

Melva A Welch, OAM, JP(C.dec) does not consider herself to be an author. Although she has created publications she prefers to be known as a Researcher and Recorder of Local History. As a volunteer Melva has, since 1964, assisted the Shire Council through Pine Rivers District Library service over 50 years of creating databases suitable for Family and Local History. Born 1935 in Invercargill New Zealand, married a Queenslander, moved 1961 to their present home in Arana Hills where a family of seven surviving children grew up within the organizations of the district, many of which Melva and husband Colin had formation input.

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BOOK TITLES

some now out of print, but all are available in public library collections

1995 *Settlement to Sentiment* was the work of the late Merv Ewart of Petrie. After his death Melva was asked to proof-read and prepare his text into a readable format, find and add suitable drawings and photographs for this story of North Pine Country Park. At the launch of the book 11 December 1995, Melva referred to herself as “foster mother” to the publication.

The Pine Rivers Shire Council published and conducted the sales

1991 *Toponymy: a list of Place names.*(Arana, Ferny, Everton Hills and Bunya area)

1995 *Not Pineapples, not Pine Trees but Pine Rivers – Political History of Pine Rivers Shire Council.*
original book name was "*Pigs is Clean if They's Kept Proper*"

1999 *In Loving Memory of – the history of burials in the Pine Rivers Shire.*

1999 *Laceys Creek.*

2008 *Revised Not Pineapples, not Pine Trees but Pine Rivers –*
update compiled at the request of the Mayor of Pine Rivers Shire, Councillor Yvonne Chapman, because of State Government enforced Local Government amalgamation of three councils, Pine Rivers, Redcliffe and Caboolture.

2013 *Cradle to Grove – Toowong Council*, compiled for and published by Toowong & District Historical Society Inc – Biographical profiles of 84 men who filled positions of elected members and senior staff 1880 to 1925 before Toowong was amalgamated into Greater Brisbane City Council.

self-published

1984 *Bowling along with the Patricks at Mt Pleasant homestead* – Tales of the Patrick family whose first homes dominated the locality now known as Arana Hills, Queensland.

1990 *Reigning Supreme – Camden Park Scout Group 1970-1990.*

1992 *Bunya School No 147 1875-1965.*

2009 *Cranwel – 15 Macartney Street, Paddington Qld* – The story of a house and the descendants of Edwin James Welch, the man who in 1861 found King the only surviving member of the Burke & Wills Expedition.

2014 *BERGIN BEAUTY John Delaney Bergin's Family* –
Enthusiastic adherents to Roman Catholicism, the family became much-respected landowners in Ferny Grove, Bunya, Samford, Milton, South-Western Queensland and Northern New South Wales. You are invited to find the location of the Moated Grange, Bergin Pier baths the Federal Chambers and which of the ten children born to John and Jane Bergin reluctantly pioneered human flight with borrowed turkey feathers.