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Sat, Sep 23, 2006 at 8:24 AM

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To: dandhist@yahoo.com.au

Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 18:25:48 +1000

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To: [carmen.powell@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.powell@gmail.com)

Sun, Sep 24, 2006 at 4:26 PM

Dear Carmen! Thanks for your RAPID response! Hopefully we'll come down Wednesday! How exciting! Brenda Lorden.

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**Ray Carter** <ray.carter@optusnet.com.au>

**Tue, Sep 26, 2006 at 8:15 AM**

To: Brenda Lorden <indy\_flip@hotmail.com>

Cc: Carmen Powell <Carmen.powell@gmail.com>, "Hist. Soc Dand.& Dist." <dandhist@yahoo.com.au>

Hi Brenda

I'm writing from home, but we will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, if you would like to pop in. See contact details below.

I did a search of some of our indexes and surprised to see that there was very little there.

Our picture book "Grand Old Lady of Dandenong" includes a good photograph of the Caffin & Caffin Store.

The book "Reminiscences of Early Dandenong" includes a photograph of a football team including an O Lowenstern.

However I do not have an index of the local papers at home, and it will be worth while looking at the index of the South Bourke and Mornington Journal (now Dandenong Journal) for the period 1877 to about 1930 that is in our rooms.

We also have a transcription of cemetery records of that period, both for location by grave site and by epitaph, and I would be happy to show you how they work. Finding a grave using its epitaph will be easier, and the epitaph itself may yield more information.

Our card index indicates that we have a business card for Mrs Lowenstern, who was a milliner in the Boomerang buildings; and a price list for the Kangaroo Store.

I am sure that we have photographs of the Lowenstern and Caffin stores.

Best regards,  
Ray

Ray Carter  
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**Thu, Oct 5, 2006 at 7:43 PM**

To: carmen.powell@gmail.com

Dear Carmen, Thanks for all your help in finding out about my great grandfathers! We found out so much from your fantastic collection that we never knew before! Rod & Brenda Lorden