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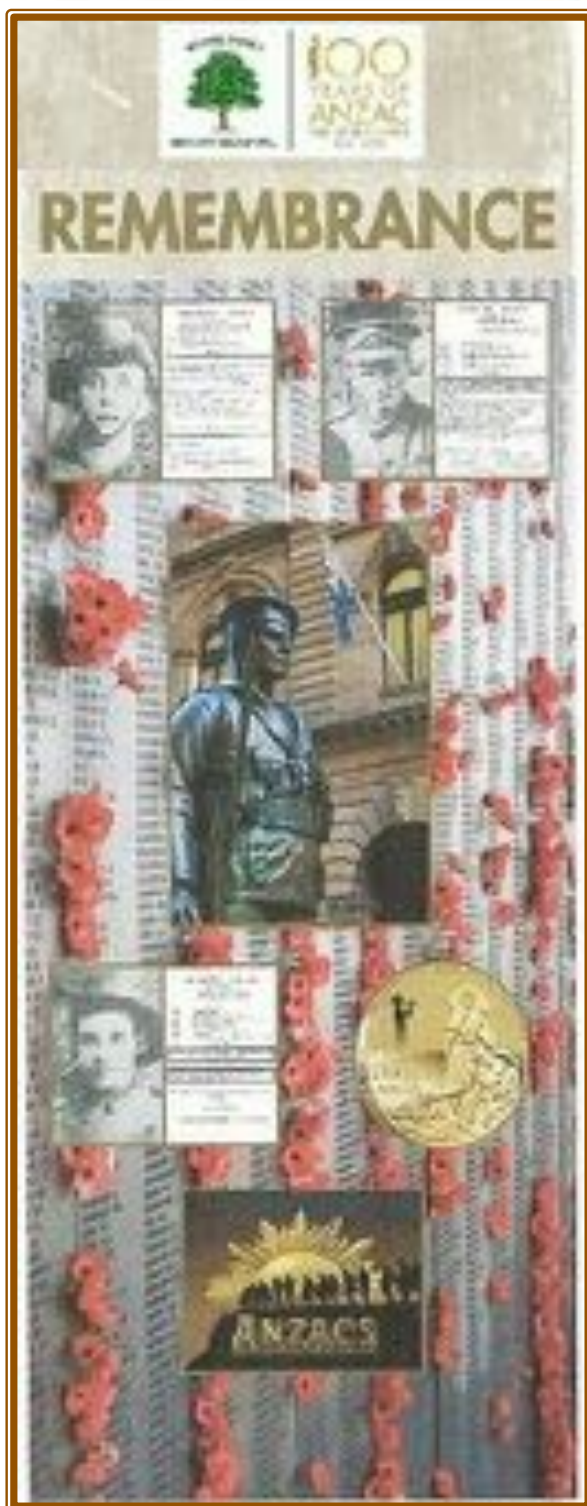
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### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

*To promote and encourage the research and preservation of family and local history, to assist members and others in family history research. To develop and maintain a Public Library and research, collect, preserve and maintain its resources in its Library.*



Member contributions are always welcome

## Wyong Family History Group Inc.

**Patrons:** Karen McNamara, Federal MP for Dobell  
David Harris, State MP for Wyong

**Meetings,** are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month between February and November, at 'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. Phone 4351 2211  
Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage' – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

**Fees:** non-members \$10.00 per hour between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.  
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*In this issue we have included a list of all Management Committee and Non-Committee Volunteers. As you can see, a lot of people contribute to keeping our Group ticking. Some of our hardworking Committee have told us a little about themselves. ....ed.*

## **Meet your Management Committee for 2015/2016**



*From Left: Helen Burkett, John Selwood, Trish McDonald, Kerrie Metcalf, Esther Dean, Roger Lewis, Pam Mansergh, Martin Fisher, Michelle Gane, Wayne Dean, Kerry Clarke, not shown Lorraine Cameron.*

*Helen Burkett member 342, Volunteer Co-Ordinator*

Researching my own family history is not a hobby but a passion for me and I also enjoy finding interesting family stories for my friends. I like learning anything new that's relevant to the history of the times and places where my ancestors came from. I enjoy being involved with the workings of WFHG and the like minded people I meet there. Presently and particularly our new One Place Study project on the district of Wyong is helping me find out a lot more about the history of the place we have chosen to live.

Apart from that I love spending time with my family & friends, travelling, reading, the beach, walking & exercise classes, gardening and photography. I try to leave as little time as possible for cleaning and cooking! ..... 🌳

*Lorraine Cameron member 285, Wednesday Co-Ordinator*

Hello members, my name is Lorraine Cameron, I have lived on the Central Coast for 15 years. I joined WFHG in 2007, and am Thursday Co-ordinator at the Cottage and I enjoy every aspect of being a member of the Group. As Publicity Officer I hope to encourage more attendances at our fantastic events. Recently I completed "Introduction to Family History" an online course with University of Tasmania and achieved a pleasing result, bring on another course. At home I love my family visiting, I quilt, sew for my gorgeous Grandchildren and try to garden. Life is good..... 🌳

*Kerry Clarke member 433, Secretary*

Most of you will be only too familiar with my regular emails – I am very pleased to be able to keep everyone informed with the varied and interesting events that we have either at The Cottage or our outside events. We have a large number of active members now, and many of you take advantage of the Special Interest Groups, organised workshops, Seminars and Information Sessions that we run, which all assist with personal research.

I have been a member of WFHG for about 5 years, and this will be my fourth year as Secretary. When I am not at the Cottage, helping our President Kerrie with paperwork, Glenise with the Library (or my new project) helping Kate and Roger with the website, I maintain our Group's One Place Study website. I have one granddaughter living here on the Coast, and two grandchildren in Melbourne that help keep me busy. John and I go Squaredancing twice a week which helps keep us fit, and gives us a large circle of social friends. I also enjoy papercrafts such as scrapbooking and cardmaking..... 🌳



I was born in Scone in the Hunter Valley of NSW and spent my childhood in Merrylands Sydney. In 1959 I married the love of my life Denis and we have two boys, 5 grandchildren and a very precious great granddaughter.

In 1981 my cousin Marie started to research my family history and while I was interested in what she found it didn't inspire me. In 1986 after much urging from Denis I started to research his family history and again it was in fits and starts. Then something happened and the genealogy bug bit me and I became OBSESSED. In April 1997 my friend Keith Shakespeare convinced us to join Wyong Family History Group and this is one of the best decisions we have made.

In 1988 I joined the Management Committee and held the position of Secretary for six years. I remained a member of the Management Committee until about three years ago when I took on the job of Minute Secretary. I am also the Public Officer and Fundraising Organiser, co-ordinator for the English Interest Group and a presenter at our Beginner's Courses. In 2007 I received Life Membership in the Group.

I thoroughly enjoy Wyong Family History Group – a happy helpful group of people and my very good friends.....🌳

*Martin Fisher member 653, Guest Speaker organiser*

Hi, my name is Martin Fisher, I'm 68, a retired Logistics Manager. I started collecting family history titbits from relatives back in the mid 1980s after a transcript of some of my grandfather's diaries from 1902 to 1918 came into my possession. Although I managed to collect some more info over the next 30 odd years it all ended up in boxes in our spare bedroom, where it stayed unsourced until I retired just a few years ago.

Retirement brings many benefits, including a lot more me time so I decided to devote part of that time to "doing" my family history. To that end it was an easy decision to join the local family history group (WFHG) and enrol in the beginner's course. Things progressed very rapidly from there and within 9 months I found myself on the Management Committee, organising the field trips and getting guest speakers for our meetings and seminars, roles which I enjoy.

Other interests outside of family history include photography, astronomy, reading, ferroequinology, bushwalking (when I find the time) and anything to do with general history.....🌳

*Michele Gane member 174, Treasurer*

I am Michele, and I try to keep track of all the financial dealings for the Group. I have been a member since 2004, and have been Treasurer for 4 years. I love to travel, I read, I enjoy my WFHG 'work'. I like to crochet and sew (not often) and I love to research my Family History trees and other peoples. Oh, and I forgot to mention I love the theatre – drama, plays and music concerts (selective) when I can get there.....🌳

*Roger Lewis member 127, Vice President and Life Member*

Hello my name is Roger Lewis and I have been retired for 2 years. I was a motor mechanic for all of my working life and my hobbies were various forms of motorsport. The main hobby I have now is computers and related devices, which led me into becoming the Groups IT person; a challenge I enjoy along with the other tasks I lend myself to in the group. I really enjoy the time I spend doing things for the Group and for individuals at the cottage (my second home) - which to some extent has been rewarded by my being made a Life Member and more recently Vice President.

I do still keep my mechanic skills honed, and have recently embarked on a project to help restore a 1955 Chevrolet Corvette for a friend - we should see it ready to drive in about 2 years.....🌳

*More about our Committee Members on page 10 .....ed.*



## from the President

*Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President WFHG Inc.*

This is our last *Tree of Life* for 2015, so I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday time. I thank all our volunteers for their help and dedication in 2015 and look forward to seeing you all at the Cottage in 2016.

I would also like to thank Annette Shearer and Christine Randall who give their time at Tuggerah library on the third Saturday morning of each month.

We have some great ideas for 2016 for events, courses, workshops, guest speakers, training session, Interest groups and guest speakers at our Saturday General Meeting, as well as more ANZAC events taking place in the community and organised by us, you will be advised as dates come to hand and we always welcome your attendance and support at any of these events.

As the year ends the group finds itself in a stable position with membership and finances, this all comes from promoting the group and fundraising when we can.

It would be remiss of me not to say how lucky I am to have a dedicated and wonderful management committee behind me for 2015 – 2016. Our committee meetings are long but there is a lot of planning and discussion that takes place, nothing happens in our organisation without discussion and committee approval.

Don't forget even though this is the last *Tree of Life* for 2015 we are still open at the cottage until mid-December so come in and catch up with us or your research..... 🌿



## from the Editor

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

Another year has nearly gone although I am not sure what happened to it. Our Mini Training Sessions will resume in the new year, check with the cottage or the website for further information.

I have found moderating the Microsoft Word group inspiring. I hope those attending have been inspired too. We are to continue this group next year and will see where it leads.

Coming from a family of creative people, I am very aware of copyright. I believe that the person who created something deserves recognition. Generally original work has an automatic copyright with a duration of the life of the creator plus 70 years. Many of the photos and pictures used in the *Tree of Life* are from our collection. These are usually marked Eloora Studio which is our Registered Company name. I try to acknowledge other images used. When an item is submitted to me, I like to note the source. Many things are out of copyright and many are royalty free. If you have submitted material from the internet or somewhere else, let me know source and I will try to sort the permissions needed to reproduce the material. If you would like to know more about copyright visit The Australian Copyright Council's website [www.copyright.org.au](http://www.copyright.org.au)



Harry and I would like to wish everyone well for the coming festive season.

Remember if it is too hot outside you can always work on your family history research and perhaps write something for us to include in forthcoming issues.

If you have found convicts in your family, why not share with us how you found them and what they did before and after this time and perhaps join our Australian Convicts Special Interest Group.

The deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 January 2016..... 🌿



## Early Arrivals to the Latest Technology

*Kerry Clarke member 433, Secretary*

This well attended and successful Seminar was held at the Wyong RSL Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Our three guest speakers were very interesting, and conducted professional informative presentations. Unfortunately our Guest Speaker organiser Martin, who had spent many hours arranging for our speakers to attend was unwell on the day, so our ever capable president Kerrie stepped up and did a wonderful job with introductions and thanks for them, as well as her other duties on the day.

Most of the attendees had lunch in the Club, and although it is now a Restaurant rather than a Bistro, they handled the 45 odd diners in good time, and had them all back in the auditorium by 1pm.

We had two lucky spot prizes which were gratefully received and three raffle prizes.

The first prize of the Wine Cooler donated by the Bendigo Bank was won by Annette Shearer ticket number C64,

The second prize of the 3 Turtle Transcriptions was won by Lynda Smith ticket number C17.

We also had a prize which was given to us for our participation in the advertising of National Family History Month – this was a voucher for an online course run by [genealogicalstudies.com](http://genealogicalstudies.com) to the value of 89USD. This was won by Hillary Lowden.

We had 4 people attend who were not members (yet), so this was also good to see.

It was pleasing to see how many of our members attended this Seminar – we are now gearing up for the [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) Seminar to be held in November. .... 🌳



## Conference Report 2015

*Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President WFHG Inc.*

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, we left to attend the Annual NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. State Conference hosted by Port Macquarie Family History Society.

On Thursday afternoon Glenise, Joy and Roger went into the Panthers Club to meet up with Trish and Bernie to set up our trading table.

Friday was an early start and a free day for the community to come in and hear speakers and browse the stalls. Speakers included Russ Wilding – *My Heritage*, Gail Davis – *State Records*, Paul Parton – *Family Search*, Debbie Campbell – *Trove*, Ben Mercer – *Ancestry*. Master Classes were also held on Palaeography, PROV and DNA.

This day also included the Association Committee meeting which I attended and also a very informative forum that both Glenise and I attended. The trading table was kept busy with people stopping by to talk and browse and sometimes buying.



Saturday was another early start with a full program. The opening of the conference was followed by Carol Baxter's talk on the Musters, Wendy Hoz from the Mitchell Library, Ben Mercer – Ancestry in the Digital Age, Heather Garnsey & Martyn Killion – Banbury to Barraba and Broodseinde Ridge – 20 years on and Amanda Ianna from BDM Registry NSW.

*Our table with  
Glenise Clery on  
hand.*



These talks were followed by the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. AGM. As a delegate for WFHG I attended with Glenise who took notes for me. The same committee was re-elected for 2016

At this point there was no submission put in to host the 2017 Conference, so discussion was raised on

what direction to take. It maybe the Assoc. organises it in the Central West – perhaps Orange or Bathurst. This will be finalised in November at the Ass. Committee meeting for which I am a member.

The Conference dinner was held at Ridges and six of our members attended. We were elated to find that we had won the Dorothy Fellows Award for Best Website. This was a great honour and our award takes pride of place for all to see in the office at the Cottage and we are very grateful to Kate Walter for her work in getting it up and running and teaching some members how to use it and keep it updated.

Sunday morning kicked off again with three speakers. Dr. Carol Liston on Land Records, Fiona Burn from National Archives of Australia - immigrants and Clive Smith - leaving a trail. This brought us to the end of the conference and the Call to the 2016 Conference which is being hosted by Camden and Picton to be held at the Camden Civic Centre Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

If you have never experienced a conference here is a chance for you to do so. It's not quite so far



*Helen Cramp, Kerrie Metcalfe, Roger Lewis, Frank Gero, Joy Pilkington, Trish McDonald and Glenise Clery  
at the Conference dinner*

from home, think about it and remember you can come for one day, two days or the whole weekend. It's your choice, but the experience is worth it..... 🌳



## Celebrating the Wyong District Pioneer Association Centenary

*Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM, President WFHG Inc.*

*2 Oct to the 4 Oct 2015 starting at the Grand Hotel in Wyong, having lunch and high tea at Wyong Race Club and finishing at Alison Homestead*

This was a huge event and congratulations go to the organizers and especially Anne and Garry Lee. Anne is also a member of our group and she should feel very proud of the events over the weekend.

It all started on Friday night with a meet and greet at the Grand Hotel in Wyong, this was the first meeting place of "Pioneers" in 1915 and where the original dinner was held. Members from our group attending in support were Helen and Trevor Burkett, Ann & Ken Cooke, John Selwood, Kerrie Metcalfe and Roger Lewis.

On Saturday the 100<sup>th</sup> year Pioneer Dinner was held at Wyong Race Club. This was attended by 250 people who shared in a day of friendship and sharing stories, the two course meal was a traditional baked dinner followed by dessert. Esther Dean, Pam Mansergh and Kerrie Metcalfe attended the dinner. As there were more people



wanting to come to the dinner and seating had reached

*Margo Wilcox, Glenise Clery, Esther Dean and Trish McDonald. Also shown: an excellent photo board, the not to be missed cake and the newly re-opened Alison Homestead.*

capacity a High Tea was held at 2pm also at Wyong Race Club. There was a great display of Wyong district pioneer history for everyone to browse around and enjoy as well as our ANZAC banners.

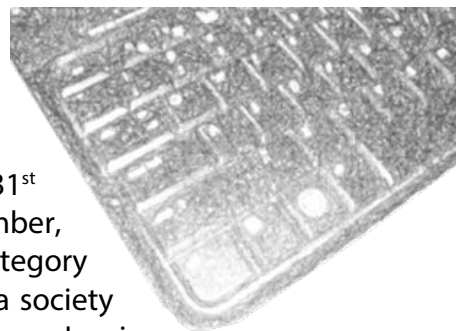
Then on Sunday it was out to a Family Day and Museum Opening at Alison Homestead and it was wonderful to see the people arriving by shuttle bus from a dedicated parking area to the grounds of the Homestead. The day was very well attended.

Our group played their part in displaying our ANZAC banners of our locals who served in the Great War as well as having a bookstall and being able to network at both Saturday and Sunday events. Our ladies Trish, Glenise and Esther did an amazing job as usual and dressed the part in the mop caps and long skirts..... 🌳



# Computer Talk

*Kerry Clarke member 433, Secretary*



## Dorothy Fellowes Website Award Category One.

At the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Genealogy Conference held at Port Macquarie in September, we were thrilled to win the Dorothy Fellowes Website Award Category One. This award is for a website designed and administered by a society member, and our President Kerrie Metcalfe and Vice President Roger Lewis were on hand to receive the award. Roger has been working tirelessly with Web Editor Kate Walter to ensure that the website has been brought up-to-date, with relevant and informative pages..... 🌳



*Roger Lewis with Dorothy Fellowes at presentation. Roger and Kate Walter with the same award*

## Members Interest Section on Webpage

*Kerry Clarke member 433, Secretary*

Our WFHG Webpage is viewed Australia wide. We have links on our One Place Study website to the WFHG site, so it will possibly also picked up by overseas researchers.

### Members Research Names

One of the facilities we offer to members is to upload the names you are researching – it is possible that someone researching one of your names could see the information and contact you through the website. The contact would initially be through the Secretary or Webmaster, so you could decide if the information was relevant to you before answering.

This page is also searchable there is a search box at the top of the page, so there is no need to scroll through all the names,

There are two sections in the Members Interest – one for general research names and one for anyone with convict ancestors. There are also two ways of submitting your information – either download and print a form and handwrite your information, or download the .docx file and you can fill it out online and then print out – you can then either bring it into the Cottage or post it to the Secretary.

### Member Websites

If you have made up your own website, and would like it listed on our webpage, send us the web address of your site and we will add it to this section.

### Unidentified Photos

This is also a very useful section for those photos with elusive ancestors with no information. Send us a clear photo with the information you have or need, and we will put it up for you. We will display your email address if you wish, or the Secretary's contact if not – let us know which you would prefer. We will display the newest photos first, and after a while we will reduce the size of the photo, but leave it up until you let us know the mystery is resolved..... 🌳

## One Place Study Website

*Kerry Clarke member 433, Secretary*

A few months ago, our Volunteer Representative Helen Burkett approached the Management Committee with a suggestion that Wyong Family History Group should have a presence on a website called 'Register of One-Place Studies.' This website is based in England, but has towns and studies relating to countries all over the world. Helen felt this would be a good way to showcase Wyong, early families and of course, Wyong Family History Group. A working committee of Helen, myself and John Selwood was organised and after some investigation and some lessons for me by our webmaster Kate, we set up the bones of this fledgling website.



We are trying to concentrate on local families, but have also given some information on early Wyong and the surrounding areas. We are hoping that overseas and interstate researchers will use this website to find information on the Wyong area, and in turn contact Wyong Family History Group if they had family in the area.

The 'Register of One-Place Studies' website is [www.register-of-one-place-studies.org.uk](http://www.register-of-one-place-studies.org.uk) and our 'Wyong One Place Study' site is [www.wyongoneplacestudy.weebly.com](http://www.wyongoneplacestudy.weebly.com)

This site is a work-in-progress, so if you have any information and photos you think could be added, contact me - we will consider all information submitted..... 🌳

### Ryerson Index News

*John Selwood, member 79*

Indexing of the Death notices from the Sydney Morning Herald is now fully complete from 1831 – 2015..... 🌳

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## Meet your Management Committee for 2015/2016 *continued from page 4.....ed.*

*Trish McDonald member 194, Wednesday Co-Ordinator and LifeMember*

I was born in West Wyalong NSW a long time ago! In the past I have been proprietor of several food businesses, have an Advanced Diploma in Fine Arts and a Certificate of Genealogical Research. I also recently completed "Introduction to Family History" the online course with University of Tasmania and was very pleased with the results.

I still paint a little, like gardening but love Family History Research.

I have one wonderful son, two beautiful grand-daughters and a very understanding husband..... 🌳

*Pam Mansergh member 14, Membership Secretary and Life member*

I was born in Rushworth Victoria, a gold mining town, the second of four siblings, three boys and a girl. My first love is my family, three daughters and three adorable grandchildren, plus my extended family and dear friends. Second is Genealogy, and then in no particular order Gardening, Counted X-Stitch, reading a good book and seeing a great movie.

I joined WFHG on 12 April 1996, becoming a Committee Member in September 1997 until September 2007, joining the Committee again in 2011. On 13 September 2007 I was awarded Life Membership to Wyong Family History Group Inc. alongside Marilyn, Esther and Janice, something I am very proud of.

I became Editor of the *Tree of Life* magazine from August 1997 to September 2007, and along with Kerrie Metcalfe produced the first monthly newsletter for the group called *The Branch* in February 2004, remaining Editor until August 2007. Currently I am Membership Secretary (which I love doing), a position I have held since 1998..... 🌳

*Kerrie Metcalfe member 80, President and Life Member.*

I joined the group in 2001 became a Life Member in 2010, and have officiated as President since 2007 with one year off in 2010. I thoroughly enjoy helping with our many group projects and events. In 2009, Wyong Family History Group hosted the NSW & ACT State Conference and I was convener – it was a tremendous job, but heaps of fun. I represent the group at many official events.

I have been doing family history since 1988 and this is my main interest. Other interests are reading, scrapbooking and crochet when I have time.....✿

*John Selwood member 79, Project Co-Ordinator*

I am the Project Co-ordinator for the Group. Many of our projects involve transcribing records, and recording historical information about Wyong and associated families. Following the collection of information, it has to be typed, checked and then finally proof-read before printing. Members who have ideas for possible future projects should speak with me and discuss their ideas so they can then be brought to a Committee meeting.

I have taken on the Secretary's job at Toukley District Men's Bowling Club this year and enjoy lawn bowls. As a former primary school teacher I have a wealth of ideas that help with my role in the Group. The Anzac banners are just one of the projects that have been of benefit to the Group. I have been an indexer for the Ryerson Index for many years.

For relaxation I enjoy looking after my house and garden and keeping up with my 7 great nieces and nephews.....✿

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## A Clandestine Marriage

*Owen S Powell JP member 180*

Benjamin Powell married Ann Jones at the May Fair Chapel on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1751.

This is called "Fleet" or "clandestine" marriage, which needs a little explanation. Let me quote from "Old & New London, vol 11".

*"In the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries couples desiring to be married came to the Fleet and Kings bench prisons, where degraded clergymen could easily be found among the herd of debtors to perform the ceremony."*

Initially, chapels were used, but later.....

*"...clergymen of the prison and neighbourhood began to celebrate secret marriages in rooms of adjoining taverns, or in private houses adjacent to Fleet Street, Ludgate Hill and the Mint, keeping registers, so to give an appearance of legality, and employing touts, to attract and bring in victims."*

Up until 1753 when the practice was prohibited by Act of Parliament, this was a very profitable business for Parsons, their clerks who kept the registers, and the tavern keepers who provided the rooms and refreshments. Not all of the marriages were made for shady reasons though. It has been estimated that more than half of all the marriages performed in London in the 1740s were Fleet marriages. Young couples went to the Fleet area and paid a few shillings for a marriage rather than waiting several weeks for the Banns to be called by their Parish Church. There may have been a romantic aspect involved as well, like going to Gretna Green or Las Vegas to tie the knot.

The documentation of the marriage was an important part of the business, because the holders of the registers charged for the entry and charged again if proof of the marriage were needed later.

The May Fair Chapel was one of the most notorious marriage venues, with respect to the number of ceremonies performed. It was run by the Rev. Alexander Keith, who was excommunicated in 1742 and committed to





Fleet Prison in 1743, where he spent 15 years and died in 1758. The marriages at his Chapel, which was located near Hyde Park Corner, continued right up to the passing of the Marriage Act in 1753. They were conducted by two Curates in Keith's employ; the Rev. Peter Symson and Francis Denevau, both Fleet Clergymen.<sup>1</sup>

1744-1750  
March 4<sup>th</sup>

(42)

*Benjamin Powell and Ann Jones  
of Stanwell Middx*

The marriage record shown here states that the bride and groom came from Stanwell in Middlesex.

<sup>1</sup> John Southerden Burn "History of Fleet Marriages" London 1834.....✿

## Mystery Brooch

*Maryanne McDonald, member 782*

Great Grandmother was born in England in 1838 and her younger sister was born in London in 1844. The 1841 English census (they were living in London) records that her father was a blacksmith so doesn't sound like lots of money there. A younger brother was born in Constantinople in 1846, It would appear the whole family went to live in Turkey about 1845.

Dad told me that he thought her father was building a bridge in Constantinople, and this could fit with his trade of blacksmith. The first Galeta bridge was built in 1845 so it is possible he worked on this one.

Her maiden name was Dorman, but the famous bridge builders Dorman Lang seem to be no relation, and anyway the company was founded much later.

She lived in Turkey for about 30 years, from about 1845 until 1876/7, and then briefly went back to England and I think Scotland too, before migrating to Australia in 1878 by herself but with her 4 living children.

Great Grandmother's husband Fergus came out to Australia in 1876, he was in a reported shipwreck off Wilsons Promontory (survived). It is unclear where he was in 1877, although he is back in Australia early in 1878 before she and the children arrived.

Religion – she was definitely religious. Dad gave me a lot of old books for safe keeping and in them were more than 11 bibles! 3 or 4 of these have her writing in the front and were gifts to her husband and children and grandchildren.

There are photos in her old album of Armenian bishops taken in Constantinople. However after she arrived in Melbourne she attended the Collins Street Baptist church.

Interests – definitely musical. Dad said she played the piano at every family gathering even up until her 80's. She was well educated, and apparently a great letter writer. It seems that her family must have done well in Turkey for her to have piano lessons

When she came out to Australia she actually opened a business in South Melbourne called "Stamboul Cash Store" which not only sold groceries and fruit, but wood and coal.



Quite an amazing enterprise for someone in those days with 4 children who had never worked previously.

The Mystery Brooch?

Great Grandmother's brooch has no hallmarks. The workmanship seems very good considering it's age. .... 🌳



## Memorials

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

The two War Memorials shown here are

Left: 1972, Port Vila, The New Hebrides now Vanuatu.

Right: Northern Spring 1973, National War Memorial, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Unveiled in 1939 by King George VI this Memorial was originally built to commemorate the First World War, however in 1982 it was rededicated to include the Second World War and the Korean War.

I understand ANZAC day services are held each year at both of of these Memorials..... 🌳





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Ben Mercer



## SEMINAR

**SATURDAY 21st November 2015**  
**WYONG RSL (CLUB WYONG)**  
**cnr Anzac Ave & Margaret St, Wyong 2259**  
**10:00am - 4:00pm**

### **Ben Mercer (the person)**

Ben's love of history started as a young boy with his research into his two grandfather's experience in WW1. This passion for his family's history has brought Ben to work for the biggest genealogy company in the world – [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). Ben joined the Ancestry team in March 2014 as the Content Manager for Australia and New Zealand. Ben is responsible for acquiring historical collections and maintaining relationships with Ancestry's partner cultural institutions – archives, libraries, museums and societies.

Registration 10:00am

First Session 10:30 - 12 Noon.

"Ancestry search tricks - Ancestry's lesser known gems"

LUNCH BREAK 12noon – 1:00pm followed by a session of informal questions and answers

AFTERNOON BREAK 2:00 – 2:30pm Raffle drawn during this break.

(Major Prize .... 12-month World Heritage Membership to [Ancestry.com.au](http://Ancestry.com.au) valued at \$299.95)

Second Session 2:30 – 3:30pm

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## Over The Sea To South Warrnambool – Part One

Maryanne McDonald, member 782



*A Story of Ongoing Discovery*

### **Heritage, Roots and Immigration – Clan Donald**

Clan Donald descends from the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD and in the 12<sup>th</sup> century was claimed back from the Norsemen by Somerled. His grandson, Donald of Islay became 'Clann Dhomhnaill' which means 'the children of Donald'. The clan are all descended from Donald's bloodline.

This naming pattern continued – Donald – Son of = Mac. The eldest son was named after the paternal grandfather and eldest daughter named after the maternal grandmother. Whilst this may have been their way, it is very frustrating when trying to determine who was who and where from in the different parishes when they all had the same names.

A shared surname isn't proof of a bloodline .... a lovely quote I heard recently was "Mother's Baby – Father's Maybe"

In our family it's a case of which Donald & which Mary, as the first two generations were named as such, only breaking with the tradition of Grandpa who is William Donald, but he married a Mary. We believe ggg-Grandpa was in fact Neil, but married a Mary .....

From being Macdonald's in Scotland changing to McDonald's in Australia with the birth of the third generation, the first Donald's & Mary's came to live and try another type of life in Australia.

Being Scots, they had a proud culture with traditional values but with a new life in the colonies, perhaps the name change was a significant marker for their new life here.

Our forebears didn't have an easy life and would have found it very daunting, leaving their homeland, other family members and embarking on a ship, speaking gallic and maybe with only a little bit of family history and treasures to remind them of home. If they embarked from an English port, the shipping registers as entered by non-speaking Gallic people, were often entered incorrectly due to this language barrier and perhaps not caring too much about the Scots as well. Therefore a daunting task to try and find emigration records that can be understood is an age-old problem.

In April 2015 we had a family reunion coinciding with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anzac Day honouring Grandpa & his fellow servicemen from WW I. We received a letter from Godfrey Macdonald, "Lord of the Isles" who resides on the Isle of Skye and he says:

*"Although many miles separate us, the strong bond that is the fellowship of true clanship is not barrier, and still has a tangible meaning today."*

#### Notes

1. Maryanne is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation McDonald and a proud Clan Donald NSW member
2. The story of the McDonalds will be continued – The McDonalds of South Warrnambool – A new life



*Old Postcard of Church Yard, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye sent by Grandpa during WWI.*

*Coming into Dunvegan from Portree is the ruined church of Cille-Mhuire, also spelt as Kilmuir. The 'Kil' part means Church, while the 'Muir' is Mary, together is the name Mary's Church. These churches date back prior the reformation. The Dunvegan/Duirinish Kilmuir is the resting place of Chiefs of MacLeod. (Collected Tales & Legends of Skye-Peter Macleod)*

*May those of you gathered together for this celebration enjoy all that is good, and remember how fortunate we are to belong to a clan, that played such a pioneering role in the development of the civilised world".*

The first two Donald's, gg & g Grandpa emigrated and it seems that they came for "the Gold". This is the part of the on going discovery of the family history.

It is sad, not just with our family, but with many, that a lot of family documents and photographs were either 'lost at sea' en-route, or thrown away as considered 'old and part of the past'. If only they could be retrieved, it would make our history even richer with this lost knowledge.

The Scots as great storytellers loved to gather together and share 'yarns', which was part of their social life, apart from the church, which played a major role in their lives. Their family values have been instilled throughout the generations and 'those looking down' would be proud of us and the continuing culture.

Tailoring was a family business and this continued through the generations. All Macdonald clan members have inherited the genes, demonstrated by many and varied creative talents, including story telling and yarns. .... 🌿



*Donald Macdonald (Great-great-grandpa). Born Isle of Skye 1784 - died Warnambool 1868.*

## Wyong Family History Group Inc.

### Publications

### Latest Release !

#### **LATEST PUBLICATION (Sep. 2015)**

#### **THE WYONG AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION – 248 Pages**

**Contains** – The **history** of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in the local newspapers; lists of its Office Bearers; photos of its founders and its first Committee; plus the **minutes** of all meetings held from 1<sup>st</sup> May 1913 to 18<sup>th</sup> June 1930 with a fully indexed list of names.

**Cost Book - \$35**

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### **Australian Convict Interest Group**

**Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 am to 12. If you have a convict or think you may have a convict in you family then come along. We will assist you in any way we can with your research. At present we have a small compact group and would love for you to join us.**

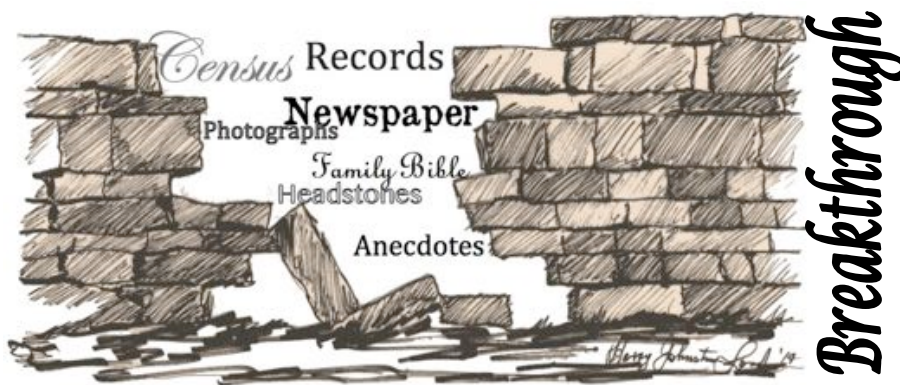
**June Johnston**

**Convict Interest Group.....TOL**

## Scattered Clues To The Puzzle

Lynda Smith, LM 2

I began using Trove a few years ago and revisit it occasionally to check on some of my more unusual names. Unfortunately, my married surname of SMITH is a little too common for straightforward searching, so I have avoided that one. Uncommon names have their own challenges though, especially when pronunciation makes spelling variations a distinct probability. UK census records can be particularly difficult to search.



Recently, my cousin's wife asked me to help her find the answer to a family history question involving her grandmother's maiden name of ARDOUIN. She pronounced this name as "Ardoon", while I believe it to be of French origin and would have been pronounced more like "Ardouwin". I used a combination of online databases, indexes and existing copies of certificates to try and 'flesh out' this family for her. A basic search of Trove digitised newspapers yielded over 500 possible hits on this name.

I only knew the basics of the immediate family, so I had to check all the entries to see if they concerned any of 'our' family members. Luckily for me, our ARDOUIN family advertised their businesses, publicised life's events and managed to do a few notable sporting achievements and petty crimes. In particular, this funeral notice for Charles was a mine of information on his mother, brothers and sisters, and was particularly helpful for tracking down marriages and confirming electoral roll locations of others.

### **Sydney Morning Herald 27 April 1943**

*"ARDOUIN.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. S. Ardouin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ardouin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammond, Mr. A. Ardouin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ardouin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Allaburton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ardouin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Mills, of Lakemba, and Families, are invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved Son, their Brother, and Uncle, Charles; to leave Our Funeral Chapel, This Day, at 2.45 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Liverpool. Dignified Funerals, opposite Railway Steps, Lakemba. UL2512."*

My research then determined the following:

- Mr. and Mrs. A. Gates = Elizabeth Maud Mary and Alfred George Gates, eldest daughter of Henry & Sarah Ardouin
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammond = Rebecca and Arthur Hammond, second daughter of Henry & Sarah Ardouin
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Holloway = Mabel [Theodosia Sarah Mabel] & Arthur Holloway, 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of Henry & Sarah Ardouin
- Mrs. Alfred H. Mills = Rose Beatrice and Alfred Hector Mills, last daughter of Henry and Sarah Ardouin
- Mr. and Mrs. Allaburton = Lily/Lillie and Francis Allaburton, 5<sup>th</sup> daughter of Henry & Sarah Ardouin.

The following is an example of many small ads for businesses run by this family.

### **Cumberland Argus 11 Dec. 1920 : Advertising**

*"A. G. ARDOUIN, BOOT REPAIRER, THE CRESCENT, FAIRFIELD. For the sake of your SOLE, have your BOOTS REPAIRED at ARDOUIN'S."*

I kept coming across ARDOUIN entries that did not seem to relate to 'our' line, so I started to develop a chart for all of the ones I didn't recognise. I had a vague date of arrival [1908] for Alfred



George ARDOUIN, from his 1963 death certificate, but have not yet found a passenger listing for him. I have found passenger listings for all of the other children and Sarah, but nothing for the father Henry or his son Alfred.

The 1911 UK census shows that Alfred was one of the 12 children belonging to this couple.

ARDAIN {aka ARDOUIN} at 685 Seven Sisters Rd, Tottenham Nth, Henry, a master Cutler and wife Sarah [12 children, 10 living, 2 deceased noted] with children Elizabeth Maud Mary [mother's helper], Rebecca [nurse], Lily May [scholar], Alfred George [bootmaker], Mabel [dressmaker], Harold, Beatrice and William Charles all scholars. Henry junior's name was crossed out as he must not have been at home on census night.

Both Sarah and Henry died in Sydney. There were death and In Memoriam notices for Henry/Harry from 1928 onwards, but I am yet to find a notice about Sarah's death in 1944. The closest I have found to date is a notice about Sarah's estate.

### **SMH 27 Aug. 1928**

*"ARDOUIN.—August 25, 1928 at his residence, The Mall, Bankstown, Harry, dearly loved husband of Sarah and loved father of Maude, Tots, Harry, Mabel, Alf, Eddie, Lillie, Harold, Rose, and Charles, aged 69 years."*

### **SMH Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1944.**

*"IN the Will of SARAH ARDOUIN late of Bankstown in the State of New South Wales widow deceased. Application will be made after 14 days from the publication here of that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated the 28th January 1942 of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to Lily May Allaburton (in the said Will called Lily Allaburton) the sole Executrix named in the said Will and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. All creditors in the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned W A Dowe, Proctor, for the executrix 92 Pitt Street Sydney"*

There was one particular Trove entry that I initially glossed over, until I discovered the maiden name of

EVANS a few generations back. Then it made sense.

### **Brisbane Courier 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1893**

*"MISSING FRIENDS. HELPING TO FIND LOST RELATIVES.*

*"(The following is a list, taken from Lloyd's London Weekly Newspaper, of persons who left the United Kingdom for Australasia, or were last heard of in these colonies, and who are inquired for by friends in Great Britain. Answers to inquiries should be sent to the editor of Lloyd's, who has the addresses of the inquiring friends, and it is requested that in these answers mention should be made of the newspaper through which discoveries are made.)*

*"MAY 28, 1893.*

*"INQUIRIES. ARDOUIN, G., better known as George Evans, left London for Canada in 1882; last heard of going to Melbourne. Brother H. asks."*

How intriguing! I then found other index/database entries about a George ARDOUIN marrying in 1893 and having at least 4 daughters from 1884-1894,

#### **Before Death**

*Sometimes Newspaper items can present surprises...ed*

This clipping was sent to me by Kerry Clarke our Secretary. It is from 'The Queensland Times (Ipswich)' dated Saturday 8 October 1932 and was on page 9. .... 🌳

#### **BEFORE DEATH.**

#### **Burial Certificates Granted**

**MELBOURNE** October 7.

At a meeting of the Women's Vigilance Society to-day it was stated that in a case in which a doctor had given a death certificate before the actual death of the patient the latter had recovered. In another case in which a certificate was granted the patient was prepared for burial although he was not actually dead.

It was decided to write to the British Medical Association, asking if it were legal for a doctor to grant a death certificate before the actual death of the person.

before disappearing again. Eventually, in 1910, George's wife Elizabeth Emma nee MERRYWEATHER remarries an Andrew THOLLEFSON. What happened to George?

A newspaper article confirmed some of these connections...

### **The Queenslander 14 Feb. 1925**

*"BROOME-ARDOUIN.*

*"The marriage of Mr. Walter Charles Steven Broome (Alfa Vale, Baker's Creek, Nanango, son of Mr. and Mrs. Broome, of Gippsland, Victoria) and Miss Ruby Gladys Ardouin (fourth daughter of .Mrs. A. Thollefron, of Lismore, Richmond River) was solemnised by the Rev. N.H. Kline, at the Methodist Church, Lismore, on January 7. The bride who was given away by her mother, wore a gown of white crepe de Chine and georgette, beautified with lace. She also wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet, which was the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Nancy Rantenstein, who attended as bridesmaid, chose a frock of pink silk striped voile with lace trimmings. Her bouquet was of pink rosebuds, and she also wore the bridegroom's gift, a gold armlet. Mr. Albert E. W. Mison (nephew of the bride) carried out the duties of best man. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Broome left for Brunswick Heads, en- route to their future home (Alfa-Vale Baker's Creek, Nanango, Queensland)."*

Don't you love all the fashion details given in old notices!

I was able to use census records and online indexes to prove that the missing George is the older brother of our Henry ARDOUIN who came to Australia. I also found shipping records that confirm that George was often working as a crew member on ships coming to Australia in the 1880s and early 1890s. Perhaps George visited with his brother and suggested their emigration or perhaps Henry decided to come in search of his missing brother?

Various Ancestry.com researchers have suggested that George may have led a double life. They record him having married in 1877 in England to Jane nee BARRATT. The couple are recorded as having children from 1877 to perhaps 1887. The same researchers list George as dying in Romford, Essex in 1904. They also suggest that George married Emma Elizabeth MERRYWEATHER in Australia in 1893 and had children here from that date. It seems we may have a bigamist! I have yet to prove this theory via certificates, but it is certainly intriguing, to say the least. None of this would have been possible without online access to historic Australian newspapers. I thank you Trove! ..... 🌻



## **Grandma's Little Church**

*Jean Macleay #359*

I have an old friend who lives at Coffs Harbour. Some time ago when I was up there she helped me explore the nearby Bonville area trying to find where grandma's cottage was in which she, grandfather and children lived from 1906 until about 1922.

Consequently, a year ago when my friend saw a piece in her local paper which said that the little Anglican church in Bonville was about to celebrate its centenary my friend invited me to go up and stay with her so we could attend the functions.



What a fun weekend we had. We had a meet and greet on the Saturday evening and later a square dance with a fabulous bush band and lots of singing old favourites accompanied by the local



ukulele group with ages ranging from 8 to over 80. The locals were friendly and welcoming and had lots of memorabilia on show. And there was a photo of the church ladies of 100 years ago, probably the Women's Guild, and right in the middle unmistakably was my Grandma (circled)!

There was a memorial service on the Sunday morning which was held in the local hall as there were far too many people to fit into the church, and again, a cup of tea and a chat afterwards. We then spent some time over at the little church looking at its wall hangings and various plaques. There was no doubt that it was lovingly cared for.

Imagine then my dismay when headlines on the ABC announced that a church



in Bonville had burnt down. Sure enough, my friend sent me a cutting from the paper showing the aftermath of the fire at grandma's little church. However, recently my friend told me that while the Bonville congregation are now driving in to

her church in Coffs, they are determined to raise the money to rebuild... Newspaper images reproduced thanks to APNARM...ed..... 🌳

## A Timely 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..... 🌳*



## New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to all 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
748	Maree Clarke	754	Marie Jensen
749	Sandy Murphy	755	Fay Haxton
750	Valerie Randall	756	Mary McKeachie
751	Marlene Smiler	757	Gary Thompson
752	Charles Vale	758	Diana Thompson
753	David Sheaves	759	Mark Levenspiel

## Events for 2016

Any member who would like to be involved in assisting with either of the following events should contact either John Selwood or our Secretary who will forward your interest on to John.

### Heritage Month

April next year is Heritage Month and the Group have decided to have a walking tour of Jilliby Cemetery where we will point out the graves of some of Wyong's notable citizens from the past as well as a few less notable citizens who have contributed to Wyong's development. Also, in a further remembrance of WW1 the graves of men who served in the Great War and who are buried at Jilliby will also be recognised. Final dates for these tours are still to be finalised.

### ANZAC Avenue Wyong and ANZAC Road Tuggerah

These two streets in our Shire were officially named on 12 August 1916 and 26 August 1916 respectively. They were named in honour of the men who went to the Great War. Each street was planted with trees, generally by family members of those who went to the war.

In recognition of the naming of the streets in August 1916 our Group will be holding a plaque unveiling on the same date, a centenary on from each event, to further honour the memory of Wyong's and Tuggerah's brave men.

The ANZAC Avenue plaque will be unveiled in Frank Balance Park and the Tuggerah plaque will be unveiled in the grounds of Tuggerah Hall.....🌳



## WFHG Inc Planned Events

	<b>2015</b>	<b>Event</b>
November	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am.
	Sat 7	Volunteers' Thank You Lunch
	Tue 10	Forward Planning Meeting 9:30 am Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 11	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Sat 14	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 1:00 pm
	Wed 18	Mini Training Session – Rootsweb Mailing Lists with Gwen Bates 10:15 am – 11:15 am.
	Thu 19	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 1:00 – 3:00 pm
	Sat 21	WFHG – All day Ancestry Seminar Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 24	English Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Wed 25	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
	Mon 28	Facebook Special Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
December	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am.
	Tue 10	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Wed 11	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 10	Christmas Afternoon Tea Cottage Closes until January 2016.
	<b>2016</b>	
January	Tue 5	Committee Meeting 10:00 am.
	Tue 12	Cottage re-opens
	Tue 26	Australia Day – Cottage Closed.
	Wed 27	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
February	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am.
	Tue 9	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Wed 10	Australian Convict Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Sat 13	General Meeting 'The Cottage' 1:00 pm
	Thu 18	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 1:00 – 3:00 pm
	Sat 20	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 23	English Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Wed 24	Scottish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon. Irish Interest Group 'The Cottage' 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
	Sat 27	iPad/Tablet Interest Group 'The Cottage' 10:00 am – 12 noon.

## Publications For Sale

More details at  
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### BOOKS & CDs

<b>Brought in by the Tide.</b> <i>[A guide to tracing convict ancestors in one place.]</i>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 5.00 + p&h
<b>Central Coast Roll of Honour.</b> <i>[Includes the full names, rank, type of service &amp; date of death where known of over 12,000 men &amp; women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs.]</i>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 20.00 + p&h (\$10 in Australia)
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 15.00 + p&h
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<b>Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy 1991 – 2013</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 15.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong &amp; District Pioneer Register (Published 2013)</b> <i>[673 pages. Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains: Birth, Marriage &amp; Death details; some photos, personal stories, obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong.]</i>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 50.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 40.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong &amp; Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995)</b> <i>(available separately- see below)</i>	<b>Two Volume set Book</b>	\$ 48.00 + p&h
<b>Contents Volume One</b> – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs	<b>Book Volume 1</b>	\$ 28.00 + p&h
<b>Contents Volume Two</b> - 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices, includes Church and cemetery photographs	<b>Book Volume 2</b>	\$ 28.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 38.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 20.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 15.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
<b>The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area</b> <i>[Baptisms, Burials and Marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's Diaries and Miscellaneous Entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy &amp; the Hawkesbury River.]</i>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 50.00 + p&h
	<b>CD</b>	\$ 40.00 + p&h

### CEMETERY

<b>Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 20.00 + p&h
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<b>St Barnabas &amp; Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
<b>Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW</b>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
<b>All 4 Cemetery Books</b>		\$ 50.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries</b>	<b>CD</b>	\$ 25.00 + p&h
<b>Palmdale Cemetery</b> <i>[30,000 names, not all from Wyong]</i>	<b>CD</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h
<b>Gravediggers Index of Wyong Shire</b> , <i>Compiled by Mr A V McKenzie &amp; his son Clive. [Gravediggers' records, up to mid 2008 of Wyong Shire cemeteries.]</i>	<b>Book</b>	\$ 20.00 + p&h
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Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon  
(WFHG members available to help)

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*To promote and encourage the research and preservation of family and local history, to assist members and others in family history research. To develop and maintain a Public Library and research, collect, preserve and maintain its resources in its Library.*

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