearers and other positions. This is a great opportunity to become involved in branch activities. Nomination forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Suggestions for guest speakers, workshops and other activities are also welcome. Don't forget to renew your membership before the AGM.

RECENT EVENTS

EXCURSION TO WESTBURY

Fourteen members enjoyed the trip to Westbury. We had morning tea at Deloraine before proceeding to the White House at Westbury where we had a glimpse of a previous era when the building was a busy shop and bakery. It also houses a magnificent dolls' house made by a daughter of the owner. A toy museum is exhibited in the stables, while a vintage car collection is displayed in other outbuildings. We had lunch on the Village Green followed by a tour of the town with a local historian. We learned of roads that go nowhere and the original site of the main street. The tour wound up at the Local History Museum. As the day was warm three members visited Culzean Gardens which were just coming into bloom. This included an unexpected surprise—a lone grave belonging to a past owner. The remainder opted for chilled refreshments at a local watering hole. We called at the Ashgrove Cheese complex on the way home. Those who took part are already looking forward to the next excursion. Any suggestions?

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas dinner was held at Villaret Tea Gardens at Kimberley. The meal was superb and the desserts "to die for". The Christmas raffle was drawn on the night. This raised more than \$700 for branch funds. First prize went to Marlene James. W. Cox won the second prize with third prize going to Bev Smith. Congratulations to the winners. This year some tickets were sold on the street at Latrobe, helping to boost the total.

JANUARY BARBECUE

The annual barbecue held in picturesque King's Park was a huge success. Thirty-six people including Latrobe Mayor, Cr Mike Gaffney and his wife Mel, along with 13 members of the Latrobe National Trust branch attended the function on January 27. Guest speaker Mike McLaren brought along a varied and intriguing collection of unusual antiques which we were asked to identify. This was followed by a comprehensive discussion on the history and use of each item. The raffle (donated by Pam Bartlett) was won by June Stones. Thanks to all those who donated food and helped in any way to make the function such an enjoyable one.

RESEARCH QUERIES

Research officer Ros Coss has received requests for information about the following families:-

BRITTON, BOATWRIGHT, CRAZE, GROVES, HURST/WIDGER, PRATT,
DARCY, BURGESS, ROBERTSON.

Anyone who can help can contact Ros on 6426 2257