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Resources and research assistance available at 'The Cottage' on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

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from the President -

Wayne Dean, President, member 489

Wyong Family History Group is a successful community organization with more than 300 members. It has provided opportunities for those researching their family history, a lot of this through the efforts of volunteer members and those willing to take positions on Committees, at the Cottage and in

groups within WFHG organization. A Nomination Form is on page 15 all ready to cut out or print. This can then be posted, emailed or handed in at the Cottage.

We do rely on members to renew their membership, participate in the host of activities arranged throughout the year and attend the AGM.

We hope to see you there. ... 🌳

from the Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



Hello All!

Once again, our Group has been busy. A successful Book Launch; a well attended successful tour to Rookwood Cemetery; our first offering of an Advanced Family History Course; a very interesting Search For Land Seminar. If you attended this seminar on 28 July and need a visit to State Records, keep an eye out for our next bus trip to Kingswood.

Do you read the weekly email newsletter from The Secretary.

This is your weekly update on what is happening in our group and often includes important announcements.

Pat Perrett from Wyong Historical Society will present 'Update on Alison Homestead and Wyong District Museum' at our next General Meeting on Saturday 10 August. Come along and learn the latest from our local Historic Museum.

Remember, your stories help to make our publication interesting and the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 October 2019.... 🌳

Annual General Meeting

1:00 pm Saturday 14 September 2019

Wyong Family History Group Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 14 September 2019, in the Meeting Room of 'The Cottage', Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong.

Nominations are now open for all Executive positions, and a nomination form is included on page 15, additional forms are available at The Cottage, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

A copy of our Constitution is available for viewing by visiting our webpage or in the office at The Cottage.

Yours sincerely,

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Reflections: What We've Been Up To in Pictures and Words

Book Launch – People of Wyong

Wayne Bermingham member 623

It was very encouraging to see a really nice size crowd of members and non-members for our book launch on Tuesday 21 May at Tuggerah Library. All who attended seemed quite impressed by the new publications. Mr. David Harris MP made time in his busy schedule to officially launch the new books.

This series of three books titled *People of Wyong* have been compiled by Ann Cooke and John Selwood detailing the men and women who contributed to the growth and development of Wyong. Newspaper articles, photographs, historical facts and local knowledge

are included in the books.

NSW Legislative Assembly: Mr DAVID HARRIS (Wyong) (28 May 2019): "I recently had the pleasure of joining the Wyong Family History group to launch its new book, *The People of Wyong*. This project grew from the work of Ann Cooke and John Selwyn, and is a series of works that documents the people who have developed Wyong and overseen its growth since its founding. The work includes the stories of station masters, police sergeants, dentists, postmasters and farmers who have overseen generations of growth in our community. This was a collaborative



effort that included help from Marilyn Cridland and Roger Lewis as well as other contributions from members of the group. Wyong Family History group does this important work that ensures our

history is not forgotten. We have only a limited time to record much of our local history or it is forgotten. Thank you for the opportunity to launch this important book." ...🌳

Reflections: Rookwood Bus Trip, May 2019

Wayne Bermingham member 623

As a young teenager growing up in Lidcombe my friends and I would often ride our bikes around Rookwood cemetery. Now I know you're thinking I was interested in genealogy at a early age but the truth is it was much safer riding in the cemetery than on the local roads. Fast forward 50 years, give or take a couple, and I'm once again riding around Rookwood this time with a new group of friends though none of them are likely to be peddling a pushbike anytime soon, clearly they are much more comfortable enjoying being driven around in a minibus. While the weather was cool at 6:30 in the morning we were blessed with a beautiful day once the sun came up on the Monday of our much anticipated bus trip to Rookwood cemetery. The drive down from the coast was trouble free and even the traffic seemed light while the conversations among the passengers [what's said on the bus stays on the bus Carmel] meant the time passed quickly. Arriving at the Strathfield entrance of the cemetery our first stop was at the cafe as at least one of us was well overdue for a coffee.

After refuelling, ourselves not the bus, we headed off to collect the results of the email searches we had requested a week or two prior



to departure. Those of us who were after ancestors in the Catholic section received a detailed sheet for each of their relatives, we then headed off to the General section office however, due to a change in staff, only a few of our requests had been processed resulting in some lengthy delays while they were attended to. Because I'd already collected my 18 pages from the Catholic office and because Lyn Hagstrom and I had decided to work as a pair we set off in search of my first grave, Henry Bermingham who passed away in 1874. Working as a team certainly made locating graves quite a lot easier so much so that I found 15

of the 18 that I was after, two had no headstone and just one had the wrong information so to say I was pleased with the result would be an understatement.

Around lunch time just as we had located my final grave the weather took a nasty turn, the wind blew a gale, the sky darkened and rain began to fall so we took that as a sign to grab some lunch before beginning the hunt for Lyn's ancestors. Luckily our bus arrived which gave us a calm place to eat and discuss the best way to use the time remaining. Once again working as a team paid off and it wasn't long before Lyn had found several relatives then we headed off to one of the older sections in the cemetery. With the wind

howling through the trees and the sunlight filtering through the grey clouds an eerie, dare I say ghostly appearance fell upon the graves but we pressed on regardless until our persistence eventually paid off.

With some time up our sleeve we made the long trek back to the bus where we quickly began sharing our results with the others in our group as we made our way home to the wonderful Central Coast.

I would very much like to thank everyone involved, our organiser Carmel Peek, Lindsay Macleay our driver, all the members who booked to go on the trip and Lyn Hagstrom for all her help, without each of you I would not have had such a great day. Thank you. ... 🌳

Reflections: WFHG Advanced Family History Course

Carmel Peak Member 658

This quarter saw us conduct our first Advanced Family History Course held over five consecutive Fridays commencing 7 June with two sessions each day. Yes that was a total of ten sessions. Very positive feedback was provided by participants. The content of this course built on the Beginners Course held earlier in the year and was well received by many of the participants as evidenced by the following comments:

"The Wyong Group made us feel very welcome", "Thoroughly enjoyed the course material and the sharing of knowledge and tips for research", "Fantastic" "All presenters very knowledgeable" "Thank you – a great course! "Great value for money!" "Thank you to

all the volunteers who generously give their time" "Thank you so much for the lovely morning tea each week." "Thank you to the very knowledgeable presenters-brilliant!" "Extensive notes and resource lists were much appreciated", "We are fortunate to have people prepared to give up their time for these courses". "Handouts are good" "Friendly inclusive group".

A big thank you to our fantastic presenters who prepared and delivered the course, with a special thanks to those who stepped in to fill the breach at short notice Lorraine Cameron who did all the administration and Kay Croll for her delicious morning teas. ... 🌳



Some of the participants, presenters and organisers on the last day of our first Advanced Course.

Reflections: Search for Land Seminar

Helen Johnston-Lord Member 505



Steve Ford presented a very informative program. Those of us who attended now have an idea where to find information, sites to visit and what can be gleaned from these sites. Mostly NSW with

information available on some other states and New Zealand older holdings.

After lunch, Steve presented a showcase of Land Records and how

he used them in relation to the Village Central Wyong Shopping Mall, from Land Grant to current ownership.

After a very short Q & A session,

Steve donated to our Group, digital and hard copy of his presentation and research, a very generous gift.

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New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to our many new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Included in this list are corrections from previous publications. Contact any of these members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

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936	Melissa DANIELS	947	Denise LAKE
937	Michael LYNCH		

10 Years of Service Presentation

President Wayne Dean presenting Elizabeth Worboys member #401 with her 10 years certificate at the June General Meeting, she was thanked for her continuous membership as she received her certificate. 🌳



A Reminder For Members

Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, they have to wear their membership card and do so in such a manner that it is clearly displayed.

Bags are not allowed past the foyer. Please use the lockers provided. You may take in research folders and a purse. Food and drink are not allowed in the research areas.

Books which can be borrowed from the library (i.e. Books without a 'NOT FOR LOAN' mark), can only be out for two weeks at a time. Please record them in the red 'Loan Book'

When returning any journals, books or magazines, please note the date returned in the book and then place them in the tray on the Library table. The volunteer on duty will place them back on the shelves that day. ... 🌳

Defibrillator

An important addition to our First Aid equipment at the Cottage.



Situated in the office is our new defibrillator. Thanks to the efforts of Jean Macleay [member 359], the Elderslie Foundation have generously supplied us with a defibrillator.

All our co-ordinators plus other members attended the training day in May.... 🌳

Did you Know – in the Library Unrelated Certificates

- 🌳 These are indexed.
- 🌳 Certificates have been donated and can be copied.
- 🌳 Donations of unrelated certificates are also welcomed.

Drop Files

- 🌳 Miscellaneous files covering information from researches folk have done. You might find obscure items.
- 🌳 Searchable on the Library computer using the tabs at the bottom of the screen. ... 🌳



Special Interest Groups

Here at **WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.** we currently offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members

with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their interest. SIGs are free to members and go for one to two hours. Current Groups are:



- Computer/Social Media [bi-monthly]
- DNA
- English & Welsh Research
- Family Tree Maker
- Microsoft Word



We also run Information Sessions. These sessions are usually an hour or so and may just give your research and what you do with it, a boost

- 🌳 Family Search Indexing, Wednesday 7 August 10.30 am
- 🌳 Getting more out of Family Search
– Wednesday 18 September 10.30 am
- 🌳 Regiments and Records – Thursday, 17 October 12.30 pm
- 🌳 Shipping – Tuesday 26 November, 10.30 am



No Booking Required

The Road Not Taken...

Lynda Smth LM 2

KILLED BY FALLING



Once upon a time there lived a lovely lady, and her name was Glad. She grew up in Concord West, left school after gaining her Intermediate Certificate and found herself a job at Arnott's, where her father worked. Glad was an excellent typist and could do shorthand, so she excelled at office work. Everyone thought highly of her.

Glad saved money from her wages and decided to have a holiday at The Entrance, where she stayed at Pinehurst Guest House. "It was the first time I had been away without family. A girl I got friendly with and I were walking on the path beside the veranda and there were two men there having morning tea with the owners. One was Bob Wood, who asked me later on to go to a party at the home of a married couple who worked at the guest house. That night was the beginning of a long romance. Bob always said it was love at first sight for him. He told me straight away that he was married, but long separated from his wife Nikki." [Glad's notes, written 2005 in response to my Memory Jogger questions].



Bob had lost his father in a freak accident in September 1923. *Maitland Daily Mercury (NSW : 1894 - 1939), Friday 21 September 1923.*

CHIMNEY...The fatality at Katoomba occurred at the "Sans Souci", the town's leading accommodation house, at 4.40. A huge brick chimney collapsed and fell on the roof and drove through two floors, on to the kitchen. A man named Woods, employed by the Fresh Food and Ice Company, was staying at the "Sans Souci," with his wife. The falling bricks crushed him and carried the body with it to the ground floor. His wife, who was seated near the window, had a narrow escape, and had to be rescued by a ladder, as all means of egress was destroyed. The chefs in the kitchen narrowly escaped death, the deluge of bricks missing them by inches. Six tons of masonry and bricks were deposited in the kitchen, and the whole of the west side of the house severely damaged.'

An inquest was held and Bob had to give evidence. It must have been quite horrific for all concerned.

I don't know when or how Bob met Nikki, but they married when he was 20 and she was 18 as they were expecting a child. Nikki's actual name was Gertrude!

Their only child, Robert Harry Clifton WOOD, was born on 29 August 1924 and was called Little Bob/Bobbie by the family.

Divorces were expensive and

difficult to get at this time, and until he met Glad, Bob had not bothered. He had his own car and hired Taxi plates from their owner for £5 per week. Glad's parents and brothers came to love Bob and he visited the family home many times. Eventually, Glad's father retired from Arnott's [after 47 years] so they sold at Concord and moved to Wyongah in 1947. Glad went to board with her married cousin Gwen in Darlinghurst for a while, until they needed to move and Glad had to find new accommodation. Bob suggested that he lease his taxi to a friend and that he and Glad take on work at Pinehurst for a while. They filled in for anyone who had a day off, or needed to do something. It was only a short boat ride across the lake to visit Glad's parents. "We were very happy. When the holiday season ended at the end of May, Bob found me a bed & breakfast to live in at Bondi and I gained a job at Ashley's in the city." [Ashley's was part of the Buckingham Group.] Glad would accompany Bob to his brother's home for dinner each evening. Bob would pick her up in his taxi each morning and take her to work. Bob was more than eighteen years older than Glad, but to her, he was perfect. They had plans to marry as soon as his divorce was finalised.

Glad's father passed away suddenly on 2nd April 1949. "Bob told me to leave my job and he gave me £5 each week for four months so I could stay with Mum." 1949 proved to be an extremely traumatic year for Glad.

I came across a newspaper article, published by "*The Truth*" newspaper, which by all accounts was the gossip rag of the day. The article detailed, in explicit language, the activities of Bob's wife that led to adultery being given as the reason for the WOOD divorce. On the 8th December 1949, the divorce was granted. It was time to plan for the future in more detail and rejoice! Bob and his brother Allan went to their Masonic Lodge on the 14th December, after driving Glad home from work. She kissed him goodnight as usual. "Little did I know that it was goodbye."



"One the 15th December 1949 he [Bob] did not turn up, so I went off to work. When I got to work, I got a phone call to go straight to the Hodge's place where Bob had boarded. When I got there, I found he had died during the night from a cerebral haemorrhage. [His son] Bobbie and I made the arrangements and his former wife asked if she could come and see him. That was alright with us."

Apparently, Gertrude did not fully grasp the reality of the 'you are now divorced' situation!

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Friday 16 December 1949.

DEATHS: WOOD, Robert Stanley. December 15, 1949, at his residence, 38 Warner's Ave, Bondi, dearly beloved husband of Gertrude (Nick) and loved father of Robert, father-

in-law of Norma and brother of Allan, Edith (Mrs. Stanborough), aged 46 years.

Bob had made a will, and in it, he had left Glad a small cottage in Saturday Street Wyongah, just a short distance from her mother's home in Myrna Rd. Glad returned to work at Ashley's and to her small room at the B&B. In early April 1950 Glad was introduced to Stewart SMITH, an electrician doing work in her office. He asked her out and their first date was at a Chinese restaurant at Kings Cross on 20th April. Glad had never had Chinese food before. Soon after, Glad met Stewart's mother and younger brother who also lived in Bondi. Sadly, Stewart's mother passed away a few weeks later. Glad felt sorry for their plight, so she started going to Stewart's home of an evening to cook a meal for them all. On weekends, Glad would stay with her Mum in Wyongah.

Stewart and Glad's relationship slowly grew into something serious. In 1951 they became engaged, and they married on 22nd March 1952 when they were both 31 years old. After



their first child was born in 1953, the family moved up to the Central



Coast to live in 'Pinette', the cottage at Wyongah. They went on to have another child and Stewart established a successful electrical contractor's business in Wyong. They eventually purchased a home in Wyong and had nearly 50 years together before Stewart passed away in 2001.

If Bob and Glad had married as planned, would they have had a son who decided to study in Newcastle at the same time as I was there? Would we have met and fallen in love as I did? Who knows? So many lives have taken unexpected 'roads' to get to our current destination. Glad was a truly wonderful mother in law, mother and grandmother and she



is thought of fondly every day. ... 🌿
Sources: Glad's Journal, family photos, Trove newspapers, NSW BDM online indexes.

Transport

Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have any ideas, email The Secretary:
secwfhg2@westnet.com.au

or phone (02) 4351 2211 during open hours. ... 🌿



How Times Have Changed...

Lynda Smith LM 2, July 2019

Nowadays, much media attention is given to medical experts who are talking about the effect of too much 'screen time' on people, particularly children and teens. They are, of course talking about personal devices like smart phones and video gaming. Back in the day, when television was a new invention, my ancestor was concerned about similar effects- but more so, on the moral values of our population. I never knew that he was a part of this Commission. Bishop William George HILLIARD was my grandmother's favourite cousin and he had much experience with children, having been headmaster of Trinity Grammar school in the 1930s.

"Television was introduced into Australia in September 1956. Since then it has had a major impact on the lifestyles of all Australians. This introduction was controlled largely by government policy, and derived from the findings of the Royal Commission on Television.

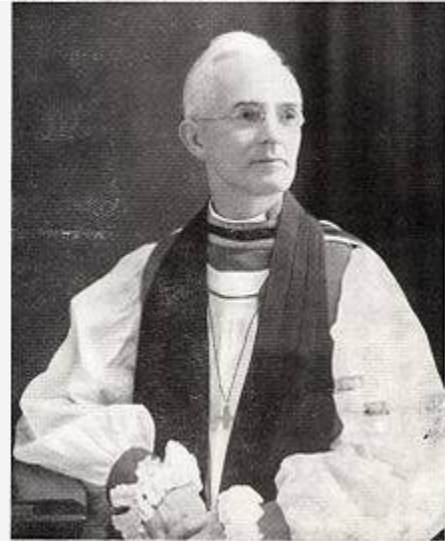
The Royal Commission (1953-1954) was established to report on matters such as the number of national commercial television stations which could be effectively established and operated and the standards to be observed in programs to ensure the best use of television broadcasting in the public interest."

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/fact-sheets/fs115.aspx>

Northern Star (Lismore, NSW : 1876 - 1954), Saturday 28 March 1953

Memories *That's How it Was* Television

'T.V. to Change Social Habits ... Rev. Walker SYDNEY, Friday.— Australia should welcome television , which would



cause a greater social revolution in social habits than any invention of the century, said Rev. Alan Walker, today. He was giving evidence at the Sydney sitting of the T.V. Royal Commission.

Rev. Walker was speaking on behalf of the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches.

"There is no need to fear its impact upon the life of the people, unless we are foolish enough to ignore lessons learned in other lands where television is already in operation," he said.

"Rightly used, television could represent a tremendous power for good in the community.

"For good and ill it will trespass into the privacy of every home, and because its great impact will be upon children, decisions made now will deeply affect the quality of Australian life in 30, 50 and 100 years time " he said.

Mr. Walker added that low grade television would steadily contaminate the minds of children and degrade the

community; high grade television could quicken the finest elements of the people and elevate society.

There were two dangers associated with television:

That it should fall into the hands of political parties which could use its tremendous power for propaganda, and

Commercial domination, where the necessity to make profits could result in a pandering to the lowest elements in human nature.

Mr. Walker and the Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, Mr. W. G. Hilliard, presented on behalf of the council recommendations.

They were:

Hours to be restricted on week days to two in the afternoon and two in the evening as the maximum for any one channel during the first year.

Weekday hours between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to be generally free of TV.

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays to be set aside for church services or religious material.

Formation of an overall controlling body free of political control and the domination of sectional interests to make recommendations to the Minister concerning licensing and delicensing of stations, technical standards and hours of viewing type and content of programmes and advertisements

The controlling body to set up a code of standards for television to be enforceable by law.

Appointment of an executive officer to supervise religious telecasts.

The hearing was adjourned until April 8.'

I am not sure how much influence the World Council of Churches had on the regulation of television, but some of their concerns are certainly still valid today.

References: personal knowledge, Trove Newspapers, photo from

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hilliard_\(bishop\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hilliard_(bishop)). ... 🌿

35th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies

Kerrie Metcalfe LM [#80]

11-13 October 2019 (Friday to Sunday)

**at Knox Grammar School,
Pacific Highway, Wahroonga.**

Hosted by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society

Use this link to the 2019 State Conference to watch the film clip and give serious thought about going even for one day, you will not be sorry, its an experience

every family historian should consider. All the information can be found on their site.

<http://exploringthepast.khs.org.au/default.html>. ... 🌿



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The Annual General Meeting for Wyong Family History Group Inc. will be held on 14th September 2019 at 1.00pm at the Cottage, Building 9 Ranken Court, Wyong.

Nomination form for Management Committee for 2019 - 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Secretary on 4351 2211 or secwfhg2@westnet.com.au

I, (print name)..... wish to nominate myself for the below position.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member

SignedDate __ / __ / 2019

Seconded by (print name).....

Signed.....Date __ / __ / 2019

Only fully paid members are eligible to nominate/vote.



Large Enough?

Christine Thompson Member 868.

Thank you for another 1953 image Christine. ... ed ... 🌳

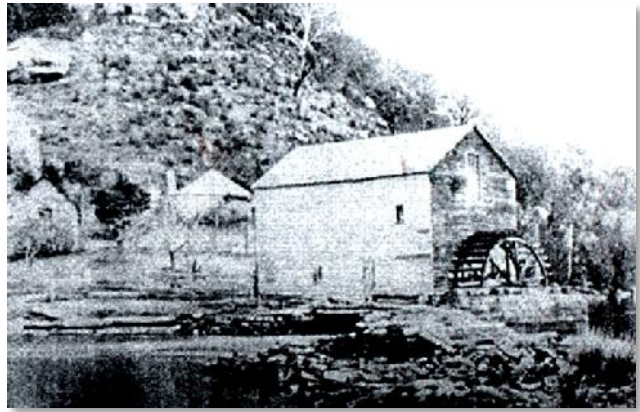


Beginning My Grandfather's Story

George was born into a family whose forebears included the pioneers of the Hawkesbury. Although his origins included 11 convicts, they had all married and settled on grants on the river where they farmed and on which they raised their children, but that's another story.

At the time George was born on 3rd September 1876 the family lived at the Parsonage, a property below Wiseman's Ferry with which the Cross family had a long association. The Parsonage was a church reserve dedicated to the Church of England in May 1842 for use as a church and school. Although the plans of the land show the site of a church and clerk's hut, the idea of building a church so close to the river was probably decided against in favour of the site at Wiseman's Ferry. Land for a cemetery however was set aside. In the early days it was known as Nelson's Reach cemetery and as most of the funerals came by river, there was a substantial wharf built at the cemetery. The cemetery now on this site and known as the Church of England cemetery Laughtondale contains the graves of members of the pioneer families of the area. The families who lived on the river between Wiseman's Ferry and Laughtondale were: Walmsleys, Nagles, the Cross family on the Parsonage, Stewarts, Sutherlands, the Rose family and the Laughtons at Laughtondale.

This road was probably called Singleton Road because it led to Singleton's Mill which was built at the confluence of the Hawkesbury River and Layburys Creek. This mill



used tidal influence to turn the huge stone wheel to grind the locally produced corn and wheat for the local and Sydney market. This photo shows the mill with the family home behind. The mill was demolished in 1910.

George was the second child in a family of eleven children. George's mother was Mary Jane Singleton, who lived to within one month of 100 years old. His birth certificate shows that he was born at the Parsonage, Wiseman's Ferry on 3rd September 1876, His father Charles was a Farmer, aged 29, born at Mangrove Creek, and his mother Mary Jane was 21 and was born at Wollombi. Present at the birth was Ellen Cross

(nee Douglass) his paternal grandmother. The family must have been comfortable enough to spend money on a studio photograph. This photo of



George would have been taken in the 1880's.

Presumably George received a public education at Wiseman's Ferry, but as he is described as a labourer in most official descriptions, he did not pursue any specific trade or tertiary education, probably not even secondary...

At the age of 23 on the 5th October 1899 he married Annie Philippa Walters also aged 23 who was 7 months pregnant. He is described as usually living on the Richmond River, northern New South Wales. They were married at the Independent Presbyterian Church, 471 Pitt Street, Sydney in the presence of Annie's parents Phillip and Melville Walters. Phillip and Melville were very religious, being leading members of the congregation of St. John's Church of England, Ashfield and were very well off. It must have been a big disappointment to have their eldest daughter marry under these circumstances

George and Annie's first child Mary Ellen (always known as May) was born at Erskineville on 21st December 1899. Erskineville is where Annie's maternal grandparents, the Morgans, resided. Her grandmother Emily was a midwife and would have assisted at the birth. Their second child Charles George (Chas) was born on 24th March 1905, more than five years later, at George's mother's home at Wiseman's Ferry. Whether George and Annie were living together when May was born is not known as he maybe had to return to the Richmond River where the Marriage Certificate states as

his usual residence. This may account for the long period between these two children. When I was a child grandma used to tell me the story about her arrival at Bonville in 1906 where the family resided for at least the next 14 years. Annie told me of the trip up the coast by boat which anchored off Coff's Harbour. She was rowed ashore on a stormy and windy night with her two children aged 7 years and 20 months old and probably the possessions she needed to set up home. They travelled from Coff's Harbour by horse and sulky to the bag hut, their home. Within 2 months their third child, Edith, was born in the early morning of 9th November. Grandma used to say this was a morning of a black frost. Present at the birth was Mrs Smith and Mrs F Cross. Mrs Smith may have been the local midwife or a neighbour and Mrs F Cross. the wife of George's brother Frederick. Frederick was George's elder brother who the records show was convicted of larceny at Kempsey Quarter Sessions on 9th September 1909 when he spent 9 months in goal, and again on 17th October 1919 when he was convicted of "Wife Desertion". ... *We will continue the story of Jean's Grandfather soon. ed. ...* 🌲



Anyone who has lived in the Wyong area pre-expressway will remember the lengthy Pacific Highway traffic jams at Easter time. Sometimes it seemed as though nothing was moving south of Swansea bridge and the main street of Wyong was like a carpark. Sadly, in 2019, the situation most days looks quite similar through the main street itself.

I came across the following article when searching TROVE newspapers for mention of the unusual surname of EL[L]MOOS. I had discovered, via a detailed death notice, that a daughter of one of my distant relatives married a Lawrence EL[L]MOOS. I was intrigued by the name. I then found a wedding description and BDM record.

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Saturday 26 May 1906

St. Michael's Church, Flinders-street, was the scene of a wedding on May 23, when Mr. Lawrence Elmoos, of Christiansminde, Nowra, was married to Miss Elsie Grace Young, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, of Sylvania, Moore Park. The ceremony was performed by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Manning. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents.

[I was informed that **Christiansminde** means Christian's memory and that Christian was the name of the father of Jacob and Lawrence.]

Further delving led me to a Jacob ELLMOOS, a Danish fisherman who had settled at Sussex Inlet and



built a two storey guest house on a large property called Heimdall. He encouraged parties of keen fishermen to visit.

Lawrence [Lorenz] was his



younger brother who arrived with the rest of Jacob's siblings and parents in 1886. Jacob was an early devotee of what he termed the Pacific herring, which he had smoked in the European way. He had discovered shoals of these fish off Nowra at certain times of the year and was keen to establish a commercial venture. There are many articles describing such



fishing holidays and the hospitality of the ELLMOOS family.

Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954),
Monday 3 April 1944

"Holiday Resorts Are Booked Out

Most holiday resorts and all four holiday trains on which reservations could be made have been booked out for Easter.

Some long-sighted people booked their Easter accommodation six months ago. Train bookings could be made a week in advance, but seats were all sold within a few hours.

No platform tickets will be sold on Thursday so as to prevent congestion. Director of the NSW Tourist Bureau (Mr. Lamble) said today: "The bureau is crowded all day by people seeking holiday accommodation, but their only chance is cancelled bookings." Most Sydney residential hotels are booked out, too, and we have had to refuse many country people."

Jervis Bay Limit Mrs. J. Elmoos, proprietress of a guesthouse at Sussex Inlet, said that all guest houses there, including her own, had

closed down because of inability to get staff. Mrs. I. Kovas, secretary of Strathavon Guest House, Wyong, said that all available Easter accommodation was booked six months ago. At Jervis Bay, five large guest houses have closed down. Only accommodation there is at the one remaining guesthouse and two hotels. All are booked out. Mrs. E. C. Clark, proprietress of furnished cottages at Ettalong Beach, said today that no accommodation of any type was available in the district. An employee of Reynolds' Booking Agency, which handles a number of large guesthouses at popular resorts, said all were heavily booked for Easter."

Resources:

Trove newspapers, NSW BDMS online, <http://www.centralcoastnews.net/2019/03/20/pacific-highway-wyong-and-ourimbah-rated-worst-road/> for traffic photo taken 2019 <http://www.sussexinlet.nsw.au/historicalcottage.html> for photo of 'Christian's minde'. <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/landscape/settlement/display/110656-heimdall-settlement-> for photo of plaque. ... 🌳

Your Digital Footprint

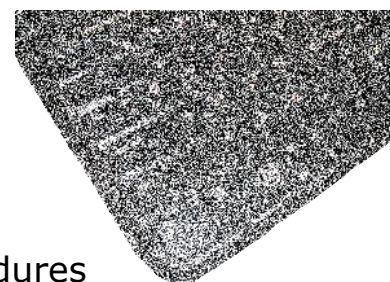
Your social media accounts and the images on them should be considered as part of estate planning

After the loss of a loved one, it's only natural to collate their images as keepsakes to share among family members. But, in the digital age, social media accounts such as Facebook and Instagram can add another layer of complexity to the grieving process.

The content of social media accounts, known as a digital footprint, is proving to be a grey area within estates. If direct access has not been granted by the deceased, who owns the footprint?

Different social media platforms have different procedures and actions that occur on a user's death, but the options for family members are usually to have the account memorialised or closed.

Make enquiries with your social media provider about your options, discuss with your family or, if you have one, Estate Planner or tech person, so you can rest easy. ... *thank you Michelle for bringing an article in Australian Unity's Flourish publication, Autumn 2019 to my attention. ... ed. ...* 🌳



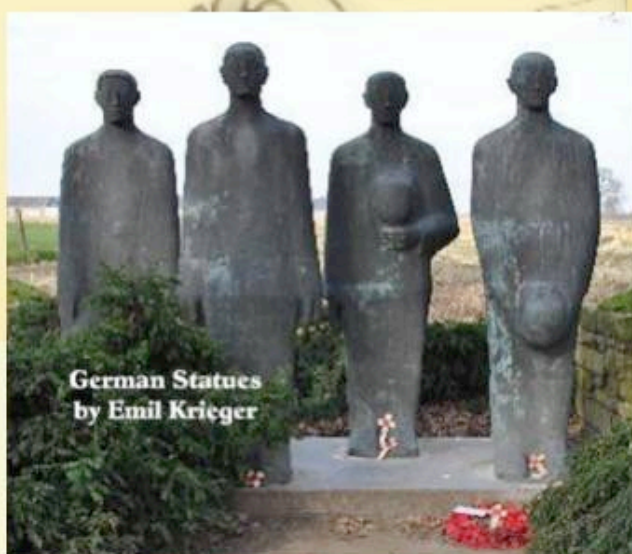
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They are remembered

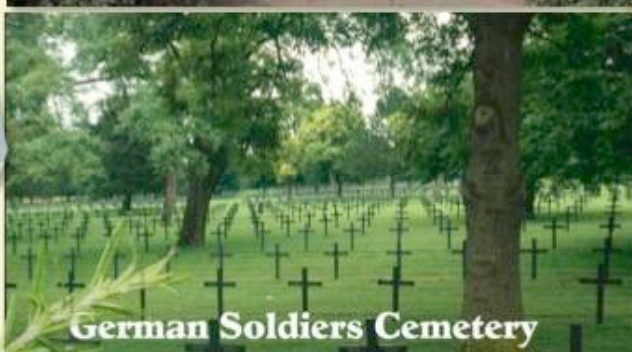
**They sleep not in their native land, but
beneath a foreign sky,
Far away from those who loved them, in hero's
graves they lie.**



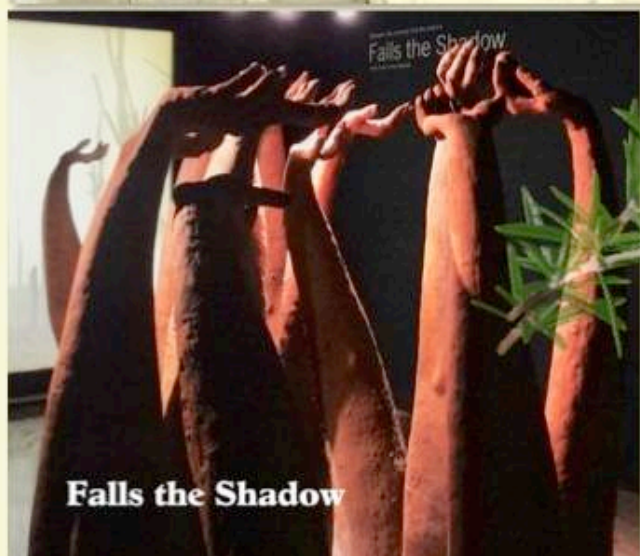
**Canadian National
Vimy Museum**



**German Statues
by Emil Krieger**



German Soldiers Cemetery



Falls the Shadow



**The Last Post
Service, Menin Gate,
Ypres**

Tricia Engles. ... *'It was a very sobering experience to see the sheer number of graves at the various cemeteries. More to the point, the number of servicemen without an actual grave because their bodies were unidentified, or blown apart.'*

These days, we are all familiar with images of the Memorials and cemeteries at The Western Front.

Seeing some images taken by an acquaintance and her very moving comment sent me searching. Thank you Tricia Engles for your photographs and inspiration.

In World War 1, many millions of mostly men, women and animals, from many nations, lost their lives in this dreadful conflict.

The Canadian National Vimy Memorial is a war memorial site in France dedicated to the memory of Canadian Expeditionary Force members killed during the First World War.

Designed by Walter Seymour Allward it took eleven years to build. King Edward VIII unveiled it on 26 July 1936 in the presence of French President Albert Lebrun and a crowd of over 50,000 people, including 6,200 attendees from Canada.

The site is maintained by Veterans Affairs Canada. The Vimy Memorial is one of only two National Historic Sites of Canada located outside the country, the other being the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial.

'Falls the Shadow'
Commemorative Sculpture
Installation

Sculptor Helen Pollock
Clay from the battlefield of
Passchendaele with all that it

contains and signifies was fused with rough unprocessed clay from New Zealand's Coromandel to create this 'forest of arms' as a tribute to the tragic losses of young New Zealand men on the Western Front.

Following the initial exhibition of 'Falls the Shadow' to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Armistice November 2008.

Helen Pollock is a member of the Passchendaele Society. Her father was a signaller in Northern France and Belgium in WW1, and was part of the occupation force on Cologne after the war.

Langemark Cemetery. Nothing in German military cemeteries is much taller than a few statues whose symbolism is hushed, if not ambivalent. In Langemark, four bronze men watch silently over the 44,000 graves. Designed by the ironically named Emil Krieger, the statues represent four German soldiers in mourning, though little about them suggests warrior status except that three hold steel helmets (the other represents the unarmed medical corps).

Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. Silent crowds wait for the stroke of eight o'clock underneath the Menin Gate. Then the volunteer buglers from the Last Post Association raise their instruments to play the Last Post. Nothing quite prepares you for the

powerful emotion of experiencing this moving ceremony at first hand.

For many years, the Last Post ceremony lasted barely two minutes. After 1990, however, an extended version became the norm. As the event became better

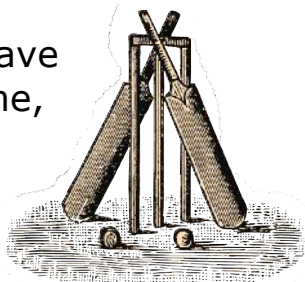
known, more and more associations and schools asked to be allowed to take part in the Last Post ceremony. These days, it is watched by at least 100 people every day. In the summer, the number of those present can even reach 1,000. ... 🌲



The Canoona Gold Rush, near the Fitz Roy River, 40 kilometres north west of Rockhampton, QLD, is not a well known one. Canoona was the name of a pastoral lease in the area. There was no 'town' there, as such. While checking TROVE newspapers for mentions of my HILLIARD ancestors, I came across an account of my cricketer, Henry [Harry] HILLIARD, visiting this location for a short period of time. I had heard a family story that he had spent some time looking for gold, but I had thought it would have been closer to home, in NSW or even Victoria.

Queensland was a surprise. [See

Lynda's story of Harry in the Tree of Life November 2017 ed.] Gold



The Canoona Delusion

Lynda Smith LM 2 July 2019

was reported to have been discovered in the area on July 28 1858. By the end of August, newspapers were publishing reports about significant finds and people flocked to the area in droves. Unfortunately, most of the gold discovered was of the alluvial kind, in the topsoil. Diligent Chinese miners found some, but latecomers found the ground around the river to have the appearance of being swept with a broom, with not a speck of gold in sight. Over 3000 people were at Canoona by mid September but many were starving and sorely affected by the extreme Qld heat and lack of fresh water. By mid



October, shipowners had started taking shiploads of destitute people south, charging half the normal

fare. Some people were too poor to even afford this, and ended up finding work in the local area. Rockhampton ended up becoming a significant port with a Customs House and a properly surveyed township. Harry ended up with a good story to tell his mates, but sadly, no gold.

Bell's Life in Sydney and Sporting Reviewer (NSW : 1845 - 1860), Saturday 23 October 1858.

THE GOLDEN COLUMN. THE FITZ ROY GOLD FIELD.

“Harry Hilliard, one of Australia's first-rate cricketers, went to Port Curtis in the *'Pirate'* on the 15th of September. He returned by the *'Cyclone'*, and although lighter of purse, much improved by his sea voyage. He went down in company with Mr Hind, junior, and Mr R.Sadler, but although he pitched his wickets on the Canoona ground, he could not make a good hit of it at all. He was continually stumped or bowled out; so he deemed it advisable to get back to Sydney, lest he should lose his chance of being elected to take a part in the forthcoming grand event between the New South Wales and Victorian cricketers. He says that there will doubtless be a good paying gold field discovered in the regions around the Canoona by persevering and experienced miners who can afford to remain and explore the country for a considerable time, but there has been such a very long drought that until the country is visited with copious supplies of rain there is no chance of doing any good.

On board the vessels the provisions were very scanty, and of very inferior quality, as if the outcry about the Fitz Roy had been originated for the express purpose of enabling holders of rubbish and offal to get rid thereof. The water in the vessel in which he sailed turned very bad and unwholesome, having been put in cocoanut oil casks and beer casks that had never been washed out. He says that a very bitter feeling exists in the minds of the multitudes of unfortunates at Rockhampton towards Captain Moodie, formerly of the City of Sydney, but now acting as the A. S. N. Company's agent and superintendent at Rockhampton, on account of his unkind conduct. For instance, Captain Moodie quarrelled with some captains of sailing vessels for taking the poor people back to Sydney from Rockhampton at the rate of £4 per head, asserting that they ought to charge £5, and not unduly compete with the Company's vessels. Captain Moodie promised to tow the *'Cyclone'* down the river, but would not do so because she had taken poor passengers on board homeward bound, at lower rates than those charged by the Company. The consequence was that the *'Cyclone'* was eight days getting down the river, and was sixteen days in making the entire homeward passage instead of arriving in half that time. He adds that Captain Moodie's unpopularity was palpably demonstrated by the groans and

hisses that greeted him when he was seen from the vessel.

Mr Hilliard says that great distress is prevalent at Rockhampton and that there numbers of men pining there for want, who have wives and families in Sydney, but lack sufficient funds to enable them to return."

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mrs White of the Prince of Wales Saloon, Pitt-street, from her husband, Mr C. White, a digger of great experience:-

"The Fitz Roy Diggings, October 13th, 1858.

"Dear Lot.- I have written two letters since I have arrived. The diggings are in a fearful state at present, people going away every day. Some are coming up just placing their feet on the diggings, and turning back, disheartened and disgusted. You cannot picture it worse than it is-a regular shicer. I have carried the stuff up wards of a mile in bags on my back all day, and hardly saw the color of gold. I am now waiting in hope of having rain, as the weather has looked very threatening this last day or two. If it does rain we shall be able to ascertain if there is any gold or not, but at present we cannot do anything for the want of water.

There has been no rain here for 8 months. It is terribly warm weather up here. The diggers that have left the diggings are camped in Rockhampton, and best part of them are starving. The ships have hauled away into the stream for fear of being rushed.

When the 'Isca' anchored in Fort Curtis with her great number of passengers, they heard the bad accounts and would not land. Not one half of the people who left Sydney have come up to the diggings. The storekeepers have got no stores coming up; they are afraid to send them, and there is a great prospect of everybody being starved out. There are several married people up here with families, and they are literally starving. I never was in better health than at present, and trust you are the same. I'll stick to it to the last now that I have adventured to come so far. Please write to me as soon as possible, and send me down some newspapers."

Additional information:

<http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/slq-today/2018/10/25/gold-fever-the-canoona-delusion-near-rockhampton/>

"shicer" : slang term for an unproductive mine, like a 'duffer'. ... 🌿

WFHGlnc 2019 Volunteer's Thank You Luncheon

This year, our luncheon to thank all our hard working volunteers will be on Saturday 2 November. ... 🌿

WFHGlnc 2019 Christmas Get Together

Save this date for our Christmas function:
Saturday 7th December. ... 🌿





WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.



SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS Visit

Tuesday 22 October 2019

This is an excellent opportunity to visit the rooms of the Society and learn what SAG do.

Morning Tour Starts at 9:00 am to 10:00 am with an explanation of the resources held and how to access the collection. People usually stay on until about noon for research. Volunteers are on hand from 10am to help.

Lunch [at your own expense]

The afternoon session is scheduled to start at 1:30 pm involves a similar tour for about an hour, with samples of the types of materials held and hints for searching the catalogue. The villa is not set up like the library, so people cannot stay on for research afterwards.

Allow adequate time to walk from 379 Kent Street to Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, situated near Observatory Hill. The walk takes about 15 minutes.

Meeting Point: Research Centre 2/379 Kent St, Sydney.

Travel by train at your own expense.

Suggested Transport:

Trains stopping at Town Hall Station depart Wyong at 6:33 am arriving at 8:24 am also 7:03 am arriving at 8:54 am. A Train from Newcastle stops at Wyong 6:47 am arriving Central at 8:27. A change for Town Hall at Hornsby or Central is also a possible.

The first direct train to Wyong leaves Wynyard at 4:20 pm although earlier trains leave Central. A train from Wynyard to Central or Wynyard to Hornsby should connect with main line trains.

Cost for tours: \$20 per person.

Bookings Contact the Cottage Co-Ordinator

Pay on line: www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au

Enquiries: 'The Cottage' – 4351 2211

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Email: wfhg06@westnet.com.au

In Person: Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. [enter via the old school yard]





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Join us on a Social Outing

HAWKESBURY RIVER HISTORY AND HERITAGE CRUISE

On Friday 27 September

See Historic sites from the ferry 'Sorrento'. A large monitor will display historical photos, special graphics, video, animations and onsite drawings.

Live by commentary will be provided by Peter Rea. Peter is an extremely knowledgeable local history expert, giving a very professional and detailed history of the magnificent waterways.

Don't forget your camera!


Meet at Hawkesbury River Public Wharf [Brooklyn] 9.30 am.



Tour duration:	3 hours 15 minutes
Cost:	\$35 Adults, \$30 Concession , Child \$20 – Morning Tea included.
Bookings essential.	
Bookings:	Contact the Cottage Co-Ordinator
Enquiries:	The Cottage' – 4351 2211 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Email:	wfhg06@westnet.com.au
In Person:	Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. <i>[enter via the old school yard]</i>

Suggested Transport: Train leaves Wyong Station at 8:05 am arriving at Hawkesbury River Station at 8:53 am.



Another 1953
interesting image from
Christine. ... ed. ... 



Backing Up

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505



Do you back up you computer or devise?

How often?

Cloud or external drive?

Do you shut-down every night?

Why is this a good idea?

I use an IMac which is an Apple desktop computer. It automatically backs up at least once a day to a portable hard drive.

We recently had an overnight Ausgrid unscheduled power outage. Unfortunately, I had NOT shut-down properly when leaving the computer.

When the power came back on at about 9:00 am, I could not start the computer, it was dead.

This machine was 10 years old and classed as uneconomic to repair. Mmmm! I was able to source another IMac which suited my requirements. Using my Time Machine I was able to restore my data, although I did have to do some resets.

Shutting down and backing up is a very good idea. ... 🌳


Publications For Sale

More details at: <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/publications>

BOOKS & CDs

Bowden Family Funerals – Wyong. July 1999 – January 2016	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$15.00 – p&h
Brought in by the Tide. [A guide to tracing convict ancestors in one place.]	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Central Coast Roll of Honour. [Includes the full names, rank, type of service & date of death where known of over 12,000 men & women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs.]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Gosford Times Marriage and Death Notices 1892-1954 incorporating the Wollombi Express (1892-1906) and Wyong District Advocate (1906-1920) Contains enteries for 5892 Deaths and 1400 Marriages with many relevant details	Book	\$ 27.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 15.00 + p&h
NEW People of Wyong Book 1: Health and Service Providers – includes: Doctors, Dentists, Fire Brigade, Ministers [298 pages]	Book	T B A
People of Wyong Book 2: Includes: Bank Managers, Public Servants, Business People, Organisations. [252 pages]	Book	T B A
People of Wyong Book 3: Includes: Timber Industry, Dairying, Agriculture, Poultry, Fishing and Transport. [297 pages]	Book	T B A

Publications For Sale

Place Names of the Wyong Shire	Book	\$ 8.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 1963 – 2006 <i>– Out of Print – available on combined CD.</i>		
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 2007 - 2011 + <i>Wyong & Toukley</i>	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW, Toukley and Wyong <i>1963 - 2011</i>	CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Erina 1985 – 2013	Book CD	\$ 30.00 + p&h \$ 15.00 + p&h
Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy 1991 – 2013	Book CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h \$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Agricultural Association [248 pages]. <i>Covers the history of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in local newspapers; lists of Office Bearers; photos of founders and first Committee; plus the minutes of all meetings held from 1 May 1913 to 18 June 1930 with fully indexed list of names</i>	Book CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h \$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953	Book CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h \$ 15.00 + p&h
Wyong & District Pioneer Register (Published 2013) [673 pages]. <i>Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains: Birth, Marriage & Death details; some photos, personal stories, obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong.</i>	Book CD	\$ 50.00 + p&h \$ 40.00 + p&h
Wyong & Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995) (available separately-see below)	Two Volume set Book	\$ 45.00 + p&h
Contents Volume One – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs	Book Volume 1	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Contents Volume Two – 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices includes Church and cemetery photographs	Book Volume 2 CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h \$ 35.00 + p&h
 Wyong Remembers: <i>The history of the Wyong War memorial and Centenary of ANZAC events (53 pages)</i>	Book	T B A
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939	Book CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h \$ 10.00 + p&h
The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area <i>[Baptisms, Burials and Marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's Diaries and Miscellaneous Entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy & the Hawkesbury River.]</i>	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h

CEMETERY

Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]	Book \$ 20.00 + p&h
Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire [1869 - 2012]	Book \$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW [1886-2001]	Book \$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW [1825 - 2016]	Book \$ 15.00 + p&h
All 4 Cemetery Books \$ 50.00 + p&h	
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 [220 pages] <i>This index has been compiled from the Wyong Family History Group's cemetery database. It includes burials (and niches) at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas (Yarramalong) and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains: Cemetery maps; Deceased details - name, age, date of burial, grave location (section, row, plot), some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all Graves including Unmarked Graves.</i>	Book \$ 25.00 + p&h CD \$ 20.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]	CD \$ 10.00 + p&h
Genealogy Recorder	\$ 10.00 + p&h

WFHG Inc Planned Events

- Subject to change.
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, workshops and mini sessions are at 'The Cottage'.
- Information Sessions: Detailed list available on website.

	2019	Event	
August		Thursday 1 August: National Family History Month begins	National Family History Month
	Sat 5	Bank Holiday	
	Wed 7	Family Search Indexing 10:30 am	
	Thu 8	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Sat 10	General Meeting 1:00 pm – Guest Speaker: Pat Perrett	
	Tue 13	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Sat 17	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	
	Tue 20	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
	Sat 24	Computers/Tablets/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
		Thursday 29 to Saturday 31 - Castle Hill DNA Conference	
		Sunday 31 National Family History Month ends	

WFHG Inc Planned Events

September	Sept 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Wed 4	Getting More out of Family Search 10:30 am
	Sat 7	State Records Bus Trip <i>Contact Cottage for date change.</i>
	Tue 10	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Thu 12	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 14	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	Wed 18	Getting More out of Family Search 10:30 am
	Tue 17	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Sat 21	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Fri 27	Hawkesbury Ferry Trip
October	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Tue 8	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October NSW & ACT State Conference run by Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Inc. at Knox Grammar School	
	Tue 15	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
	Thu 17	Regiments and Records 12:30 pm [to be confirmed]
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 22	SAG Visit Train Trip
	Sat 26	Computers/Tablets/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 29	Committee Meeting for November 10:00 am
November	Fri 1	2020 Planner - Committee
	Sat 2	Volunteer's Thank You Luncheon
	Tue 5	Melbourne Cup Day
	Sat 9	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Tue 12	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 19	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 26	Shipping 10:30 am
Dec	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Sat 7	WFHGInc Christmas Party
	Thu 12	Last Day for 2019 – Re-opening 21 January 2020



Wyong Family History Group Inc. Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

6 Rankens Court, Wyong (entrance via the old school grounds)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.

At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

(WFHG members available to help)

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