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WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

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Meetings: Are held on the 2nd Saturday monthly between February and October, at 'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre, Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong.
Phone 02 4351 2211

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

Fees: non-members \$10.00 per hour between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Members Free.

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from our President

Kerrie Metcalfe - President – LM80

Members it is with awe that I find myself back in the position of President after a three-year break, and some of you, who have known me for many years may wonder why. The easiest answer to that is I just sincerely enjoy the friendship and sometimes challenges that come with the position, as well as the chance to keep up with the changing world of genealogy. It has its ups and downs sure, but my thinking is this will have to be my last term as I am ageing and health is sometimes tricky. I am just blessed to have a partner who is as much committed to the Group as me, and he, as Vice President, will be a great support for me. As we have a wonderful crew of volunteers who are like minded, I look forward to a successful year ahead of us in these unusual times with which we are faced. I hope there may be someone within our membership that will consider learning the ropes of running an organisation such as ours and be able to bring new ideas and techniques to keep up with the changing world of genealogy/family history. Not so much reinvent the wheel but bring new ideas and skills so we continue to serve the community and preserve family history for a long time to come.

2021 so far has seen us hold our belated AGM in February, as well as continue with our SIG groups under restrictions. Thanks to Martin Fisher who held three introductions to Family Tree Maker giving all members a chance to attend as we adhered to limited numbers. Committee meetings continue to take care of future planning and the business side of our Group, with every committee member

reporting on there particular obligation. As well, we have held several Pop-Up PR Stalls at shopping centres across the upper Central Coast, to show we are still very much here and open for business.



We have had a Welcome Back BBQ that was enjoyed by those who attended. It was a lovely day of shared interest and friendship and Roger and Paul cooked a tasty BBQ. Ellen Sheerin and her team ran an excellent and successful Beginners' Course, and we welcomed several new members to the world of genealogy. Our Monthly Members Meetings have seen Ellen Sheerin give a very good overview of

finding records to enhance your research and a

guest speaker

Barbara

Appleton

talked to us

on tracking

Mr. Sharpe,

Chaplain on



the Great Northern Road.

John Selwood gave a class on using Ryerson Index and Helen Burkett, with Ann Cooke, started the SIG Group for brick walls. Helen



Johnson-Lord began a Photography in family history SIG. I urge members to attend these sessions as they are free and friendly, and our volunteers give up their time to share their knowledge with you. As I write this report, I have also been preparing to attend the Seniors Festival at Wyong Race Course run by Central Coast Council here. Julie and Niel Nielson will once again be promoting our Group to the public.

There have also been numerous members who have reached milestone years as a member 10 years, 15 years and 25 years - congratulations to all of them. Our biggest fundraising events are our Bunning's BBQs. Please help if you can members as we need the profits from these days to keep our research rooms open for you the member.

Going forward

Another Beginner's Course will begin in July coordinated by Ellen Sheerin. There will be a Drop-in day at the Cottage for the Community on the 5th May during the Australian Heritage Festival. Our Special Interest Groups will continue (please join in) COVID restrictions have eased but not been totally forgotten. Details are in your weekly newsletter that Wayne Birmingham passionately puts out each week. It is hoped we will be able to arrange a trip to State Records soon. The Cottage is slowly getting back to normal with some changes to improve the function. Fund raising is continuing as it's necessary to our survival. The Committee will continue to plan things we hope you will enjoy and find useful to your research. Its also a pleasure to see you attend planned events and I hope to see you at one in the coming weeks. ... 🌳



COVID-19 Update

Your Committee.

`The Cottage` re-opened on July 1 2020 after providing an action/safety plan to the Central Coast Council indicating that we were able to reopen. If you have a smart phone and the COVID sign in app please use it, also you must sign the attendance book as per usual. Social distancing and hand sanitizing guidelines must be followed as per DOH guidelines.

We now have a **QR code for use here at the 'Cottage'**, please remember to scan the code with your smartphone camera or QR reader. Don't forget you are still required to fill in your details in the sign in book as usual.

Immediate Past President

Kerrie Metcalfe, President, LM80

I would like to acknowledge the immediate past President, Wayne Dean, and thank him for his service to the Wyong Family History Group Inc. which began soon after he joined the Group in 2010. He was a Committee Member, the Vice President, and then from 2017 – 2021 Wayne was our well-respected President. He has now taken a well-deserved break but is still willing to help where he can. Wayne steered us through the challenges of 2020 and we survived COVID under

his leadership. He also represented our Group at official events over the years and ensured we were well represented in the Community. Wayne has paved the way for us to move forward and I wish him well in his future endeavor's as he spends more time with his family.

On Behalf of the Committee and myself I thank Wayne for his continued support of the WFHG. ... 🌳



from your Editor

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Hello All!

Another issue a little late.

Sometimes life throws new challenges at us and we cope as best we can. Technology challenges have reduced the number images in this issue, never fear, I will work on a picture future as soon as possible.

Finding myself without transport at the moment, I would like to thank those who have assisted us with transport to and from The Cottage.

This is another 'bumper' issue with many articles. We hope you will find it interesting and informative.

With the current focus on Crimes Against Women, we have included stories about the deaths of two women named Rebecca, one in 1884, the other in 1924.

Our new style Monthly Members Meetings are working well. I have recently read 'The Convict Valley', (The story of the second British penal settlement in Australia) by Mark Dunn. I found Barbara Applegate's visit to our April meeting an interesting follow on. The variety of

goods on our Bric-a-brac stall looked interesting.

I would like to thank Wayne Birmingham for the front page photo of The Cottage with its new colour scheme.

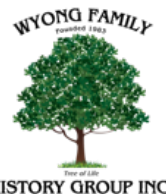
Sharing you stories adds to our knowledge and help to make our publication interesting. The deadline for the next Tree of Life is 20 July 2021.

Good and productive researching to everyone, we are all in this together, stay safe, stay well. ... 🌳



from our Membership Secretary

Pam Mansergh LM 14. Membership Secretary.



At the beginning of July 2021 it will be that time of the year again.
Membership Renewal for 2021 - 2022.

Unfortunately this year we have had to revert back to our pre coronavirus -
COVID-19 price of;

Single Membership \$40.00 and
Family Membership \$50.00.

Please Note:

Wyong Family History Group's financial year is **1st July to 30th June** for a given year and our constitution allows us to pay our renewal fee anywhere from 1st July (or earlier) **but** by 30th September. This year I am appealing to all our members to please, please have your renewal fees paid by **30th September**, thus saving me from having to make quite a few telephone calls to ask or remind members if they are going to renew.

Also WFHG Inc. has introduced a late payment fee of \$5.00 that can be charged for fees paid after 30th September (like the banks and utilities do) which we really do not want to act on, so please members can we all do the right thing and pay our fees promptly.

How You Can Renew For 2021-2022

A **YELLOW** Membership Renewal Form can be filled in at the **Cottage** on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and paid at the Office by **CASH, EFTPOS, CHEQUE** or **MONEY ORDER**.

For **online renewals** and payments visit, <
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au > and go to Membership – click on
Application for Membership Renewals 2021-2022 – follow either **Option 1** or **Option 2**.

OPTION 1 –ON-LINE FORM and PAYMENT

On-line form and payment

OPTION 2 – SUBSCRIBE and PAY IN PERSON

Download our membership form here, fill it in and bring into the Cottage and pay at the office.

Membership Renewal 2021-2022

No matter which way you pay your Renewal Fee/s please hand in, post in or fill in **a membership renewal form** so we have a record of your renewing.

Thanking you in anticipation of your loyalty and help. ... 🌳

Bank of Goodwill Initiative

John Selwood LM79

Bendigo Bank, in partnership with Treehouse Creative, had a video made showcasing the wonderful work of our Family History Group. The partnership has been going for over six years and in that time many community

organisations have had their community profiles raised through the videos being added to You Tube and Facebook platforms as well as both the Bendigo Bank and our Family History Group's respective websites.

The Newsletter will notify members when it is available for viewing.

Early in April this year a video was made at The Cottage when interviews were conducted with some of the members. The cameraman filmed just about everything inside and outside the Cottage and he and his staff were most appreciative of the morning tea

that our Librarian, Lyn, provided for them as they had never been offered any at other venues. Our Cottage is a home and I feel that we all benefit from having such a friendly place to do our research.

We thank the Bendigo Bank for this goodwill initiative. ... 🌳

Members' Milestones

Since our last issue, the following members have received Meritorious awards.

#69 Peter BATES - Meritorious Award - 20 February 2021.



Peter joined the group on the 17 November 1999 alongside his wife Gwen., Peter has been instrumental in the growth of the group over these past 22 years.

He hosted social BBQs in his own home, when we only had a small room at the Oasis Centre. This enabled members to meet each other socially and share their stories and interests.

He helped at many of the early Bunnings BBQ's. He volunteered at the Cottage and attended and assisted on the Bookstall when Maitland used to have an annual fair, and the many Australia Day events we took part in. Peter was Treasurer for two years from 2005 – 2007.

He was also on hand to help set up when we moved into the *Cottage* in 2005. Peter has made donations to the group over the years of books and CDs.

He was always willing to lend a hand where he could and is very deserving of this meritorious award.



#285 Lorraine Cameron - Meritorious Award – 20 February 2021.



Lorraine joined the group on the 15 August 2007 after doing our beginner's course. In the past 14 years Lorraine has helped the group and its members in several different ways. She is known as the Thursday Coordinator and has held that position since 2014.

She handles a large amount of the Cottage administration, which includes the *Tree of Life* Journal preparation for posting and emailing every three months. She assists the Treasurer when necessary and helps keep the books balanced. Lorraine is extremely helpful to members with Scottish research and is always willing to show them how to use Scotland's People.

Lorraine is forefront in arranging the room for Meetings, Courses and keeping track of attendees, providing name tags, and looking after them in general.

With her husband Rod they are always on hand to attend and help run Bunnings BBQs and both played a

huge role in setting up venues for seminars when needed and helping with the registration.

Lorraine has served the group in the position of Committee member, and Publicity Officer and was very proficient in both these roles.

Lorraine is very deserving of the Meritorious Award.

25 Years:

Life Member Pam Mansergh Member #14

Kerrie Metcalfe, President LM80

Pam joined Wyong Family History Group Inc. on 12 April 1996.

From the moment of joining Pam has been an active and enthusiastic member of the Group.

Her activities have included:

- Editor of *Tree of Life* from 1997 to September 2007 Duties included compiling, printing, collating, and posting.
- 1998 typed up and compiled Gene Gems x 2 and Gene Guides x 5.
- 2004 created the monthly newsletter *The Branch* and produced it until 2007.
- Membership Secretary from June 1998 to the present day and as the Group has steadily grown this has become more time consuming.
- Prepares Information Membership kits for new members.
- Member of Management Committee from 1998 until September 2007, then from July 2011 until now.
- Produces Group flyers when asked.
- Typed the WFHG Constitution in conjunction with Wayne Dean 2017
- Compiled Jilliby Cemetery Book, compiled Wyong Township Residents Book, compiled Next Generation Register 1930-1950 Book and Supplementary Information 1910-1940 Book.
- Helped researchers at Tuggerah Library one Saturday each month.
- Research Room assistant at Shop

36 and at The Cottage.

- Heavily involved in producing the Members' Interest Books in 1990s and early 2000s.
- Assists at Bunnings Barbecues.
- Sells The Entrance Rotary Raffle tickets in Shopping Centres.
- Prepares the forward planner calendar each year.
- Prepares and updates the Volunteer contact list.
- Helps with promoting the group in public areas e.g.: Shopping Centres and library.
- A willing hand whenever needed if she can.

Pam was awarded Life Membership of the Group on 13 September 2007.

I congratulate Pam on Twenty Five Year's service to Wyong Family History Group. Pam has played a major role in the growth and success of the group and continues to do so.



The following Members also received recognition for their years of continuous support of WFHGInc.:

February Awards: Congratulation to the following members:

Brenda Pimlott #76 – 20 years.

Jennifer Robertson #210 – 15 years.

Harry Johnston-Lord #504 – 10 years

Helen Johnston-Lord #505 – 10 years

April Awards:

Pam Mansergh #14 – 25 years
Margaret Ross #213 – 15 years
Ron Baker #216 – 15 years

Julie Bailey #217 – 15 Years
Valerie Freeman #507 – 10 years
Thanks and congratulations to all
of you ... 🌳

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'. Contact any of these members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

C/- Wyong Family History Group Inc., P O Box 247, Wyong NSW 2259.

No	Member	No	Member
972	Graham Sturt	976	Joy Smith
973	Peter Lyons	977	Phil Croese
974	Pat Lyons	978	Peta Baigent
975	Marilyn Zaia	979	Shirley Brown

An Entertainer Or Two In The Family

Lynda Smith LM 02

In our last issue, Lynda suggested ways to decypher hand writing in old records. Here we begin her story about the Landeryou family ... ed.

The LANDERYOU surname [and its most common variation, Landeryon] feature quite strongly in historic newspapers. In my quest to uncover family history gems, I discovered two brothers who became quite famous. John Blee Landeryou and his wife Emma EDEN had two sons, Charles and David, and a daughter Laura. Charles married and had two sons in Gunnedah, Eden Alfred in 1900 and John Charles in 1902. The family later moved to WA.

Eden came to my attention first as a young actor in an early Australian film, "The Tall Timbers".

Sunday Times (Perth, WA : 1902 - 1954), Sunday 4 April 1926, page 3
NO FAKE

The public generally is more or less used to a good deal of "fake" scenes in motion pictures, but there is nothing "faked" about the runaway trucks in "Tall Timbers," the new

*Australian Master Picture production which will shortly be released. Two professional pugilists were engaged for the fight scene, which is replete with thrills and realism, and with these two gentlemen struggling on top of the trucks with the **leading man, Eden Landeryou**, the log train was sent on its perilous journey.*

The trucks got out of control, and reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour in a mad rush over a flimsy trestle bridge across one of the deepest ravines in the Australian mountains. It was expected any moment that both trucks and players would be hurled to destruction in the rock-strewn gully hundreds of feet below. However, the runaway trucks ran themselves to a standstill without any such mishap, although the players concerned said it would take a lot of persuasion to induce them to go through such a scene again.

Daily News (Perth, WA : 1882 - 1950), Saturday 8 May 1926, page 9

*SOCIAL... A Clever West Australian. **Eden Landeryou**, who plays juvenile lead in the Australian Union-Master*

Picture production, 'Tall Timbers,' has a wide variety of accomplishments. He is an expert swimmer and an excellent golfer, while he has a good knowledge of boxing, which he picked up from Big Jim Weston, who plays the heavy lead. Landeryou hails from a farming homestead in the great wheat belt in the south-west corner of Western Australia. He started out as a journalist and newspaper reporter, but hampered by the lack of scope in the Western State, he quickly decided to seek his fortune in the beckoning fields of the East. He soon discovered that newspaper jobs were few and far between, but a chance meeting with Dunstan Webb solved his difficulties. Mr. Webb was searching for types for the Australian picture he was directing, and he immediately picked on Landeryou as being a suitable type for the juvenile leading role. His performance before the camera fully justified all expectations.

The silent film was released in 1926 and was also shown in England. Critics praised the action but felt the captions needed work. The brothers also met Royalty.

Daily Standard (Brisbane, Qld. : 1912 - 1936), Saturday 16 January 1926, page 2

Play And Players - Topical Items on Stage and Screen Doings

Eden Landeryou, of orchestral fame, has blossomed forth as "movie" star. Landeryou, who is well known in this city, will be remembered as the banjoist with J. C. Williamson's Royal Jazz Band, in the "Hell's Bells Dance Hall scene of "Good Morning, Dearie," at His Majesty's, and as a turn at the

Wintergarden. Eden is playing leading man in "The Tall Timbers," an Australian production being made by Dunstan Webb for Union Master Productions.

Eden Landeryou and his brother Jack, the pianist, were presented with a wristlet watch and a cigarette case respectively by the **Prince of Wales** when he was out here for their wonderful playing at several functions he attended.

TALL TIMBER (1926)

With location scenes filmed at Langley Vale in the North Coast forests of NSW, *Tall Timber* was a story of love, revenge and blackmail – with some comic relief.



... Note: We will continue this story soon. ... Ed. 🌳

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. ... 🌳





Special Interest Groups



Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar. [see page 29]

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – Remember, if you book and are unable to attend please phone and cancel.

SIGs are free to members and go for one to two hours.

Observing strict **COVID-19** protocols some SIGs have resumed. Watch the *Cottage Newsletter* for more information.

Breaking Through Brickwalls

Helen Burkett restarted our Brickwall Group this year on 4th Thursday of the month broadening it to cover UK, Australia and Convict questions. Ann Cooke has kindly offered to assist her, especially with the latter two subjects as she has more expertise in NSW than Helen does and she has convict family too.



Helen has gathered very many resources and concentrated on more obscure websites over time and intends to show one or more of these each month. They will also be looking at the lesser used resources at our own Centre.

Watch the weekly newsletter or enquire at 'The Cottage' for more information

Computers and Multi-Media Devices.

Roger Lewis is continuing this group helping attendees sort through their questions.



Computing with Apple Mac.

Ellen Sheerin will be here to help the ever increasing number of folk with their Apple Mac computers.

DNA Special Interest Group

If you recently took advantage of Ancestry's pre-Christmas specials and gave yourself an Ancestry DNA test kit for Christmas, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



Family Tree Maker

This popular SIG will continue with moderator Martin Fisher. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.



Photographs & Family History.

Helen Johnston-Lord is moderating this New SIG every second month. Photographing Family heirlooms for posterity and taking suitable photos to include with your research publications, using old and new photos, making collages and photographing headstones are just a few things we hope to cover, with input from participants.



Scottish/Irish Research.

Gwen Bates will moderate this interesting area for researchers. Not always the most straightforward proposition, Gwen will be here to guide your journey.



Word/Powerpoint & Family History

Once again Helen Johnston-Lord and Ellen Sheerin will moderate this group. We have expanded to include PowerPoint. Word is a powerful desktop publishing software and PowerPoint has many uses in sharing your family history.



Master Classes

These sessions are usually an hour or so and may just give your research and what you do with it, a boost. Cost? A gold coin donation

Ferreting Down a Rabbit Hole.

Helen Johnston-Lord will lead you through one journey of discovery with pathways that may surprise and help you with **your** research.



Introduction to Family Tree Maker

Did you get Family Tree Maker for Christmas? Have you had Family Tree Maker for a while but are still unsure how to use it. For all members new to Family Tree Maker or those who want a refresher course this could be just what you are looking for. ... Martin Fisher.



Trove/Newspapers

Trove has changed a little and John Selwood would like to guide you through this wonderful resource where much information is available.



Webinars – Finding & Using

There are many genealogy Webinars out there on the internet. In this session, Kerrie Metcalfe will help you find and use some of the more useful ones.




Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential



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.

Adhering to the strict COVID-19 protocols as listed on page 4 is a condition of entry to 'The Cottage'.

Your courtesy is appreciated. ... 

Of Pioneers and First People

Stuart Purvis Smith member 505

One of the consequences of an abiding interest in family history and one's personal story, is a wider appreciation of humanity and the stories of others. This led me to the point where in writing my own family story, "Bloodlines", I could no longer ignore those who occupied this country before my ancestors came.

Some time ago in a conversation with a staff member of the Indigenous Services section at the NSW State Library in Sydney I was telling the story of the connection which my Smith family ancestors had with the local Aboriginal people – of how my pioneering Smith family found and cared for an injured Aboriginal child at Jerrys Plains in the Hunter Valley and later, of how that child himself, became an ancestor of a well-known indigenous family in the Tabulam area in northern NSW.

As the conversation progressed, there was a moment of mutual recognition and a wry smile as we shared the irony of describing my people as "pioneers" in a land where her people had lived for at least

60,000 years. Who were the real pioneers?

During the writing of this family story it became clear to me that it was necessary to acknowledge the people who lived in the land to which my family had emigrated. Of my several family lines there is only one in which indigenous people feature as an important part of the narrative – the Smiths who came first to Jerrys Plains in the Hunter region and then settled at Drake in the Tenterfield area. No doubt there were events and relationships involving other family branches but their stories have not come down to me.

It is clear that my Smith ancestors had a positive and respectful relationship with the Aboriginal people wherever they lived and it was my great great grandfather George Smith who said that "anyone who had trouble with Aboriginals, it was their own fault". The Smith men are said to have been able to speak in the Aboriginal language and I recall that my grandfather George Purvis Smith had a deep and respectful knowledge

of Aboriginal people. In the big picture however, the history of colonial occupation of this country is often a sad and shameful one and it is a stark reminder that 1838, the year in which Robert and Henrietta Smith arrived in Sydney was the year of the slaughter of 28 aborigines including men, women and children at Myall Creek near Bingara in northern NSW – one of many atrocities inflicted upon indigenous people but the first in which the perpetrators were brought to justice and hanged for their deeds.

In this photograph of the Myall Creek memorial, the inscription says *"In memory of the Wirrayaraay people who were murdered on the slopes of this ridge in an unprovoked but premeditated act in the late afternoon of 10 June 1838.*

Erected on 10 June 2000 by a group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians in an act of reconciliation and in acknowledgement of the truth of our shared history.

We remember them, Ngiyani Winangay Ganunga"

Bluff Rock is an imposing natural granite feature on the New England Highway just south of Tenterfield. As a child and to this day, I have always been fascinated by its geological majesty and I recall my grandfather George telling me the story of some

Aboriginal women being chased and falling to their deaths off the face of the Bluff. It seems that this was a sanitised version of a much darker story of which I have only recently become aware. The following appears on the Tenterfield Shire Web site:

Bluff Rock is significant to the local people of the Tenterfield area as this place is where the first conflict between first settlers & a local Aboriginal group believed to be either the Jukembal or Ngarabal people had occurred in the early 1840's.

There are conflicting records of the 1844 massacre, but it is said that a shepherd named Robinson was murdered by Aborigines on the Irby Station at Bolivia. The Aborigines fled to the rock, chased by a group of four white men who caught them and threw them from the top, killing most of the tribe and injuring the remainder.

The various ways in which we understand and tell history as well as the multiple variations on the 'truth' of an event are explored in brilliant detail in Katrina M Schlunke's book "Bluff Rock: Autobiography of a Massacre". ...



A Murder in the Family

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Rebecca May Andersen

"FUNERALS

ANDERSON [sic] – *The Friends of Mr. ALEXANDER ANDERSON, MALCOLM ANDERSON, and Mrs. JANE WAUGH are invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved Wife, Mother, ad Daughter, Rebecca May Anderson, to leave 15 Halloran Street, Lilyfield, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Methodist Cemetary, Field of Mars. WOOD COFFILL LIMITED*"

Behind this small notice, published in The Daily Telegraph on 17th May 1924, is a tragic tale.

Rebecca May Sadler was born on 24th December 1893 in Leichhardt, NSW. Baptised at St Thomas' Church, Balmain on 3rd January 1894, her father is recorded as Boilermaker.

Shropshire born Thomas James Sadler and local born Jane Bell had married in Sydney in 1889. Living in inner Sydney, they had a son, Thomas Henry who was 2½ years old when Rebecca was born.

From all reports, Thomas found work wherever he could although this was not always within the law.

Women were expected to make a home for the family; therefore it is not unreasonable to assume they had lodgers in their tiny homes. Verandas were often enclosed using corrugated iron, canvas blinds or Masonite expanding the accommodation in many tiny two bedroom rented homes.

On 19 July 1910, aged 17 years and 6 months Rebecca married 51-year-old Norwegian Alexander Marinsus Andersen. Rebecca's father Thomas had given permission, which in itself is interesting as he was in hospital and died on 23rd July 1910

Her brother Thomas had married a few weeks earlier. He was also under age, however his father is listed as deceased.

On 19th October 1910 Rebecca gave birth to Alexander Angus Andersen. In December 1910, little Alexander suffered Gastroenteritis for four days finally succumbing on 20th December of that same year.

Alexander and Rebecca had another boy, Malcolm Ernest Martin on 28th October 1912.

Life for young Rebecca was probably pretty dull, living with her mother, she had a young son and her older mariner husband was often away for long periods of time. In 1921, her mother married Christopher Waugh.

About this time, Rebecca became know to the police, spending short stints

incarcerated and

accumulating a criminal record: most of her 'crimes' were indecent language, soliciting and petty theft whilst intoxicated. Her relationship with Alexander was barely there, although they were on friendly terms and he did try to support her financially giving her a few pounds when he saw her. She may have had contact with her mother, albeit there does not appear to be a strong connection.

Rebecca became a frequent patron of some of the wine saloons and hotels in and around Sydney. She appears to have had a relationship of sorts with criminal Albert Hardy, however she married William Robert Joseph Richmond, another criminal, at St Silas,



Waterloo on 30 June 1923, yes, she was still married to Alexander.

Richmond was probably 'living off earnings' with Rebecca prostituting herself. At one stage she worked as a maid.

On the afternoon of Saturday 10th May 1924, May Richmond, intoxicated and in the company of a man, boarded a tram bound for the penitentiary at Long Bay. She was heard saying she was going to see someone named "Snowy" at Long Bay.

Agonising screams of terror, of horror, of torture indescribable rent the night air over the lonely wastes at Long Bay on cold Saturday night in May 1924.

A startled woman in a cottage where a dim light shone through a window, heard, was frightened, and put her children to bed. She went to bed herself.

The screams reached the cold grey walls of Long Bay Gaol, where many a soul has been tortured, but never a body tortured as this body was being tortured.

No one else heard this victim of circumstances, a woman of 'no class', meet an unthinkable fate. Her howling, terrifying screeches pierced the air, were borne away by the cold night winds across a lonely forbidding expanse of desolate bushland, sank to a whisper in the distance, and died.

This is how Rebecca May Sadler Andersen Richmond met her end.

Galloping through the lonely scrub at Long Bay, only a few hundred yards from the forbidding walls of the State Penitentiary, across the La Perouse tram tracks, a boy was nearly unseated. His horse got frightened and reared and plunged going by a dense clump of scrub. The boy looked into the bushes and was astonished and

horrified to see the naked body of a woman. Some of her clothes were lying on bushes beside the body, and a few garments had been thrown across her head and shoulders.

The horse reared and galloped on. The lad immediately made his discovery known, and the Daceyville police were informed. They at once sent out investigators, and meanwhile reported to the Metropolitan Superintendent and the Detective Office.

The Murder and subsequent Inquest attracted a great deal of newspaper coverage. around Australia and New Zealand. The headlines were very graphic and sensational

An investigation was mounted and many witnesses were interviewed

A Coronial Inquest was conducted in June 1924, with all the horrendous details of Rebecca's injuries detailed. (Too graphic for our gentle readership.) Newspapers from Darwin To Launceston, Kalgoorlie to Goulburn carried reports of the Inquest. In the end it was found that Rebecca had been murdered by person or persons unknown.ⁱ

The Police questioned anyone who presented on 'crime against women' charges, suspecting first one and then another. Conferences often present this case as an example of some of the unsolved crimes against women.

Rebecca is buried in The Field of Mars Cemetery at Ryde as is her baby son, her mother and various other members of her family.

Was Rebecca a victim of one of the gangs of the day? As far as I can tell, no one was ever charged with this dreadful crime against Harry's first cousin once removed on his mother's side. ... 🌳

References: NSW BDMs, Trove and State Archives and family records.

Exactly Who Was Rebecca Wilkinson?

Lynda Smith LM2

Rebecca Wilkinson

She was someone's daughter, a sister and a wife, an acquaintance and a neighbour, but her greatest claim to fame was, sadly, how and where she died. As a result of her death, there was a lengthy inquest and a great deal of newspaper coverage. The headlines were very graphic and sensational.

If this death happened today, with forensic techniques and equipment, the cause of death and lead up to her demise would be so much more accurate. Unfortunately, in 1884, CSI style policing did not exist. The Coroner had to rely on the testimony of a number of eye witnesses and others who came forward to add their comments. These witnesses gave contradictory evidence.

Rebecca GLASTENBERY [sic] appears to be the daughter of William Glastonbury [many spelling variations] and Ann BROGAN who married in Penrith in 1856. Ann signed with a cross. According to William's DC, he and Ann had three daughters. I have found Mary Ann in 1857, Catharine in 1858 then Rebecca in 1860. William dies on December 18, 1860 of heart disease, aged 50. Ann was the informant.

When Rebecca marries Thomas Henry WILKINSON on 7 June 1884, there is a curious notation by the minister. In the column for parents, he has written "Father dead, mother married again & now named Matthews." I have yet to find a marriage for Ann to a Mr Matthews. The groom's details are just as unhelpful. "Can't tell anything about his father or mother". How sad is that? William Glastonbury appears to have been a convict who had arrived in 1835 and was assigned to the Berry Estate. He earned a ticket of leave and a Pardon. He had been given seven years

for stealing a frock. His records say he was born in 1813 in Gloucestershire and that he was transported on the *Mary Ann*. Either Rebecca didn't know about her father's convict past, or it was an opportunity to hide that fact.

Thomas Henry WILKINSON was of full age, occupation baker, living in Hurstville and Rebecca was of full age, living with friends at Tempe, when they married in St Peter's Church of England in Cook's Hill. Mary Ann Glastenbery [sic] was one of the witnesses. They are the facts that I have found to date, via Ancestry and some early certificates that are full of 'unknowns'.

According to William, "he last saw deceased alive on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, at a quarter past 5, near Mrs. Clancy's house, on the Cook's River road. He parted with his wife at that place, and got into the Kogarah 'bus to go to his work; she walked along the road to where the 'bus started from, and he noticed that she watched him on the 'bus until it was out of sight."

Being a baker, William worked nights. He presumed that she would then go home as she did not seem to be well. "She was subject to fits. He remained at Kogarah all night, and on his return to his home [Kelly St., Cook's Hill or Terry Street, some reports say] found that the deceased had not returned. When the deceased left the house on the previous evening she took the key with her, and on his return he found that the door was locked. She was perfectly sober when he parted from her on the Cook's River road. When he found that his wife was not at home he concluded that she had gone to her mother's place. He was at work all night, and, having seen the door locked, he forced it open, and went to

bed. On awakening in the morning he found his sister-in-law in the house, and inquired whether his wife was at her mother's place. He did not then take any steps to inquire about his wife's disappearance, as he thought that it would be useless, in fact, he did not know which way to turn. He had no dispute with the deceased on Thursday afternoon previously to leaving her. She was a dressmaker before he married her. He received the first intimation of her death at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning." These quotes come directly from the inquest reports.

His comments about her health and sobriety are important in determining what happened to Rebecca, and is in contradiction to eye witnesses and others.

"Ann Mathews, Kippax-street, widow, deposed that the dead body was that of her daughter Rebecca Wilkinson, aged 23 years, a native of Penrith, New South Wales. She was a married woman, and resided with her husband, Thomas Wilkinson, Kelly-street, Cook's River, who is a baker. She had been married three months. Last saw her alive on Wednesday morning at her husband's residence She was not of intemperate habits."

"Mary Ann Glastinbery [sic] deposed that she resided with her mother, Ann Mathews. The body just viewed was that of her sister. Last saw deceased alive on Sunday at her husband's residence, Cook's River. Had never known her sister to be of intemperate habits. She was subject to fits, and had been attended to by a doctor some years since, but not since her marriage."

The husband made an intriguing statement at the end of his deposition. ..." He did not observe anything strange or unusual in her conduct lately. He fancied that his wife was slightly insane.

But he had no reason whatever to consider her so. She had nothing whatever to drink on Thursday during the time he saw her."

So now we have the hint of insanity, epileptic fits, but still no admittance of drinking. There was so much evidence to get through, so day 1 of the Inquest was adjourned. There was also the suggestion of foul play by an unidentified man who was seen to give Rebecca a ride. Police were trying to locate him and take his evidence into account.

What had happened to Rebecca after she left William? Various witnesses came forward to say that she seemed lost or confused. One said she didn't recall her address. Another said she appeared affected by alcohol. At this time, I don't think medical science in 1884 really understood all the aspects of epilepsy. Today, we know that there are many types of fits and that they can affect people in many different ways. Amnesia is a common side effect, as is disorientation and fainting. Not everyone violently convulses like they do in the movies. We also know now that there are many triggers that can bring on a seizure. One of these is alcohol.

In another newspaper article William is reported as saying "they had been married only a few months - 7th of June this year - that she was subject to fits; that he had noticed of late that she was a bit queer in her head, and that when he saw anything like fits coming on, he needed to give her brandy. Thomas Wilkinson also said that they had lived happily together. In reply to a question from a juror, Thomas said that the last time he saw her, he told her to go home, but at the time he did not see anything strange about her. He was aware that she had fits. She merely looked around at him and laughed. ..."

Another witness, Mary Powell,

residing at 3, Beaconsfield-terrace, Botany road, deposed: "I remember the night of Thursday, the 9th instant; recollect meeting a woman on that night near the Jam Factory, about a quarter-past 7 o'clock ; she said to me, "Can you tell me where I live? I have lost my way; " from the way she spoke witness thought she had had a little to drink; asked her if she lived in Waterloo Botany-road, and she said no; she was alone when I met her; she then said to me, "If you wait a minute I'll tell you where I am living," and she then caught hold of me by the hand; I said that I

had to go, and then pulled my hand from hers; that was the last I saw of her; it was very dark that night; she appeared to me to be a very young woman; thought she was dressed in black, and believed the hat produced was like the one which she wore."

So, had Rebecca had too much to drink, or had alcohol only increased the effects of her 'fit', or was she mentally unwell? ... *This sad look at 19th century perhaps crime against a women will continue next issue. Ed. ...* 🌿

American Graves

Harry Johnston-Lord member 504

Way back when I was a guide at Rookwood Necropolis one of my tours was the "Car Tour" which involved leading a convoy of cars around the cemetery, stopping to see points of interest.

One of these points was the lawn cemetery where many American Servicemen who had died in or near Australia during World War Two were buried. The Americans embalmed their dead and the remains were exhumed and taken to Rookwood for re-interment.

My photograph shows the lawn burial area where over 465 American Servicemen were buried until 1947.

The caskets were exhumed starting




17th November 1947 and finished 20th December 1947. The work was carried out by locally hired labourers. The caskets were trucked under canvas covers to the nearest railway station (probably Lidcombe) for shipment to Brisbane.

An American serviceman, the late USMC Major Roy Parker Retd, then living in Australia volunteered and was the Honour Guard for the transport of the caskets to Brisbane where they joined 1,406 American caskets exhumed from Ipswich Cemetery for loading on a ship, the USAT Goucher Victory. The ship sailed before Christmas bound for Guadalcanal where the caskets were unloaded to join 3,346 caskets from Guadalcanal loaded onto USAT Cardinal O'Connell for transport to Hawaii. Families could then nominate where the remains were to be re-interred.

On one of these tours, at our lunch break, an elderly lady pulled me aside and told me she had been one of the secretaries involved in recording the exhumations in 1947. We got into my car and I took her back to the site of the American Cemetery. She had not

been there since 1947. I gather she had been very young and this was her first job.

I always enjoyed the feedback from the people on the tours. ... 

My Ancestry Trees Hints

Lynda Smith LM 02

I am a novice as far as entering data into Ancestry trees is concerned, although I have subscribed to Ancestry as a research tool for over 10 years.

I have discovered that if you accept a hint that concerns an electoral roll entry then the program includes the electoral division name as well as the general suburb. I find that this confuses the 'lifestory' aspect as far as geography is concerned. I have found it more useful, and more accurate to edit the entry to the actual address.

Eg. The 1972 and 1977 entries for a person I am researching says:

Haberfield, **Evans**, New South Wales, Australia. The actual street address is 10 Minto St. Haberfield.

The map function puts a home icon north of Mudgee for the first entry and a home icon for Haberfield, as part of Sydney for the amended entry ... which is where it should be.

The same error happens with some places of death.

Example: a person died at home - which was 9/30-32 Susan St., Newtown, New South Wales, Australia. Lifestory places its icon out west near Kandos rather than Sydney.


7 Wellington St., Waterloo, New South Wales, Australia is shown on the Lifestory map as being near Tamworth, rather than a suburb of Sydney.

Trove Searching

I have a number of families that

have surnames that start with Mc or Mac, an example in point being McMillan. Just as NSW BDM does, sometimes the surname is spelled McMillan, or MacMillan, or even Mcmillan/Macmillan. One often sees double or even quadruple entries for the same event, covering both spellings. This makes searching other resources more difficult.

I have discovered that many early papers abbreviated such surnames to M'Millan, omitting the c or the ac altogether. In one search, I found a number of entries using McMillan, but I did not find one article listed by another Ancestry researcher that dealt with a coroner's inquest. They had saved the article as an image, so I searched again, finding it by the title of the article.


I noticed that the surname in the inquest had been abbreviated, so when I searched again, trying M'Millan, the inquest article came up, along with another that hadn't appeared in my first search. ... 

to the Editor

Helen Wotherspoon member 904

'Thanks so much for this interesting, informative Tree of Life.

'Also thanks to all those who have contributed.

'I do appreciate all the articles and the amount of work you do to make this a wonderful publication. Again, thank you.' ... 

Talking Tickets

Helen Burkett member 342

Many, many moons ago I was a young girl working in Adelaide and travelling there by train each day. This was during the 30 year period when all train, bus and tram tickets in the City of Adelaide were printed with a message of hope or humour. It was the era of the "Talking Tickets" in Adelaide. They were the brain child of Kenneth Leal who worked in the printing, stationery and office equipment business eventually becoming their Managing Director. He was also a Christian business man and community worker. His plan to "cheer people up on their way to work" by printing sayings on tickets was easily organized with the State Transport Authority as his firm printed out those very tickets. Eventually over one thousand million talking tickets were printed.

The messages were gathered from books, sermons, conversations and letters and my mother purchased the book Talking Tickets by Dorothy O'Neill in the 1980's and it has been part of our family ever since. I picked it up again recently after many years and was still amused but also appalled. Here are some that have been printed in Dorothy's book.

The wheel was man's greatest invention until he got behind it.

Digging wells is the only business where you can begin at the top.

Minds are like parachutes – they only function when open.

A politician is a man who stands for what he thinks the voters will fall for.

Tact – the art of making people feel at home when you wish they were.

To escape criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

The only trouble about being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

Whatever awaits you around the corner, God is already there.

The most wonderful thing about miracles is that they sometimes happen.

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get facts.

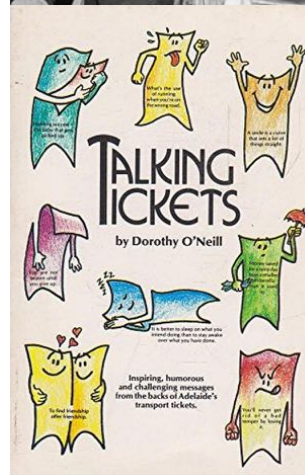
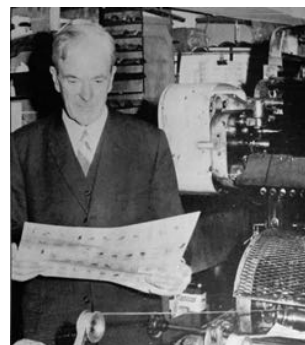
There was controversy even then and many women found some of the sayings offensive and sexist and letters they wrote have excerpts printed in the book. Here are a few of the offenders and can't you imagine the outrage if they were printed on any type of public ticket now.

No girl wants to be the highest peach on the tree where she can't be reached or squeezed.

There are two types of men who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told and those who can do nothing else.

There are no ugly women. There are only women who do not know how to be pretty.

However, most of the tickets were loved and collected. ... 🌳



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Do You Know? – ‘Women and Children First’

The Birkenhead Drill

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Rudyard Kipling immortalised the silent heroes when he wrote:

‘To stand and be still to the Birken’ead Drill is a damn tough bullet to chew’

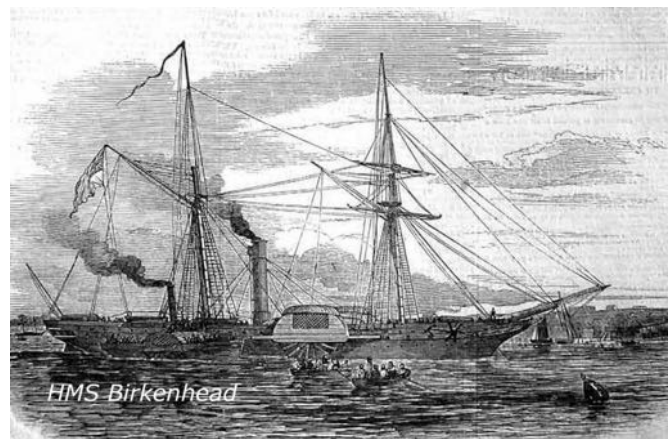
Most of us are familiar with “Women and Children First” from films and other media representations of disasters, notably stories about the 1912 sinking of *RMS Titanic*.

This drill popularly dates back to the sinking of *HMS Birkenhead* whilst transporting troops to Algoa Bay at Danger Point, 140 kilometres from Cape Town, South Africa in 1852.

Of the 638 people on board, 445 men died but every woman and child was saved. The sinking of this ship was the first occasion in which women and children were taken to safety first, a procedure which became known as ‘The Birkenhead Drill’, hence the name.

The first-known appearance of the phrase “women and children first” occurred in the 1860 novel by William Douglas O’Connor, *Harrington: A Story of True Love*, during the recounting of the death of Captain Harrington, the father of the eponymous character John Harrington. Captain Harrington’s fictional death illustrates not only the concept of “women and children first” but also that of “the captain goes down with his ship”.

A more recent application of “women and children first” occurred in March 2011, when a floating restaurant in Covington, Kentucky, tore from its moorings, stranding 83 people on the Ohio River. Women were rescued first; there were no



casualties of either sex.

Always considered the chivalrous thing to do, there is no legal basis for the protocol of women and children first in international maritime law.

Ed. Watch for more about the ill-fated *HMS Birkenhead*. ... 🌲



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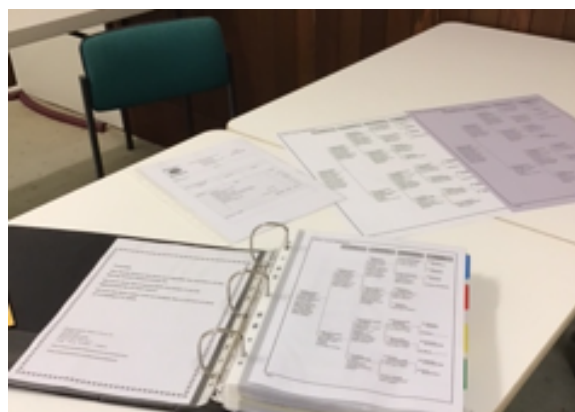
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Life Members

From time to time our Group awards a Life Membership. At our AGM held 20 February this year we added the following members to this list bring to sixteen the our list of Life Members.



#43 Meg GIBSON - Life Membership - 20 February 2021.



Meg joined the group on the 10 July 1998, 23 years ago and deserves this recognition of Life Membership for the following reasons.

Meg has worked many hours typing and transcribing cemetery records and keeping our cemetery publications up to date. Meg is also a research room volunteer at the Cottage and has been for many years, as well as in the early years she helped on a Saturday morning at Tuggerah Library.

She has been a valued committee member in the past and was Seminar

Organiser for some of that time.

Meg reads the journals and selects items of interest as snippets for the weekly newsletter. Meg has helped sell raffle tickets in shopping centres over the years and always supported the group in social and in-house events.

The group has progressed with the help of people like Meg and we thank her very much. It would be remiss of me not to mention her husband Alan who has also helped on occasions with setting up events and clearing up after. Meg does not drive she has had to rely on Alan; therefore his support of Meg has also benefited us.

Meg is quiet by nature therefore she has been a quiet achiever and I congratulate her on this honor.

#70 Gwen BATES - Life Membership – 20 February 2021.

Gwen joined the group on the 17 November 1999 alongside her husband Peter, and has played a huge role in the growth of the group over these past twenty two years.

Along with Peter she hosted social BBQs in their own home and Gwen helped at many of the early Bunnings BBQs.

As well as attending fairs and sourcing research guides and books for our library, she would also help on the Bookstalls at many events including Maitland, Australia Day and any other Community event.

Gwen was the Librarian from about 2004 to 2008. In those four years she was instrumental in the setting up of the accessioning system in the library,

that is still in use today.

Also, the way the Journals are stored and displayed on the shelves.

Gwen began the task of building our library, and was

on hand to help set up when we moved into the *Cottage* in 2005. Not only in the library, but helping where she could.

When we started to run Beginners Classes and talks at the San Remo Neighbourhood Centre in about 2003-4, Gwen was the presenter for the



Scottish and Irish how-to classes. Then she started up a Scottish and Irish Special Interest Group (SIG) which ran for several years, then had a rest from it until last year when it was resumed and is continuing this year (2021).

Always helped at our information and social events held at the *Cottage*, Gwen put up a wonderful display of Scottish and Irish memorabilia and books and dressed in her Scottish

Colours.

Gwen has made donations to the group over the years of books, CDs, and a patchwork quilt to raffle, also a patch work quilt for our conference in 2009 which is now displayed on the wall in our meeting room.

Gwen has made a wonderful contribution to our Group and I commend and congratulate her on this Life Membership award which she greatly deserves. ...

These members have been recognized for their commitment and contribution, helping us become the Family History Group we are today. ... 🌳

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The Late Keith Shakespeare	01	Sept 1994
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Trish McDonald	194	09 Oct 2014
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Michele Gane	174	03 June 2018
John Selwood	79	03 June 2018
Meg Gibson	43	20 February 2021
Gwen Bates	70	20 February 2021

Census 2021

The next Australian Census will be taken 10 August 2021 and as family historians we all need to encourage others to agree to have their census form retained for 100 years. The family history community fought hard to get this question included in the census, but in the last Australian census held in 2016 less than half of all respondents [48%] agreed to do so. This was a fall from the 60% who ticked 'yes' in 2011. As we get closer to the next census date you'll hear more about this, but it's a good time to start encouraging everyone you know to have their form saved for posterity and for the benefit of future family historians. [Taken from the December 2019 Descent]. ... 🌳

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The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area [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.]	CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009] – OUT OF PRINT	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] 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.	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

MEMBERS' MONTHLY MEETING

1:00 pm 8th May 2021

Member's Show & Tell with

Martin Fisher

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Shoes?

Terry Joyce member 897

This photo of Allied spies' shoes reminded me of one of my family history tales. A relative told me that his deceased uncle was a spy during WW2. This fact couldn't be verified. Later I found my great uncle on a boat Passenger Lists. His occupation was listed 'speaks German etc'

I figured it must be true, Len was a spy.

Much later, I had my first contact with a cousin who lives in England and who just happened to be Len's granddaughter.

Great! I thought, she will know

whether Len was a spy.

So, I asked her "was your grandfather a spy during WW2?"

She replied - Oh no, no, he wasn't a spy. That was Aggie, his wife, Grandma was a spy! ... 🌿

Fab Foto

*Shoes worn
by Allied
spies during
World War II
to steer the
adversaries
in the opposite direction.*



WFHG Inc. Planned Events

- Subject to change.
- **The activities on this planner take into account the current COVID-19 restrictions.**
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, master classes and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP



The following applies for all special Interest Groups unless otherwise stated

Bookings Essential

Strict limit of FIVE plus presenter in meeting room at one time

	2021	Event
May	Sat 1	NEW Cottage open for Assisted Research 9.00 am – 12 noon.
	Sun 2	NEW WFHG Heritage Tour 11.00 am – 12.30 pm
	Tue 4	Finding & using Webinars Master Class 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
	Wed 5	Drop In Day – Introduction to Family History 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Thu 6	Pop up Shop Stall Lakeside Plaza
	Sat 8	Monthly Members' Meeting 11.00 am and 1:00 pm.

	Tue 11	WFHG Heritage Tour 11.00 am – 12.30 pm Microsoft Word/PowerPoint SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.	
	Thu 13	Family Tree Maker SIG 10 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	
	Sat 15	Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.	
	Sun 16	WFHG Heritage Tour 11.00 am – 12.30 pm	
	Mon 17	National Volunteers Week 'Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine'	National Volunteers Week ' <i>Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine</i> ' begins
	Tue 18		DNA SIG 12:30pm – 2:30pm.
	Wed 19		Scottish/Irish SIG 10:00 – 12 noon. Australian Heritage Festival ends.
	Sat 22		Computer/Multi Media SIG 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Computer/Apple Mac SIG 10 am – 1 pm, held in a different room.
	Sun 23		National Volunteers Week ' <i>Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine</i> ' ends.
	Tue 25	Planning Meeting 10:00 am	
Thu 27	Brickwall SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.		
June	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
	Wed 2	Information Day Ferreting down Rabbit Holes 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	
	Sat 5	Cottage open for Assisted Research 9.00 am – 12 noon.	
	Tue 8	Photography and Family History SIG 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	
	Sat 12	Monthly Members' Meeting 11.00 am and 1:00 pm.	
	Thu 24	Brickwall SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	
	Sat 26	Computer/Multi Media SIG 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Computer/Apple Mac SIG 10.00 am – 1:00 pm, will be held in a different room.	
	Tue 29	Committee Meeting for July 10:00 am	
July	Fri 2	Course Beginning Your Family History - week 1	
	Thu 8	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	
	Fri 9	Course Beginning Your Family History - week 2	
	Sat 10	Monthly Members' Meeting 11.00 am and 1:00 pm.	
	Tue 13	Microsoft Word/PowerPoint SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.	
	Fri 16	Course Beginning Your Family History - week 3	
	Tue 20	DNA SIG 12:30pm – 2:30pm.	
	Thu 22	Brickwall SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	
	Fri 23	Course Beginning Your Family History - week 4	
	Sat 26	Computer/Multi Media SIG 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Computer/Apple Mac SIG 10.00 am – 1:00 pm, will be held in a different room.	

Ottoman Train Wreck

Terry Joyce member 897

An Ottoman supply train still lays where it was ambushed by Lawrence of Arabia on the Hejaz railway during World War I. ... 🌳



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.

Research Mornings: 1st Saturday each month February to November

9:00 am – 12 Noon

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Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

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Friday 10 am – 2 pm

Generally closed during school holidays.

Open at other times on request

Free access

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