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Member contributions are always welcome

## Wyong Family History Group Inc.

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**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. Members Free.

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## *from the President*

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



The Group has had another busy and successful year. I would like to thank the Management Committee that has worked hard to keep the group running smoothly. Many of them take on more than one role and it is these dedicated members that keep things going. I thank each and every one of them for their support to me as I was not able to do my share due to illness. This wonderful Committee rallied round and everything ran smoothly. A big thank you to you all.

Two members are taking a break from the Committee this coming year. Trish McDonald is taking time off after a very busy year with the group, and Helen Burkett, who has been a member of the Committee for many years, is taking time to travel with her husband. Thank you to you both for your dedication in spending many hours at the Cottage, giving much time to our group over the years. Thanks also to your husbands, Bernie McDonald and Trevor Burkett for their support of you both.

I also extend my thanks and appreciation to all our Volunteers who help out in many other ways and to everyone who keeps the Cottage running through fundraising, clean ups, seminars, workshops, special interest groups and much, much more. The WFHG could not function without our Research Volunteers, our Cottage Co-ordinators and Roger, our Computer Co-ordinator, so thank you all for your dedication to the Group.

As I have not been as active this year due to my illness, our much organised Secretary, Kerry Clarke, asked everyone for a report on their activities for the year. This has relieved me from updating our progress for which I am most appreciative.

As we head into our 34<sup>th</sup> year, I am confident that you will find many interesting events and new resources at the Cottage for you to immerse yourself into and I look forward to seeing you there.

Sending out a big thank you to all our volunteers..... 🌳





## 2016 RECOGNITION of SERVICE

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

**15 Years:** Congratulations to the following members who achieved 15 years of service this year:

-  John Selwood in May
-  Kerrie Metcalfe in May

**10 Years:** Congratulations to the following members who achieved 10 years of service this year:

-  Russell Welham in May
-  Christine Ullrich and Bruce Wassall in June
-  Peter Yates in July. .... 



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**1 pm, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

The Annual General Meeting of Wyong Family History Group Inc. will take place in our Meeting Rooms at The Cottage, Wyong Cultural Centre, Ranken Court, Wyong on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The agenda will include:

- Minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- President's Report on the activities of the Group during the year.
- Financial Report by the Treasurer,
- Election of Office Bearers for the statutory positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members.

Those who take part in running our Group find it very rewarding, and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. We also have many non-elected members who cheerfully carry our library duties and other tasks. We couldn't manage without them. Why not join in and help.

Kerry Clarke  
Secretary.



## *from the Editor*

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

It is again reporting season and we are including reports from some of our Co-Ordinators. There are so many interesting activities associated with this Group all of which have some association with family history.

We continue Maryanne McDonald's wonderful series on page 12.

Those who are regulars to my Word SIG will be aware that I am trying to put together what will probably be a digital book about Weddings. I have a large collection of photos of weddings dating back over 100 years to last year. Researching one legend about one 1911 couple has revealed interesting information that needs more research. The bride was my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin twice removed. If you have a photo you think could be included, feel free to contact me.

I have recently completed the Convict Unit of the Family History online course with The University of Tasmania. I have no direct convict ancestors so concentrated on a name of interest I had noted about 15 years ago. A man who bore the same name as a gg-grandfather of mine from the same part of England. I can find no links to my family although his story made the research interesting and worthy of yet more research.

My little piece on page 18 is the result of a casual remark.

While life is going on around me, I am finding the University course, the research, recording and writing about my findings as well as editing *The Tree of Life* a great distraction.

Remember the Annual General Meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016

This issue is mostly taken up with reports. If you have a story to share with others, remember, I can usually help with editing.

The deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 October 2016.....🌳



## **Facebook SIG Report**

*Melissa Metcalfe member 516*

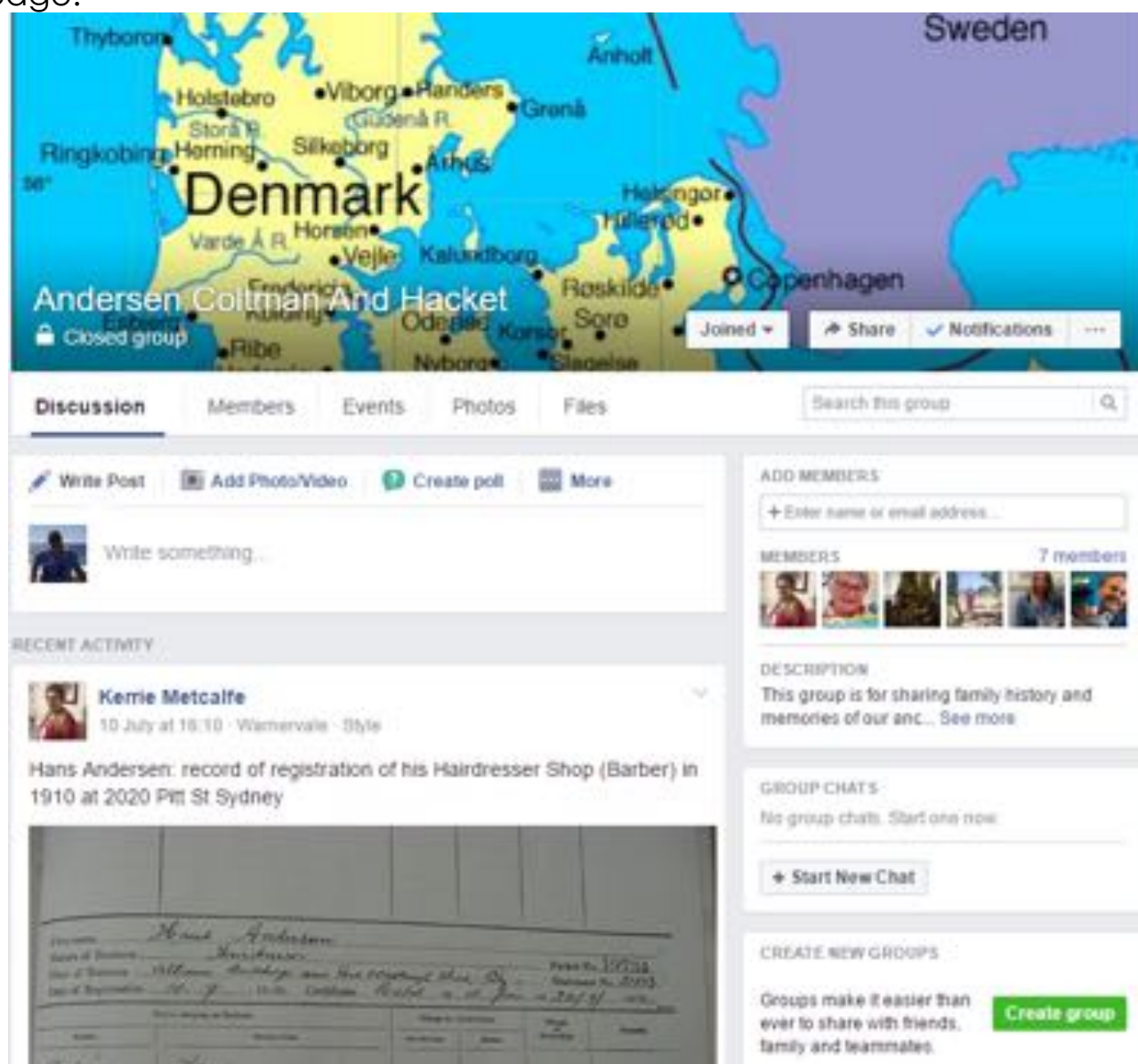
Following a successful *Introduction to Using Facebook for Genealogy Purposes* late last year, it was decided that another introduction workshop would be held again in 2016 followed by four (4) special interest group (SIG) meetings. This was to further enhance members' experiences with using Facebook as a way to connect with genealogy networks and communicate with family members regarding their family histories. Members who have attended the workshop and SIGs have learnt:

- how to change their account and privacy settings with confidence,
- navigate the Facebook environment,



- understand Facebook language and terminology,
- connect with genealogical networks such as local societies and family history groups, repositories like NSW State Records, Australian War Memorial and Ancestry.com, and other networks such as family history magazines and other organisations.

A major highlight was a presentation by member, Erica Livermore, who showed members how to develop a Facebook page to connect and share family history with members of their families. Our President, Kerrie Metcalfe, has developed such a page after attending the SIGs and has found it to be a wonderful way to share family photographs and stories with her extended family. Below is a copy of her family history Facebook page.



If you are interested in using Facebook as a way to connect with known and unknown family members then please come along to a Facebook SIG to learn how you can learn to develop a Facebook Group Page for genealogy purposes. .... 🌳

## 2015/2016 Family Tree Maker SIG Report

*Martin Fisher member 653, Coordinator FTM Special Interest Group*

2015 was an eventful year for Family Tree Maker users. During the first few months of the new WFHG year we enjoyed good attendances at our monthly FTM meetings learning many new skills and discovering new ways of doing old things within the program.



The peace and calm we had been enjoying was abruptly turned on its head at the end of the year when Ancestry made the devastating announcement of the almost immediate demise of the Family Tree Maker software. We were left in complete shock at this news. However, sanity prevailed and instead of jumping ship in a hurry we took the advice of several outside experts and decided to wait for things to settle and see what the new year brought.

The December announcement created a huge backlash from the FTM community with over 3000 negative postings on the Ancestry blog page within the first 24 hours and the protests continued to flow in during the following days. I believe there was in excess of 9000 negative postings within the first week. Following this unprecedented response, it was obvious that Ancestry had badly misjudged their market audience, the result being that they eventually announced in January that the FTM software had been on-sold to Software MacKiev.

Basically this meant we were back in business with little to no change to the current operation of the software. FTM continues to operate and will continue to get updates and upgrade releases into the future. So nothing much has really changed except that we have a new software owner, but then FTM has had several owners over the last couple of decades, some more obvious change of ownership than others.

By the time The Cottage reopened in February it was business as usual at our FTM meetings so we got stuck back into learning how to best utilize the software.

During our lively monthly meetings we tackled and learnt about such topics as:-

- Hidden Managers – Managing Repositories
- How to use Sources correctly, this was complemented by the referencing workshop run by Melissa Metcalfe
- How to use Task Lists effectively
- How to resolve Place Names, which then led on to Mapping from within FTM
- Creating Books from within FTM and how to export books or information to MS Word

- making and printing charts
- how to use research notes and research To-Do lists.

All of these topics have been received enthusiastically by attendees with even the most experienced of our FTM users learning new tips and ways of doing things. This group is always very pro-active and the laughter and chatter emanating from the room during our meetings can attest to the members enthusiasm.

Some of the topics planned for upcoming meetings are:-

- How to link Sources and Media to a person
- Managing your media
- Linking and Syncing with Ancestry.com
- Utilizing the power of FTM reports
- and many more as yet to be determined topics.

If you use Family Tree Maker come along and join in the fun, who knows you may learn something new. If you think you know it all then come along and teach some of us poor unfortunates who are still learning.... 🌳

## **In the Library This Year**

*Annual Report for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016*

*Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM 284.*

As in past years, our Library resources have again benefited greatly from a number of members who have donated items as their living circumstances have changed and they begin to “downsize”. While the committee continues to purchase worthwhile books and CDs as well as providing, at some considerable expense, access to our various subscription sites, a number of Australian and UK magazines and some Journals, it is also pleasing to think that members keep their fellow researchers in mind when they are no longer able to keep the many resources that we all seem to acquire as we research our Family History. Many thanks to all who have donated to our Library resources this year.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 our accession records indicate the following:

- Books    31 purchased value \$ 442.43 and 86 donated value \$ 824.32
- CDs       7 purchased value \$ 185.00 and 2 donated value \$ 120.00

I have also written off 3 Library books this past year as newer editions became available. I would place a value of \$ 20.00 on the items that were written off.

Most donated items that are not able to be placed in our Library holdings are regularly offered for sale to the members and at various Family History gatherings. With over \$ 500.00 raised from pre-loved resource material and novel sales this past financial year, this would appear to still be a worthwhile exercise and I wish to thank our Assistant Librarian, Dellas Johnston and member Helen Hord for their assistance



with this task.

There are quite a number of people involved in keeping the members up to date with Research tips and all of the Group's latest resources and I would like to thank them all for the good work they continue to do. Esther Dean and Jean Macleay (research tips), Pam Mansergh (subscription site updates and Irish research tips), Meg Gibson and Lynda Smith (journal snippets), Helen Innes (unrelated certificates) and Dellas Johnston (drop files). Many other members help out with other Library tasks such as stocktaking, book covering, keeping the magazines and microfiche in order, downloading e-journals and checking the Library shelves and I am truly grateful for all of the assistance they give.

As you can see, there are a great number of volunteers who put quite a bit of time in to making our Library resources known, and available, for the use of all members, and it would be greatly appreciated if more members would make use of the wonderful resource Library that is available to them at "the Cottage". ..... 🌳

## **2016 Look & Learn Education Sessions Report**

*Trish McDonald, member 194, Co-Coordinator, Look & Learn Education Program*

January 2016 saw the introduction to our group of an education program which had included Special Interest Groups, Mini Sessions, Work Shops and Courses. To date we have 8 Special interest, held seven mini sessions, 6 workshops and 1x6 weeks Beginners Course. At times it has been a little difficult to keep all members happy with the session topics as I have tried to have topics that the newer members are not familiar with. I have also tried to keep all members updated with the continual changes to many of the internet sites and our subscription sites as well as keeping in mind the time available to run the program without over loading members.

Evaluation information has been collected on all sessions and they have shown reasonable interest, some more than others.

The introduction of any new idea is always a learning curve and our Education Program is no exception so lessons learned from this year including the guidelines will be helpful if the program is to continue in 2017. .... 🌳

## **Microsoft Word SIG Report.**

*Helen Johnston-Lord member #505.*

This Interest Group has been meeting with a core group for over a year now.

We meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from just after 12 noon. This is a 'hands on' session with participants bringing their laptop or other device.

We are happy to revise any of the features we have already touched on.

This year, attendees were provided with a file to load onto their machines and have been able to carry out exercises without altering their own documents.

Creating Tables of Contents, Indexes and Tables of Illustrations are all helpful when recording you family story. Columns, footnotes and endnotes also enhance our stories. References and bibliography are an important part of any research and can be handled using this software.

Many family history software packages are able to produce detailed reports, however using Word's wide range of features you can do so much more.

Member's specific 'how do you" requests are discussed or put on notice and we have solved many of these over the year.

We have again discussed formatting pictures within a document and creating labels and their many uses.

Those wishing to join our Group who are interested in topics already covered or have something else in mind, will find others are interested in revisiting and revising. .... 🌳



## **WFHG Shop Report 2016**

*Trish McDonald, member 194, Book Sales Coordinator*

I have not encountered any issues with the shop, so all is well. Several outside stalls have been held to fulfil our community commitments as well as PR days and the 2015 Conference.

Sales for 2015-2016 have been steady with a total of :

Shop Sales	\$ 3,363.70
2nd. Hand Books	\$ 557.65
Total Sales	\$ 3921.35. .... 🌳

## **2015/ 2016 Projects and Events Report**

*John Selwood member 79*

As I write this report our latest publication – *Death and Marriage Notices from the Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate 1892 -1954* has just been sent to the printer. Unfortunately our previous printer, Gosford Council Printing, are no longer doing community printing work and we have had to source a new print company at a much dearer rate than previously. This means that the Group will most likely have to publish future work only in CD format so that they are at a reasonable price for members.

Over the past year we have produced several books and CD's. The

Wyong Agricultural Association Minutes, its Office bearers and newspaper articles about the Association was followed by Bowden Family Funeral records 1999-2015 and the Gosford Times mentioned earlier. Several members are currently working to update our Ronkana, St Barnabas Yarramalong and Yarramalong General Cemetery books with the inclusion of newspaper notices and headstone photographs wherever possible.

I would particularly like to thank Eileen Eliassen for her typing of the Gosford Times and Roger Lewis who spent a lot of time preparing the computer files ready for printing. Thanks to everyone else whose contributions to the publications is acknowledged within each book.

Although there are no projects currently in progress I do have some ideas on the drawing board and I would be interested to hear from members who may have ideas for other future projects. . . . . 🌳

## **Referencing Workshop Report**

*Melissa Metcalfe member 516*

In June this year members attended a Referencing Workshop where they learnt about the correct way to reference family history research. As part of the workshop members were introduced to the referencing style used by historians called, *Chicago Referencing*. They were shown how academic institutions and repositories use Chicago Referencing to reference their records so as to adhere to copyright laws.

The workshop also included members' participation in activities which helped them to distinguish the difference between *Primary Sources* and *Secondary Sources*, learnt about repositories and the many records that may be available within a repository, and how to incorporate their new referencing skill into family history software programs such as Family Tree Maker.

If learning how to reference your family history research is of interest to you, keep an eye for next year's workshop. . . . . 🌳

## **Weebly Webpage SIG Report**

*Kerry Clarke member 433 & Kate Walter member 657*


The Weebly Webpage Special Interest Group was held for the first part of this year, and will now take a break until the start of next year. We had between 4 and 8 members attending, and they are now either working on their webpages at home, or have decided to record their family history in a different format. If you think you might be interested next year, check out the webpage of Susan Wards, who has done a splendid job on hers, and is still expanding the site [www.crustfamilyfromqueensland.weebly.com](http://www.crustfamilyfromqueensland.weebly.com) . Susan brought a lot of her information over from another site, and she found the [Weebly.com](http://Weebly.com) format much easier to work with. . . . . 🌳

## Volunteers Report

*Helen Burkett, member 342, Volunteer Representative*

We have a huge list of people volunteering at the Cottage to ensure that our Group runs smoothly and is financially viable.

There are people holding official positions, committee members, office co-ordinators, research volunteers, outside research and roster secretary, library positions, membership secretary, those who manage our websites and magazines, people working on specific projects and one off projects, organising publicity, keeping lists of our assets, those who run monthly groups and hold one off workshops and mini training sessions and organise these sessions, keep the computers running smoothly, those who help sell raffle tickets, assist at our Bunnings barbecues, proof readers, others who check magazines for interesting information, source grants, attend meetings in the community, liaise with Council, keep the Cottage stocked with supplies, drive buses to venues, and more.

From this you will see that, when we ask for volunteers, we really need them. If it wasn't for all these wonderful people there would be no Wyong Family History Group. So please give yourselves a pat on the back because we are a very successful organisation and thanks so much for your willing participation. .... 



## Continuing The Tales of Tailors' Wives

*Maryanne McDonald, member 728*

### Episode 5. "Mary Full of Grace"

**New home:** new name. I was born Maire Goldrick in my native Ireland and now known as Mary Golden in Australia.

I was working as a housemaid on a property in rural Victoria where I met my husband to be. He was a farm hand on the same property. A tailor by trade but had to work the land in the interim.

I am to become Mary Macdonald. What a combination we are. I am an Irish Roman Catholic and he is a Scottish Presbyterian.

What a muddle.

We were not deterred.

The very Reverend Donald Macdonald married us in the home of a relative in North Melbourne in 1868. There was a majestic Presbyterian Church not far away, but unfortunately we couldn't be united there.

Donald MacDonald's encircle me. One I married, one married us and one is my father-in-law.

We moved closer to Donald's family in the Western District where we made a life. We have a weatherboard home that overlooks the ocean and I am constantly aware of its changing beauty, whether wild and grey



or rolling and blue. I have not beheld this scenery before, nor smelled the salty air.

Our children, three girls and four boys were born over an eighteen-year period. Only four were to become adults. Our beautiful boys: one passing at one day old, one at one year old and one at twelve years old.

It is a sad tale that I have to tell. I fear I am not to make old bones. **“A Thimble Full, .....”**

*This Mary Macdonald is my Great Grandmother. Author (More from Maryanne on page 19 ed.) .....🌳*



## Did You Know?

*The word ANZAC is a protected word. It's use is regulated.*

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

There are many restrictions on the use of the word.

Throughout many publications including this one, the word ANZAC is presented as either upper case or sentence case (upper and lower case). Which is correct?

The short answer is both. I have always seen the word and thought of it as an acronym, this is still true, however, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the men who were there on that dreadful day always referred to themselves as Anzacs. Generally ANZAC is used by the military and Anzac is used by others. For more information go to <http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/protecting-word-anzac> .....🌳

## 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 century 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 Ballance Park and the Tuggerah plaque will be unveiled in the grounds of Tuggerah Hall.....🌳



## WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

# Centenary of Anzac Unveiling of Plaques

- **On Friday 12 August at 10am**, The Wyong Family History Group will hold a commemorative event at Frank Ballance Memorial Park, Wyong as part of the Centenary of Anzac.

A plaque will be unveiled 100 years to the day that Anzac Avenue Wyong was named.

Following the plaque unveiling, the event will move across to the RSL Club to view the Honour Board that was unveiled on the same day in 1916. This Board records the names of the men from the Wyong area who were killed in WWI.

The plaque will be unveiled by a great grand-daughter of Mrs. Goldsmith. Mrs Goldsmith unveiled the honour board in 1916. Her son was the first casualty of WWI from the Wyong area.

- **On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10am**, The Wyong Family History Group will hold a commemorative event at Tuggerah Community Hall, Anzac Road Wyong, as part of the Centenary of Anzac.

A plaque will be unveiled to commemorate the naming of Anzac Road and the planting of 38 trees in honour of the men from The Tuggerah district enlisted in WWI.

David Harris, State MP, Pat Frewin, President of the RSL Sub-Branch, Doug Eaton, former Mayor of Wyong and the new Federal Member for Dobell, Emma McBride will be in attendance at both these events..

All are welcome.



# Their War

They are remembered

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



No. 4 PORT SAID

Warmemorial to the Honour of the  
Australian and New Zealand Soldiers,  
unveiled November 23th 1932  
Monument Commémoratif sur le Quai  
Sultan Hussein  
Kriegerdenkmal am Quai  
Sultan Hussein



## Memorials

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

Amongst some photos I inherited was a series of small cards from Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and this one of the ANZAC Memorial at Port Said. These cards probably date back to my grandmother's return trip home (England) in 1937.

With the availability of internet research, I thought I would 'check it out'.

This memorial was first mooted in November 1916. Light horsemen from Australia, New Zealand Mounted Riflemen, Cameleers and Army Nurses raised £5,400 by subscribing a day's pay towards its cost. The Australian and New Zealand Governments also contributed. In 1923 the final design



for the memorial by an Australian sculptor C. Webb Gilbert was decided upon.

On the night of 26 December, 1956, during the Suez conflict, an Egyptian crowd attacked the ANZAC monument inflicting irreparable damage. When peace returned to the area the United Arab Republic agreed to the request of the Australian and New Zealand Governments to release the damaged memorial and its polished Gabo Island granite plinth. These were then shipped to Australia.

*A very impressive replica of the original memorial which stood at Port Said Australian and New Zealand force in 1914. The second copy of the memorial stands in ANZAC Parade, Canberra. (Photo by Peter Ellis)*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintain a cemetery in Port Said.

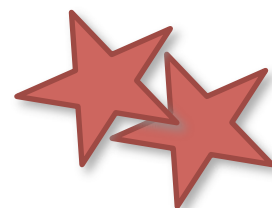
I found 'The Saga of the ANZAC Memorial, New Zealand Mounted Rifles, Bess and the ANZAC Memorial' very informative. ([www.nzrm.org/bess.htm](http://www.nzrm.org/bess.htm)) .....🌳



## Wyang Family History Group Inc.

### Publications

#### Latest Release



### **GOSFORD TIMES, Incorporating the Wollombi**

### **Express [1892-1906] and Wyong District Advocate [1906-1920].**

**Covers** Marriage and Death notices 1892-1954.

**Contains:** Entries for 5,892 Deaths and 1,400 Marriages that appeared in the Gosford Time and Wyong District Advocate between 1892 and 1954. Note that the majority of the early papers were destroyed by fire and only a few papers were available for the 1940s.

Death entries contain: Date of Newspaper Publication, Full Name of the Deceased, Age at death, Date and Place of Death, Date and Place of Burial and whether an Inquest was held. Probate Notices have been included under Deaths.

Marriage entries contain: Date of Newspaper Publication, Full Name of Bride and Groom, Date and Place of Marriage.

Also available on CD.

**Cost TBA**



Woy Woy and Wyong District Advocate.

Circulating in Every Town and Settlement Between Sydney and Newcastle.

Established 1883.

Registered at the G.P.O. for Transmission by Post as a Newspaper.

Published Every Thursday Afternoon



# WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Inc.

*presents*

## *"Researching Records in United Kingdom from Australia"*

# SEMINAR

**SATURDAY 29th October 2016**  
**WYONG RSL (CLUB WYONG)**  
**cnr Anzac Ave & Margaret St, Wyong 2259**  
**10:00am - 4:00pm**

### **Guest Speakers:**

#### **Joy and Allan Murrin**

For over 40 years, Allan and Joy Murrin have visited family history libraries and centres throughout the world—they are exciting speakers and have spoken on Family History topics to many societies and groups.

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### **Topics to be discussed**

#### **England/Wales Census**

Understanding the essentials of the Census. Methods in discovering and knowing your ancestors.

#### **Is it the Best of Times**

Consider what used to be and how technology is making it better for us.

Raffle prizes to be drawn on the day will include a Flip Pal Scanner and Gift certificates from Joy Murrin Transcription Services.

#### **Researching Family History in UK from Australia**

Some case studies in analysing Australian documents to research and trace ancestors in UK.

Bookings at The Cottage 4351 2211 Tuesday—Thursday  
or online at [www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au](http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au)  
Cost.....\$25.00. There will be limited seating.

Free tea and coffee  
available all day

## From Casual Remarks...

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

Some time in the mid 1990s, a retired chap remarked to a mate 'What is needed in this community is a place for blokes to get together, tinker and chat and just be blokes'. The mate was a member of Lane Cove Council and thought *what a good idea* and started the wheels turning.

The unique idea to establish a Men's Shed in Lane Cove was met with enthusiastic support from older men in the community, many of whom no longer had that very special retreat. Funding was sourced and the Lane Cove Community Men's Shed, in the underground car park of St Columba's Uniting Church Retirement Centre, had its official opening in December, 1998, although it had operated for a while prior to that date.

Unbeknownst to those involved, a similar project was underway in Tongala, Victoria. This is regarded by many as the first official Men's Shed.

My own records and research tell me it was a close 'race' with a similar idea being developed in the two places at the same time.

Men's Sheds have grown into an important part of life in communities providing a place for blokes to get together, tinker and chat. There are now close to 1,500 throughout Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and the United Kingdom, with many in the Central Coast/Hunter Region. <sup>[1]</sup>

The aforesaid retired chap for many years had his mates come to his home from time to time for a bit of tinkering and chatting, he helping them with their projects and they helped him with his. Despite being in his 80s, he was involved in this Shed for the rest of his life

Although regarded by many as the inspiration neither the retired chap nor the Lane Cove Councilor is mentioned in any history of Men's Sheds. To quote Ted Donnelly, another founding member of the shed and one time President of the National Association, 'He really kindled the shed into life – he really pushed it, he was a leading light in getting it going'. <sup>[2]</sup>

What does all this have to do with family history? The Council fellow is Ian Longbottom and the retired chap? He was my father (Peter) Keith Spence. (1913 – 2002) This is just one small Chapter of the life story of this quiet unassuming man, he would be chuffed

"We would suggest that by now St Peter would have been co-opted to find some space so that Keith could form the Heavenly Men's Shed so that the blokes could get together in a familiar environment and have a bit of a chat." <sup>[3]</sup> .....🌳

<sup>[1]</sup> More information about Men's Sheds is available at [www.mensshed.org](http://www.mensshed.org)

<sup>[2]</sup> AMSA 2011 Hall of Fame Recipient.

<sup>[3]</sup> Ian Longbottom, Lane Cove Village Observer, October 2002.



## The Tales of Tailors' Wives

### Episode 6. "Mary the Golden Gal"

Maryanne McDonald, member 728

My first sensory memories are of salty air, sea bird calls, and the processing fleece smell from the Woollen Mill. I am the firstborn to Mary and Donald, a Tailoress and Tailor in 1900.



These memories are suffused into my mind and keep me alive if ever I am apart from them.

My school is opposite our home and I attended until Grade 8. There is no money for further education. I help my Father and Mother with the Tailoring and enjoy the feel of the needles, threads and fabrics.

It is time that I seek work to help my family, which has grown rapidly. I walk down the road, over the river to the Woollen Mill. I am now a Textile Worker.

This is where I meet my husband to be Ernie. After marrying in 1923 we decide to re-locate to another seaside town east of Warrnambool in Victoria. There is advancement for him at the Geelong Woollen Mill. I am happy to settle there as it has a similar feel to home.

In 1925 my five-year-old sister Merna came to live with us, as Mum was in her twelfth pregnancy.

In 1926 I returned to my beloved home to nurse my sister, Eva who had contracted TB. She passed in 1926 aged 24.

Ernie and I were not to have many years together, five to be precise. I am Mary Golden [McDonald] Osborne, named after my Irish Grandmother. I contracted TB and passed at aged 27.

"I rest with my salty senses by the water."

#### **"Silver Threads and Golden Needles"**

*This Mary Golden [Goldie] is my Aunt. Author . Maryanne's interesting series will conclude in our next issue. ed.....* 🌿



*Mary Golden - Goldie - (McDonald) Osborne  
30/8/1900 - 29/3/1927 "I rest my salty senses by  
the water"*

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we currently offer a range of Special Interest Groups where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest.

Current Groups are:

🌿 Australian Convicts

🌿 English & Welsh

🌿 Facebook

🌿 Family Tree Maker

🌿 iPad/Computer

🌿 Microsoft Word

🌿 Scottish & Irish

More information about these groups is on the Website or phone The Cottage during open hours. Upcoming dates are included on our Planned Events Pages (24 & 26).....🌳

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## 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
790	Kelly Ross	796	David Page
791	Errol Smith	797	Tracey Page
792	Stella Rumsey	798	Kellie COOPER
793	Roderick Cameron	799	Wendy Orr
794	Jeff Turner	800	Keryn Sharpe
795	Gary Amor	801	Berny Leslie
		802	Jan Leslie

## 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..... 🌳*





# NFHM

## National Family History Month

### Be part of National Family History Month in August 2016!

It is a great opportunity to find out about researching your family history and understanding the social context within which our ancestors lived. There will be hundreds of events held throughout Australia and online. Start tracing your family tree, talk to distant relatives

Attend a family history seminar or workshop	Listen to a webinar , podcast or Google hangout
Write your life story or interview a relative	Look at genealogy magazines at your newsagent
Organise your family photos	Have a family reunion
Visit your local genealogy/ family history society	Visit areas of family significance
Browse the genealogy section of your local public library	Explore family history sites on the internet
Organise and label your family photos	Check out the online calendar for events in your area

For lots of other great ideas visit [www.familyhistorymonth.org.au](http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au) to see events in your local area including online events. Plus there are some great prizes to win in the giveaway. Sponsors as at 1 April 2016.

#### Major Sponsors in 2016

		
		
Like to be a sponsor? Contact us Info <a href="mailto:@familyhistorymonth.org.au">@familyhistorymonth.org.au</a>	Launch Sponsor since 2006  	Media Sponsor 

Prize Sponsors in 2016 - see [www.familyhistorymonth.org.au](http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au) for details.



## Cowpastures and Beyond

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE  
NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES INC.  
2016 STATE CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.**

## **CAMDEN CIVIC CENTRE.**

**WHY NOT STAY A WHILE TO SEE SOME OF  
THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
OR DO A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF CAMDEN**

For more information on the  
2016 Conference – Cowpastures and Beyond  
[nswact2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:nswact2016conference@gmail.com)



Camden Park



Picton Post Office



Camelot



Nepean House



**NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc  
2016 State Conference**

**Hosted by  
Camden Area Family History Society Inc  
Picton & District Historical & Family History Society Inc.**



## **2016 Conference Bus Trip – Camden**

*Kerry Clarke, Secretary, member 433*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September is a day free to public and members, and there will be many stalls related to Family History and there will also be interesting speakers.

There are still a few seats available on the bus trip to Camden for the first day of the State Conference. If you would like to go on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, ring the Cottage and book a place on the bus.

The cost will be \$25, and all seats will have to be paid for beforehand. Visitors will be welcome, but preference will be given to members' bookings first..... 🌳





## Greetings from Woolmers Estate – Tasmania – est. 1817

*In 2017 Woolmers Estate a UNESCO World Heritage Listed Convict Site, will celebrate its Bicentennial with a full year of activities.*

*Located in the Northern Midlands region of Tasmania, Australia's Island State, Woolmers Estate provides a unique and fascinating reflection of colonial life in what is regarded as one of the most historically significant heritage properties in Australia. Continuously owned by the Archer family, the estate was bequeathed to the Woolmers Foundation Inc. at the request of the last Thomas Archer (6<sup>th</sup>) who passed away in 1994. The estate is now a popular heritage tourism destination.*

*Woolmers Estate, together with the neighbouring Archer property Brickendon, was home to the second largest pool of convict labour in Van Diemen's Land – now Tasmania. Woolmers was established by Thomas Archer 1<sup>st</sup>) in 1817, and Brickendon was established circa 1824, by his brother William Archer.*

*Throughout the last 199 years, hundreds of people: Royalty, governors, landed gentry, neighbours, tenants, free settlers, assigned convicts, staff and volunteers have lived, worked or been involved with Woolmers Estate, all contributing to the Woolmers Experience that we enjoy today. One of the major events next year will be a reunion of Archer descendants and those of assigned convicts and free settlers.*

*The Archer family contributed significantly to the economy and development of Tasmania in a wide variety of genres – agriculture: mostly sheep and apples; exports; general business and politics over many generations, and supported the successful abolition of convict transportation to Australia.*

*Plans are underway for celebrations being held in 2017, and interested parties are invited to contact Woolmers Estate to ensure they are kept up to date with the programme.*

sue-ellen@woolmers.com.au (03) 6391 2230

## News from St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor.

*In October 2017, St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor, will be celebrating the bicentenary of the laying of the foundation stone by Governor Lachlan Macquarie on 11 October 1817. (Greenway designed)*



*St Matthews and its associated graveyard are historically significant to the state of NSW and to the Hawkesbury area. The church has been the centre of spiritual life in the district since it was consecrated by the Reverend Samuel Marsden in 1822, with many families marking marriages, baptisms and deaths over several generations.*

*The cemetery at St Matthews has been in use since former convict, later appointed Chief Constable and magistrate, Andrew Thompson, was buried there in 1810. There are a number of First Fleeter grave sites and twelve of those are marked with plaques from the Fellowship of First Fleeters.*

*During the lead up to the bicentenary, family societies and descendants of those who have current or former connections with the church are invited to celebrate their association with St Matthews by holding reunions, commemorative services or family get – togethers at the Church. Interested individuals, family groups or associations are invited to join the mailing list to be kept informed of events leading up to the bicentenary.*

*A commemorative service will be held on Sunday 8 October 2017. A community and schools service will be held on Wednesday 11 October 2017. Several concerts will also be held in the church. As well as open days for the whole of the church precinct ie, church, graveyard, stables and rectory.*

*If you would like to be kept informed email  
[stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au](mailto:stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au)*

*Helen Palmer,  
Restoration Committee,  
St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Windsor, 2756*



## Where would Family Historians be without Census Records?



## WFHG Inc Planned Events

- **Note:** Unless otherwise stated, all our meetings, interest groups, workshops and mini training sessions are at 'The Cottage'.

	2016	Event
August	Tue 2	Committee 10:00 am.
	Tue 9	Google Workshop 10:00 am – 12 noon Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm.
	Wed 10	Australian Convict Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm
	Fri 12	Anzac Avenue, Wyong ANZAC Plaque unveiling 10:00 am
	Sat 13	<b>Annual General Meeting 1:00 pm</b>
	Sat 20	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 23	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Wed 24	Scottish & Irish Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Fri 26	Anzac Road, Tuggerah ANZAC Plaque unveiling 10:00 am
	Sat 27	Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 30	Committee 10:00 am.
	Wed 31	Research Resources at the Cottage 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
September	Sat 3	Computer/Tablet Int. Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 8	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm.
	Fri 9- Sun 11	NSW/ACT State Conference
	Fri 9	Bus trip to Conference
	Sat 10	General Meeting 1:00 pm.
	Tue 13	Research Resources at the Cottage 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm.
	Wed 14	Australian Convict Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Sat 17	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Wed 21	Scottish & Irish Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Tue 27	Committee Meeting for October 10:00 am.
October	Sat 8	General Meeting 1:00 pm..
	Tue 11	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 12	Australian Convict Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 13	Research Resources at the Cottage 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm.
	Sat 15	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Thu 20	Closing date for "Tree of Life" copy
	Sat 22	State Records Bus trip
	Tue 25	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.

## WFHG Inc Continuing Planned Events

- **Note:** Unless otherwise stated, all our meetings, interest groups, workshops and mini training sessions are at 'The Cottage'.

	2016	Event
Oct	Wed 26	Scottish & Irish Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Sat 29	Seminar with the Murrins see page 17
November	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am.
	Sat 5	Volunteers Lunch
	Tue 8	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
	Wed 9	Australian Convict Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm
	Sat 12	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon
	Tue 22	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Wed 23	Scottish & Irish Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Sat 26	Computer/Tablet Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.
	Tue 29	Committee Meeting for December 10:00 am.
Dec	Sun 11	Group Christmas Lunch
	Thu 15	Cottage Closes until January 2017



### Publications For Sale

More details at

<http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/publications>

#### **BOOKS & CDs**

**Bowden Family Funerals – Wyong.** July 1999 – January 2019 **Book** \$ 20.00 + p&h  
**CD** \$15.00 – p&h

**Brought in by the Tide.** *[A guide to tracing convict ancestors in one place.]* **Book** \$ 10.00 + p&h

**Central Coast Roll of Honour.** *[Includes the full names, rank, type of service & date of death where known of over 12,000 men & women of the Central Coast who were in the Armed Forces. 400 pages fully indexed. Includes 138 stories and photographs.]* **Book** \$ 20.00 + p&h  
**CD** \$ 15.00 + p&h

**NEW! Gosford Times Marriage and Death Notices 1892-1954**  
**incorporating the Wollombi Express (1892-1906) and Wyong District Advocate (1906-1920)** *Contains entries for 5892 Deaths and 1400 Marriages with many relevant details. Also available on CD.* **TBA**

**Place Names of the Wyong Shire** **Book** \$ 8.00 + p&h

**Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 1963 – 2006** **Book** \$ 20.00 + p&h

**Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 2007 - 2011 + Wyong & Toukley** **Book** \$ 20.00 + p&h

**Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay  
Toukley and Wyong 1963 - 2011]** **CD** \$ 25.00 + p&h

## More Publications For Sale

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<b>Simplicity Funerals Erina 1985 – 2013</b>	<b>Book</b> \$ 35.00 + p&h <b>CD</b> \$ 15.00 + p&h
<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> [673 pages. Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains: Birth, Marriage & Death details; some photos, personal stories, obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong.	<b>Book</b> \$ 50.00 + p&h <b>CD</b> \$ 40.00 + p&h
<b>Wyong &amp; Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices</b> (1932 – 1995) (available separately- see below)	<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> [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.]	<b>CD</b> \$ 40.00 + p&h
<b>CEMETERY</b>	
<b>Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]</b>	<b>Book</b> \$ 20.00 + p&h
<b>Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire [1869 - 2012]</b>	<b>Book</b> \$ 20.00 + p&h
<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> [30,000 names, not all from Wyong]	<b>CD</b> \$ 10.00 + p&h
<b>Gravediggers Index of Wyong Shire</b> , Compiled by Mr A V McKenzie & his son Clive. [Gravediggers' records, up to mid 2008 of Wyong Shire cemeteries.]	<b>Book</b> \$ 20.00 + p&h <b>CD</b> \$ 15.00 + p&h
<b>Genealogy Recorder</b>	\$ 10.00 + p&h

### 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..... 

# Wyong Family History Group Inc.

## Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

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

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

At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon

(WFHG members available to help)

Contact the Group as follows:

The Secretary

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

P O Box 247

Wyong NSW 2259

Telephone: (02) 4351 2211

Email The Secretary: [secwfhg2@westnet.com.au](mailto:secwfhg2@westnet.com.au)

Website: <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au>

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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.*

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