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THE GROLLO FAMILY HAS A GIPPSLAND CONNECTION

..."As well as documenting the Italian community, Diana Grollo has written a full account of the Cooper's Creek area, which is a substantial contribution to Gippsland history..."

"The Italians lived at Jubilee, an old mining camp near the Thomson River. The community there included Trevisani names such as Bettiol, Girardi, Durante, Bertuola, Grollo and Marchiori, many of whom inter-married.

The families lived in old timber cottages left over from the mining days; itinerant male workers lived in tents or shanties made from wood and kerosene tins.

Life was hard, particularly for single men, money was scarce in the Depression years, but the Trevisani were traditionally strong and very hard workers"...

By Patrick Morgan.