

# Casterton New Public Cemetery Friends of the New Cemetery Newsletter



**CEMETERY  
MAPPING PROJECT  
DAY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
of the month

**WORKING BEE**  
5<sup>th</sup> April  
8AM TO 12 NOON  
(WORKING BEE)  
Followed by BBQ

**The Murphy's of Merino**



These three ladies were recently staying in Casterton for a few days tidying up some of their family graves. They were formerly Murphy's who were born in Merino. Their father was Frank Murphy who was a share farmer at "Tallisker" and worked at the property called "Ardgarton" which is just out of Digby for a number of years.

They were repairing graves of James Daniel Murphy. Jim died at Casterton and once lived in View Street and was married to Mary who later married John Minogue, a former resident of Robertson St, Casterton and who now lives at Ballarat. (Mary is also deceased and was buried at Ballarat. They also were placing crosses on Jims parents graves - John Daniel (Jack) and Nancy Murphy who worked at "Retreat" for a number of years . Also being repaired is "Baby Blairs" grave . Visitors may often wonder of the story surrounding this grave which is in the Catholic section and has a heart shaped grave stone surrounded by a small steel enclosure. One of the three ladies in the photo Moya Schaefer (nee Murphy) inherited the christening gown of the baby Blair and also had several of her own children christened in the robe. They also visited the Old cemetery and repaired some family graves.

The ladies names are Noeline Smith, Sheila Devereaux and Moya Schaefer .  
Story by Peter Gorman

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**"It is not how  
much you do,  
but how  
much love you  
put in the  
doing."**



**Casterton New  
Cemetery Aerial View**

## Mapping Project Update



Commencing the mapping project at the cemetery in 2008

The mapping project is continuing along nicely with the volunteers now up to the Roman Catholic section.

Whilst proving a challenge at times, it has always been great to walk along the rows and read the headstones.

The project has been supported by the Conservation Volunteers organisation and our involvement with this group will end in June.

**BUT NOT THE PROJECT!!!**

To celebrate and say thank you to all those who have participated and those continuing to participate, the Cemetery Trust would like to hold an afternoon tea on

**JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**Glenelg Inn.**

Please RSVP Peter Gorman by June 14<sup>th</sup> for catering purposes.



Volunteers participating in the mapping project

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**WORKING BEE AT THE  
CEMETERY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>  
2009**



## Obituary of Rex Murphy

Taken from the Casterton News, 1943

Spr T R ( Rex) Murphy, whose death was reported last week, was the youngest son of Mrs Murphy of Murray Street Casterton and the late Daniel Murphy.

He took part in the battle of Greece where he was wounded and after spending several months in hospital and convalescent camp, was sent to Java prior to its being captured by the Japanese.

His family last heard from him in February 1942 and in September of that year he was reported a prisoner of war through Tokyo Radio.

No further news had been obtained till the sad news of his death by accident on January 15th was received by his mother on Thursday last.

Brothers and sister are Jack, Frank, Arthur (AIF) and Maisie (Mrs L Hutchins)

### Information on Thomas Rex MURPHY

Rank : Private [Pte]

Service Number :VX48525

Unit 2/2 PNR BN

Service: Army

Conflict: 1939-1945

Date of Death: 15 January 1943

Place of Death : Indian Ocean

Cause of Death : Accidental

Source : AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2nd AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

Thomas Rex Murphy's name is located at **panel 73** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial Canberra

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