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Member contributions are always welcome

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

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Meetings, are held at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday bi-monthly between February and October, 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 10:00am and 3:00pm.

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

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Autumn, what a lovely time of the year. Usually sunny days and cool nights with a few days rain here and there.

A very big thank you to all who have

submitted interesting and diverse stories for inclusion in this issue, please keep them coming. We are serialising some commencing this issue.

The Seminar and Events Organising Committee has been busy with a diverse range of functions included in the Planned Events calendar. [see page 27]

A recent fleeting thought sent me investigating a widowed family friend who died 20 years ago. As far as I know, he had no descendants. Researching Jack's vast family, has been so interesting, opening my eyes to the history and lives of women living within military families, leaving me wanting to know more.

We were not able to attend the general meeting on 14th April, however, all reports

indicate this was a very successful day.

A sausage sizzle starting the day, the dedication of The Esther Mary Dean Room and presentations for Recognition of Service. Amanda Ianna was an excellent speaker from NSW Birth Death and Marriage Records.



Martin Fisher and Amanda Ianna

Remember, your stories help to make our publication interesting and the deadline for the next *Tree of Life* is 20 July 2018. ... 🌳

THE ESTHER MARY DEAN ROOM

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, (LM) Vice President



On 14th April 2018, our Computer Room was dedicated to Esther Dean, member N° 23, who passed away in March 2017.

Many of our members will remember Esther, ever bright and willing to help in many ways. She was highly respected and is sadly missed.

Denis Dean, her husband, was on hand at this dedication. The naming of this room ensures Esther will always be remembered by the Wyong Family History Group. ... 🌳 * See *Tree of Life* May 2017.

Wyong Family History Group Inc.





*Top Left: Julie & Niel Nielsen setting up for the Festival.
Bottom Right: 'Convict' Niel takes a well earned break.*



REFLECTIONS: WYONG LOVE LANES 2018

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM) Vice President

Our Group participated in the second Love Lanes Festival run by Central Coast Council on the 17 February 2018. This festival was started in February 2017 on an extremely hot day, however this year was much cooler, and it's held in February to form a link to Valentine's Day hence the name Love Lanes. The event is an abundance of color, sounds and smells of a food market plus the buzz, hype and vibe of an outdoor festival encompassing the theme of love. It's held in the CBD of Wyong and across three laneways from 4pm – 10pm.

This event gave our Group the chance to showcase what our rooms offer to begin or extend people's family research. This year we also ran four Walking Tours of the Historical Buildings of Alison Road - Wyong's oldest road. This was so popular

with every tour being booked out.

Many thanks goes to Ellen Bridge, Community Development Worker - Community and Cultural Programs, Central Coast Council, for her support and organising such a beautiful Tour Brochure and tea towels with prints of the Historical Buildings on them as promotional items for the tours and for new memberships to our Group.

John Selwood did a wonderful job working closely with Ellen to make the walking tour such a great success. He was joined by Erin Blanchfield, Glenise Clery and Martin Fisher who also acted as Guides.

Our Book Stall and promotional team was Julie and Niel Nielsen, Lilli Drennan, Jean Macleay, Helen Burkett, Cheryl Whamond and most of them dressed the part in their colonial garb. Roger Lewis packed up and

transported our tables, chairs and stock from the Cottage to the Site allocated to us and made sure we had plenty of cold water. We all worked well as a team and

this is what makes our Group successful and friendly.

Well Done Team. ... 🌳

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE JANUARY TO APRIL 2018

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM) Vice President

Congratulations to the following members who, this year have achieved:

30 years service:

🌳 *Eileen Wheway # 6*

15 years of service:

🌳 *Tom Duckworth #105*

10 years of service:

🌳 *Ethel Woodward #306*

🌳 *Valerie Williams #316*

🌳 *Betty Benson #336*

🌳 *June Johnston #307*

🌳 *David Barnes #318*

🌳 *Ellane Garside #308*

🌳 *Dellas Johnson #332*

The WFHG Inc. Management Committee thank you for your continued membership and support. ... 🌳



Betty Benson, Eileen Wheway, Dallas Johnson & David Barnes with their Certificates.



Ethel Woodward, Tom Duckworth, June Johnston were presented with their Certificates by Wayne Dean.

EILEEN WHEWAY MEMBER #6 - CELEBRATING 30 YEARS MEMBERSHIP WITH WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

Kerrie Metcalfe, member 80, LM) Vice President

30 Years is a very long time and it will be hard to recall everything Eileen has done for the benefit of the group and its members, however, I will try.

Eileen is most likely known as the lady that sells raffle tickets at events and meetings, but there is much more. Over the years Eileen has held position as Vice President, Committee member, and has also been a friendly face at the Cottage doing duty every month, and at times more than once a month.

She has helped at more events than can be remembered and continues to help and support the group when she can.

Eileen also helped on the Palmdale

project and the Gravediggers records. In



Eileen Wheway and Kerrie Metcalfe

2009 as Vice President she was supportive to me as President and Conference Convenor.

For many years Eileen helped us prepare the large Christmas Basket Raffles we used to have, carting them home in her

little car and getting them to the venue for the celebration. Sometimes there would be more than 20 baskets. Eileen's contribution to Wyong Family History is very much appreciated and we say thank you to a lovely deserving lady. ... 🌳

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:

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868	Christine Thomson		

A REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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:

- 🌳 Computer/iPad/Tablets/Facebook (bi-monthly) 🌳 English & Welsh 🌳 Microsoft Word
- 🌳 DNA 🌳 Family Tree Maker

More information about these groups is on the Website or phone The Cottage during open hours. Upcoming dates are included on our Planned Events on page 27. ... 🌳



HENRY HAWKINS

Christine Randall member 173

On the 16th February 1835 Henry Hawkins stole 6 tame rabbits valued at 6d [six pence] each belonging to John Martin and 1 frock valued at 12d [12 pence or one shilling] belonging to Elizabeth Stevens in the Parish of Crondall in Hampshire, England. ¹

Henry said his native place was Surrey when he was convicted; he committed the offence in Hampshire, on the birth registrations of his children he was from both Surrey and Hampshire. The only indication of a town is on son John's birth registration in 1879 with Fawnham, Surrey being mentioned. Fawnham is probably Farnham which is only 3 miles South East from Crondall in Hampshire where he committed the crime. ²



Map showing Crondall 3 miles W by N of Farnham

Henry's trial took place in March 1835 at Winchester, a county town within the Southampton Assizes area. He was found guilty and received seven years for each offence to be served one after the other

for a total of fourteen years transportation. ³

There is a brief mention of the sentence in the Hampshire Chronicle & Southampton Courier's edition on 9th March 1835.

Inconsistency of sentences can be found in this paper with a Henry Dewey receiving 4 months imprisonment for stealing 4 rabbits.

"Fourteen Years Transportation – Henry Hawkins, for stealing six tame rabbits, and other property, at Crondall, belong to John Martin and Elizabeth Stevens.

Imprisonment – Four months – Henry Dewey, for stealing four rabbits, at Longparish, the property of John May." ⁵

After being found guilty, Henry was imprisoned on the Hulk *Leviathon* until 1st June 1835 when he was transferred to the ship *England* for transportation to the colony of New South Wales. The ship *England* was making its 3rd voyage carrying convicts. The master of this trip was Thomas Bacon and the surgeon was Obediah Pineo. The previous voyages were in 1828 and 1832 respectively. Henry's records have the ship as *England* 2 as it was the second voyage to New South Wales with the one in 1832 to Van Diemen's Land. ^{6 7}

What happened to Henry in Van Diemen's Land – we will continue this story in the next issue. ed. ... 🌿

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DID WE HAVE ANYONE ON THE FIRST FLEET?

Lynda Smith LM2

This was the question recently posed by my youngest granddaughter, Amelie aged 6. She has just started Year 1 in Queensland and her class is studying the First Fleet. The answer to this question is yes- on her grandad's side.

William **Fraser /Frazer/Frazier** was born in Sheffield England [date currently unknown, but possibly 1760]. He was an accomplished blacksmith and locksmith. He married Eleanor [also known as Ellen] **Register** [sometimes spelled **Redchester**] on Nov 8 1783 at St Andrews Church of England, in Aldborough Yorkshire, which was Ellen's home town. Ellen was baptised in November 1764, daughter of Robert **Register** and Dorothy **Simpson**. Robert **Register** may also have had daughters, Mary 1766, Lucy 1776, Ann 1773 and a son Richard in 1771.

William and Ellen's first son, William was born in 1784, in England, but did not survive.

Both William and Ellen were charged with the theft of cloth [6 pieces of fustian, 1 piece yellow canvas and ½ gross of white filleting] at the Manchester Assizes. They were sentenced to 7 years transportation in January 1787 and stayed in prison until the First Fleet left Plymouth in May 13 1787.

William was on the *Charlotte*. Ellen was originally on the *Prince of Wales*, but during the journey she was transferred to the *Charlotte*. Some records say she was also on the *Lady Penrhyn* for part of the journey. Apparently, another trick that William had was the ability to get out of handcuffs and leg irons very easily to allow Ellen and William some private time. As a result, Ellen became pregnant on the journey. The fleet arrived off the coast of Australia, near Sydney on mid January 1788.

William and Ellen's saga continues next issue, ed. .. 🌳



Painting of HMS Charlotte



A CHALLENGING LIFE: FROM CONVICTED CRIMINAL TO COLONIAL ARCHITECT TO FARMER.

Life of Francis and Catherine Lawless [Lawliss] – First Settlers in Gunning NSW

Written by Carmel Peek Member 658 – their 3rd great granddaughter

The story of Francis Lawliss (born Lawless) begins with his birth in about 1786 in Ireland. He was baptised on the 6th March 1786 in the Parish of Meath, County Meath, Ireland. Francis was the 3rd child of Peter Lawless and Jane Bronogue. His siblings included John (1782), Anne (2 March 1784), Michael (11 1790) and Thos (1792).

We know little of Francis's very early life until 1807 when, at the age of 23, he was sentenced to life imprisonment in Dublin for highway robbery. In March 1809 he was transported to the Colony on the 'Boyd', a 395 ton brigantine vessel under

Captain John Thompson. The Boyd carried 139 convicts whose average length of sentence was 7 years however, Francis was one of 23 with life sentences. In addition there were 48 passengers on board including 33 officers and men of the 73rd regt. plus 15 passengers.

The 'Boyd' arrived at the Cape of Good Hope on 24th May and sailed from there three weeks later, on 11 June 1809. The vessel arrived in the colony in August 1809, bringing news to the Colony of Sydney of the appointment of Governor Bligh's successor, Lachlan Macquarie. The Boyd was one of four convict ships arriving

in New South Wales that year. There is no Surgeon's Journal however there were 5 deaths recorded throughout the journey.

After disembarking the prisoners and taking on passengers for England the Boyd set sail on Nov 8 1808 for New Zealand. Unfortunately the vessel was set upon by natives in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand and all but three passengers survived the massacre.¹

LIFE AS A CONVICT

On arrival in Australia each convict was registered, asked his/her place of origin, religion, whether they could read and write, and what their previous job was. They were also physically inspected for any outstanding marks which could be used to identify them should they escape. On arrival Francis was described as being a bricklayer: Height 5ft 10 ½ inches, Hair Brown, Complexion Fair/ Ruddy, Eyes Grey.²

By the end of 1810 life had began to turn bad for Francis. On Saturday 29th December he and John Dalton faced the Bench of Magistrates charged with forging and uttering a paper purporting to be a Paymaster note for the sum of Two Pounds. Both pleaded Not Guilty. On the basis of evidence heard at the sitting John Dalton was freed however Francis Lawless was committed to stand trial at the next Criminal Court.

On 7 February 1811 in the Criminal Court, after hearing all the evidence, Judge Ellis Bent Esquire declared "that the said Francis Lawless is Guilty of the Crime wherewith he stands charged and to further consider and adjudge that for the

said felony the said Francis Lawless be hanged by the neck until he be dead at such time and Place as his Excellency the Governor shall be pleased to appoint"³



Fortunately for Francis this conviction was commuted on 26 February 1811 and consequently Francis was sent on 20 March 1811 to Newcastle "to replace Edward Young in the lime burners"⁴

It has been suggested that this reprieve was a result of the colony's need for expert bricklayers, as Francis had been described as having in official correspondence at the time. It is further suggested that his expertise as a bricklayer was required in Sydney and just eleven months later on 29 February 1812 Francis was returned to Sydney on the "Lady Nelson"⁵.

Life became more promising in 1813 when Francis was recognised as a skilled bricklayer and capable of being appointed as an overseer of the bricklayer's gang. In 1820 he was recognised in a Memorial as "Overseer of Bricklayers Gang for six years". which indicates that he commenced the role of overseer in 1813-1814.⁶

From 1813 onwards Francis received payment for some work assignments as a bricklayer he undertook in addition to his convict overseers role, including being paid "from Police Fund for repairing district

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CHECKING THE WILLS OF DISTANT RELATIVES

Helen Burkett, member 342



Whenever I find a possible new family member, I put together all the information possible and then I go Will hunting. Unfortunately most of our relatives don't make Wills or you can't find them but there's often that one person in the family who does. He might be a sibling of the person you are researching and, especially if he never married or had no children alive when he died, he is likely to have left money to his nieces and/or nephews or his married sister whose new surname you possibly then find out. My recent discovery from the Will of a Grand Uncle in law of my 3xgreatgrandfather led to me finding and verifying two more generations of my Edwards family and the long wished for piece of information that they had not been Londoners long term but were from Yorkshire. Try the Wills of widows also, I've found quite a lot with very specific information. I also have Ancestry DNA to thank for spurring me on as I found I had such a large percentage of Scandinavian in my ancestry that I had to try Yorkshire which was one of the

possibilities in a list of Counties I was exploring. I have now joined a very efficient Family History Group in Ryedale which is the nearest to my area of research and am putting our Edwards surname on their list. They have been most helpful and I hope to be able to find more about my family. All I knew previously was that they were Merchant Taylors in Deptford and Greenwich but am now back to farming in Yorkshire. This helps me to understand how my 2xgreatgrandfather James found it easy to leave his Tailoring business behind when he arrived in Adelaide and take up farming. This then followed right through to my father who, together with his brothers, owned a very successful market garden for many years in Adelaide. So, besides the more obvious sites run all your surnames through UK Extracted Probate Records on Ancestry – there are some tantalising clues there. ... 🌳



HAMBURGER - IS THAT REALLY YOUR NAME?



Lynda Smith LM2

Hundreds of years before we were invaded by numerous fast food chains, families who came from what we now call Germany, had taken this surname. Obviously, it is a geographical surname, identifying those who lived in Hamburg. Today, I imagine it is a source of embarrassment, especially for school children.

Another of my grandmother's cousins, Amy Edith **Hilliard**, married Oswald Ferdinand William **Hamburger** in 1936. They had one son, James Douglas, in 1941. Sadly, Oswald died on 19 April 1957.

April 20, 1957 SMH

HAMBURGER, Oswald Ferdinand William. – April 19, 1957 [suddenly], at his residence Taylor Street, West Pennant Hills, beloved husband of Amy, loved father of James, fond brother of Archie, Doris, Charlie and Audrey, aged 67 years.

HAMBURGER. – The Relatives and Friends of the late **OSWALD FERDINAND WILLIAM HAMBURGER**, of Taylor Street, West Pennant Hills, are invitd to attend his Funeral: to leave St. John's Church, Parramatta. This [Saturday] Morning, after service

commencing at 10.30 o'clock, for the Rookwood Crematorium.

MOTOR FUNERALS LTD. A.F.D.A.
4 East Parade, Eastwood. WL1955.

Amy and James moved in with Amy's spinster nieces, Joyce and Betty **Shaw**. Joyce and Betty were avid genealogists and when I started my research, they very generously shared their knowledge of this side of my family. They even had a Victorian era photo album that originally had come from my grandmother. They believed that most of the photos were collected by my great grandmother Charlotte **Smallhorn**, nee **Hilliard**. The photos from this album are now mine. I met Amy in the 1980s.

I found the surname **Hamburger** intriguing, so I did some more research. Oswald was the first child of Ferdinand Frederick James **Hamburger** and Lillian Mary Catherine **Scott**, who married in 1888.

The Sydney Morning Herald – Saturday 22
September 1888

HAMBURGER-SCOTT. – August 29, at St. John's Glebe Point, by the Rev. E. M. Salinier, Ferninand F J Hamburger, eldest son of F. Hamburger of Sydney, Lillian M. C. Scott, only daughter of the late Captain Charles R. Scott.

Oswald had five siblings, the last one being Lillian Ella, who sadly died as an infant in 1906. Lillian was left a widow when her salesman husband died as a result of a dramatic accident on Dec. 10 1911. The following article is the Coroner's Report:

Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate
(Parramatta, Saturday 16 December 1911.

The Rosehill Fatality. The Inquest. The District Coroner, Mr. M. H. Fitzhardinge. D.S.M., held an inquest on Wednesday, at Parramatta, touching the death of Ferdinand Frederick James Hamburger, who met with dreadful injuries at Rose hill railway station on Saturday last.

Mr. F. W. Todhunter appeared in the interests of the relatives of deceased; and Mr. H. Hernfield represented the Commissioners for Railways. Oswald Hamburger, son of deceased, deposed that he resided at 42 Frederick street, Ashfield. Saw deceased before his accident last Monday week. Next saw him on Saturday last, after the accident, at the Parramatta Hospital. Deceased said he went to get on the train and somehow slipped. He was a salesman, and lived at the address already mentioned. His leg was amputated, and he died on the following day (Sunday). He was 54 years of age, and a native of Parramatta. He had no property of his own. Dr; Edwin Cuthbert Hall deposed 'that deceased was admitted to Parramatta Hospital a little before- 6 p.m. on the 9th inst: Examined him, and found he was suffering from a compound comminuted fracture of the upper part of the left thigh, the bone protruding. The surrounding skin and muscles were almost crushed to a pulp. He also had an extensive wound of the inner part of the right thigh and a severe contusion of the right ankle. He was suffering greatly from shock. Dr. Bowman saw him with witness, and, after consultation, they decided to amputate the left leg, which was accordingly done. He stood the operation fairly well, but remained in a low state through Saturday night. On Sunday, afternoon symptoms of peritonitis appeared, and he died about 7 p.m. The cause of death was shock following the injuries received.' To Mr. Hernfield: He said his accident was due entirely to his own fault by trying to get on a train whilst in motion. To Mr. Todhunter: He was quite rational when he made that statement, which was on Sunday morning. Senior-Constable Allison stated he was on duty at the Rosehill platform on 9th inst. Saw deceased try to board a train as it was coming into the platform. He caught hold of the iron

stanchion at the end of one of the cars and made a jump, but missed his footing, turned round and fell on his back between the car and platform, and disappeared below on to the line. The train pulled up. Was then lying on his face with his left foot jammed between the wheel and the axle -box of the car. With assistance got him on to the platform, and placed him on a stretcher. Mr. Watson placed his motor-car at their disposal, for the purpose of conveying the injured man to the Parramatta Hospital. The train was travelling at about 5 miles an hour at the time deceased attempted to jump on, and he was the only person who tried to board that car. To Mr. Hernfield: Dr. Hodder, of one of the P. and O. boats, advised witness to get the injured man to the hospital as quickly as possible. Deceased

lost very little blood. To Mr. Todhunter: It was at the first class platform. The races were over, and one train had already left. Had an un- interrupted view of the occurrence. Henry Hernfield, traffic inspector on the railway, stated he was at Rosehill on 9th inst. After the races was standing on the platform between the Saddling and Ledger paddocks. Saw the train draw in from the direction of Sandown. Did not actually witness the accident. Heard someone call out. The train drew in at a rate of between 5 and 10 miles an hour. The Coroner recorded a finding of accidental death.

There are innumerable mentions of this "Rosehill Station" accident in papers all over Australia.

More of Lynda's discoveries in our next issue ... ed. ... 🌳



STATE LIBRARY®
NEW SOUTH WALES

PLANNED VISIT TO STATE LIBRARY - 13TH JULY 2018 WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

As a result of a high interest expressed by members in the recent survey, a visit to The State Library is scheduled for members of WFHG on Friday **13th July 2018**. Given the locality of the Library travel will be by train with members being responsible for their own fares to and from the Library on the day.

We are scheduled to arrive at the Macquarie Street entrance of the State Library at approximately 10:15am where we will be met by one of the librarians in the foyer of this new building, opposite the bookshop and near the coffee shop.

How to Get There: The 6:42am train out of Newcastle is an all stops train to Tuggerah station so should suit most people. Departure times are from Wyong 7:49am; Tuggerah 7:52am; Gosford 8:06am and Woy Woy 8:14am arriving at Central at 9:27am

Lockers are available in this area for a cost of \$1 for 4 hours. A room has been booked for the first segment of our visit which commences at 10:30am with an

explanation talk of what the library offers including a large family history section, etc. Notebooks, pens etc. can be taken into this room. A tour of the library will follow the initial introduction after which members will be able to undertake their own research.

Members may take the opportunity to join the library at the conclusion of the tour. This will allow you the opportunity to use any of the resources within the library. Joining involves completing an online form and showing two forms of identification. A Booking Sheet for this trip will be commenced by the Cottage Coordinators in the near future. ... 🌳



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.*



2007 William Thompson
Masonic School War
Memorial



Ex pupils George Bloomfield, Robert Evans and John Craven
wait to sound the Last Post following the unveiling of the
Obelisk and Honour roll, November 8, 1947.

WILLIAM THOMPSON MASONIC SCHOOL, BAULKHAM HILLS

*Compiled by Helen Johnston-Lord member 505, from Register of war
Memorials in NSW and Monumental Australia's websites.*

In 1918 William Thompson thought that the wide open spaces of Baulkham Hills would be a good location to establish a school and garden village for children who had been orphaned or left in poor circumstances following World War I. His son, Horace, had been killed during this conflict. The project was funded by the Masonic Lodges who bought a 168 acre run-down dairy farm on Seven Hills Road. On 11 November 1922 (Armistice Day) the William Thompson Masonic School was officially opened.

With the onset of World War II, the children in the school were moved out to accommodation in the country-side and the buildings were converted into a

hospital for soldiers. The children returned in 1947 and the school continued there into the 1970s with up to 360 students, many of them living in the dormitories. The council bought the land in 1977 and the buildings are now allocated to groups involved in community service.

William Thompson Masonic School War Memorial commemorates the masons of New South Wales who died in service or



were killed in action during World War One. This memorial has no inscription except for the veterans names engraved into the glass plate panels.



The **original memorial** was dedicated and unveiled on 8th November 1947 with eighteen names engraved on it, highlighted with gold paint. It was relocated to the Masonic Centre in

Sydney when the 78.6 hectares of land was sold to the Baulkham Hills Shire Council in 1973

The current memorial was built and installed in 2007 and stands an impressive 4 metres high with a width of 1.755 metres. Inside the 8 mm thick steel surround with the veteran soldiers outlined cut out, there are 4 glass plate panels 12 mm thick with the names of all the NSW Masons who died in the First World War. Each of the glass panels is 1 metre tall and 1.6 metres wide and behind the memorial there stands the flag pole approximately 6 metres tall. Around the base of the memorial, the surrounding area is planted with Rosemary in a natural bush setting. The memorial stands at the beginning of the Avenue of Remembrance.

The 364 Brush Box Trees along the avenue of the western boundary of the Masonic School commemorate the masons from New South Wales who died in service or were killed in action during World War One. *Thank you Martin Fisher for nominating this Memorial.* ... 🌳

CLARA ELSIE WELMAN, [QAIMNSR]

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

With this year's Anzac Day focusing on Women Who Served, I would like to share just a little about Clara Welman.

Clara Welman was born in 1880 at Wagga Wagga, NSW and was the Daughter of Harvey Hercules Welman [1849-1884].and Martha nee Bourke[1858-1901]. Her great-grandfather was Harvey Welman, Ret. Major [1782-1869] was the son of a military man. Retired Major Harvey's military career saw him travel the world, being involved in many an action. He finally settled and died in Launceston, Tasmania.

Clara was educated at private school and trained, as a nurse, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney 1909 to 1913.

Together, Nurses Kirkaldie and Welman left Sydney for England by the steamer

Ballarat, in March 1915.

They hoped to be sent to the front. Like many other nurses, they experienced war nursing as part of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve [QAIMNSR].

Before suffering a 'Debility' in July 1917, Clara travelled to Malta and served in France. In September 1917, Nurse Welman was appointed to the Military Hospital, Tidsworth, she resigned in November of that year aged 36 years.

Returning to Australia Clara Welman married Arthur White at Woolahra in 1918, Arthur had been an injured soldier possibly under Clara's care at Tidsworth.

Clara died in 1952 in Sydney aged 72.

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Left: Nurses aboard HMAT 'Kanowna' 1917

Above: July 1917

KEITH CAMPBELL SMALL: 26TH JANUARY 1896 - 26TH SEPTEMBER 1917

Jean Macleay member 359

Keith Small like his brothers and sisters was born at 9 Union Street Maclean. Most of his siblings attended Maclean Public School and some progressed to Grafton High School. However, this scrap of paper from his father's effects shows that he attended Sydney High School possibly on a scholarship. Mary Jane Small, his mother, was adamant that her boys would get a good education. Keith was certainly very clever because he graduated Bachelor of Arts after two years in September 1916. He lived with his brother Stewart at Abbey Lodge in Fitzroy Street, Burwood. This boarding house was owned by the Misses Frazer.

The Clarence and Richmond Examiner of Saturday 9 July 1910 (Trove NLA) records that Keith was awarded a bursary to attend Sydney Grammar School or Hurlstone Agricultural College free,

together with a grant of all necessary text books, and an allowance of \$30 per annum during the whole period. Keith taught for a short time at Parramatta Technical School possibly

concurrently with his university studies. He applied to join the armed forces on 19th September 1916 according to his records. He had applied the year before but had been rejected on medical grounds because of a chest infection. On the back of the photo on the left his mother has written "Youngest B.A. to graduate from Sydney University."



We have been informed that Gunner K. C. Small was killed on September 26. He was the second son of Mr. H. Small of Maclean, Clarence River and was educated at the Sydney High School, passing in 1914 to the Sydney University, where he graduated as B.A. In September 1916. He was on the mathematics staff of the Parramatta Technical School. Mr Small was a resident of Fitzroy Street, Burwood from which place he enlisted, and was a member of the St. James' Presbyterian Tennis Club.

On the website 'outofbattle' it states that Polygon Wood where Keith died is near

Ypres in Belgium. The wood was captured by the Australian 5th Division on September 26, 1917 during the battle of Menin Road. The wood had changed hands several times during the war and had been devastated by shell fire. In 1917 shelling had reduced the wood to a forest of shattered tree stumps and saplings “no more than waist high”, according to one soldier.

Keith’s records are held at the Australian

War Memorial. My third son Keith Andrew Macleay is named after his great uncle. ... 🌲



Hellfire Corner, Menin Road, 27 September 1917. [AWM E01889]

POLYGON WOOD 26TH SEPTEMBER 1917

Jean Macleay member 359

From the book “Diggers in France” by Richard Travers:

“Demands on support services peaked during the battles of 1917. Whereas it took 128 trains a day to supply the Battle of the Somme, the average number of trains used each day in the period of a week before and after zero day of 1917 battles was: Messines – 242; the battle outside Ypres on 31 July – 261; and the battle at Passchendaele on 12 October – 271.

At Polygon Wood tactics were well executed. Charles Bean recorded: ‘At 5.50am on September 26 there descended the most perfect barrage that ever protected Australian Troops. Rolling ahead of the “like a Gippsland bushfire” it raised a fog of dust in the edge of which the troops were by now sufficiently skilled to advance, fighting down enemy groups.’

An edge of experience was beginning to play a part in the Australians’ success.

In the fine weather, air support played a role in the attack Harrington wrote” All day on the 26th our aeroplanes were very

active; contact patrols flew low over the enemy’s positions from early morning onwards, searching for reserve troops, and harassing hostile troops and transport from an average height of about 300 feet”. German planes came over as well. Sergeant Lawrence looked on from the ground: ‘Continually the Hun planes are over us – low down so that we can see the observer leaning out – can see his goggles. But at last one of our slow old observer machines comes over – very low – the observer leans out as the machine banks – waves his hand – gee, it is the finest tonic ever handed out to fighting troops’.

This battle in Polygon Wood was considered successful, despite the fact that the Australians lost over 5,700 men and the British lost four or five times that many.

The 26th September 1917 was obviously a very significant battle as this date is specifically mentioned in all writings about the French battlefields. It is the date that Keith Campbell Small lost his young life.. 🌲



The dead, Battle of the Menin Road, 20 September 1917. [AWM E00766]



IS YOUR FAMILY TREE EVER FINISHED?

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

What do you hope to achieve with your research?

We all have a lot of ancestors and relatives. This chart gives us an idea just how many direct ancestors.

How many ancestors do you have?

Parents: 2
 Grandparents: 4
 Great-Grandparents: 8
 2nd Great-Grandparents: 16
 3rd Great-Grandparents: 32
 4th Great-Grandparents: 64
 5th Great-Grandparents: 128
 6th Great-Grandparents: 256
 7th Great-Grandparents: 516
 8th Great-Grandparents: 1024
 9th Great-Grandparents: 2048
 10th Great-Grandparents: 4096



After looking for family for about forty years, I am sometimes asked 'Haven't you finished that yet?'

Some generations back, cousins married cousins reducing firstly the searches and secondly the number I can expect to find.

History was never something that interested me. All those dry facts and numbers to learn. And the reading, often tiny print. How things change: television programs about historic places then and now; re-creations and dramas all make it real and I want to know more. The Internet gives us access to more and more information albeit caution is needed here, not everything 'put up' is true. One of the things the UTAS Family History course encouraged was documenting the life and times of our ancestors. Documenting treasured family items valuable or not was something else to be encouraged.

My mother tried to record names and dates of our family, my father's as well as her own. She was thrilled when I started to formally record what she had.

Apparently her father knew much and often told Mum, when she was a child, his family could be traced back to the

Doomsday Book of 1086. I have not been able to go anyway near that far back. Mum's mother, the social being that she was, kept in touch with most of her relatives back home in England and here in Australia, making notes about relationships.

Thank you Mum for this wonderful resource.

I am now fascinated by History as it relates to my heritage.

Back to the numbers. Our daughter, statistically we should be able to record double that number and her children double that. The reality is:

	Ancestry	Self	Child	Grand child
Parents	2	2	2	2
Grandparents	4	4	4	4
Great grandparents	8	8	8	8
2 nd great-grandparents	16	16	16	12
3 rd	32	27	24	20
4 th	64	29	28	28
5 th	128	28	29	32
6 th	256	16	28	29
7 th	512	8	16	28
8 th	1024	7	8	16
9 th	2048	4	7	8
10 th	4096		7	7
11 th	8192			7
Total	8192	149	177	201
Missing		8043	8015	7991

Obviously there are a lot of gaps.

As in many families, relationships can be complicated, divorces, remarriages, domestic arrangements all add to our wider stories. Half and step relatives are worth documenting too. Siblings also have much to add to our intriguing trees.

A recent re-connection with estranged family had a noticeable impact on our family tree. Multiple domestic relations and offspring have added to the numbers recorded as well as some tragic stories. When a marriage has added a whole new branch with some interesting connections opened the way for more research.

Harry's family really needs a concerted effort to try to reach further back. He feels frustrated with his father's less than truthful stories.

We only have one daughter and she has four children. Their father's family has some interesting connections and his Scottish father's heritage is perhaps my next project. Our son-in-law also has Scottish heritage, as do I.

Entering a newfound person, my software

indicated I had the not very common surname already [in-law]. I am not sure of any connection; I think that might be worth looking into.

So my answer to the question 'haven't you finished that yet?' 'I have only scratched the surface.' ... 🌳

NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATES

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Most of us are familiar with Citizenship Ceremonies conducted throughout the land these days.

I discovered an 1860 Naturalization Certificate recently whilst researching a German born ancestor of a family friend.

I knew nothing of this process and found the information available on NSW State Records & Archives website very useful.

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au>

'There was no law covering naturalization before 1849. Prior to that year, the process of naturalization was known as denization and could only be performed through an Act of Parliament. Denization gave an alien the right to own land. The Act to Amend the Laws relating to Aliens, 1849 (No 11 Vic No 39) established the system of naturalization, which gave much broader rights and made denization obsolete.

Who needed to become naturalized?

Any person born outside the British

Empire and who wished to vote or own land needed to become naturalized.

This means that you will find people from European countries as well as from countries such as China, the United States of America and South America. You will not find people from Canada or Ireland as both of these countries were part of the British Empire.

One of the conditions of naturalization was a five year period of residency in New South Wales.

Given the make-up of society in the 19th century when women had few legal rights and little social standing, researchers will also mainly find men in the naturalization records.'

Why use naturalization records?

Naturalization records generally provide: full name, native place, occupation, age, and date and ship of arrival. ... 🌳

SECRETARIAL COLLEGE

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

I left school after the Intermediate Certificate. I had repeated 1st year high school, I guess I was lazy. Repeating was probably a waste of resources as I remember thinking at the time 'I know all this'. My brothers, who were 4 and 6 years older than me, had completed trade apprenticeships, Dad was a tradesman and Mum a 'stay at home mum', this was very much the norm where we lived.

I was enrolled in a full time Secretarial Course at North Sydney Technical College



[Gore Hill Tech]. I dutifully attended, as that was what was expected. [now TAFE].

The course included: shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, English and office procedures.

English. Included grammar and [what I now see as an invaluable tool] Précis of Correspondence. We learnt among other things that good grammar and spelling reduces confusion.

Shorthand. I was actually quite good at the theory, learnt all the strokes and short-forms. When it came to transcribing any dictation I took, I was absolutely hopeless. This was not for me.

Office Procedures. This was a very good introduction to those of us who had no idea what went on in an office, with excursions to several offices for practical exposure.

One excursion was to the very modern high rise [14 storey] MLC Building at North Sydney. The insurance company offices were very large using up to the minute technology like punch cards. I can still see the girls coding the cards.

Another excursion was to the Department of Civil Aviation at Wollstonecraft. I believe they were mostly housed in Nissan huts. This was a good example of a Government Department. It was here I learnt that all aircraft accidents are investigated, wreckage retrieved and mapped. This still happens today.

I am sure we also visited a small office in the area however, I have no recollection of where. On one of these excursions, I remember seeing Comptometer and teleprinter/telex machines in use. We also learnt about the Commonwealth Employment Service. [before Centrelink]

Bookkeeping. Double-entry bookkeeping seemed to make sense to me, this would eventually become my chosen career. Personally I think manual bookkeeping should be taught in primary or early high school.

Typing. Spending two lessons a day five days a week learning to type was the most useful thing about this course. I use this skill almost every day and have done so since finishing the course.

Obviously as a business oriented course, we were taught about business documents. Constructing letters, how to address who, and how to sign letters. Layouts have changed a little over the years, however a well constructed letter is still important. This was a cross-over with the English lessons.

Layouts for legal documents were also covered as well as reports.

Our typing classroom of the early 1960s had only two very new electric typewriters. These were designated for the 'promising' students, those who could compete in speed tests with other Techs. Us mere mortals learnt on clunky manual typewriters, probably quite old and not really designed for my very long skinny fingers, but that was the way it was.

Typing the alphabet forward and backward, typing to music, typing in specific patterns all trained fingers to find the right keys automatically. There was no delete button and erasers were not permitted. Copies were made with carbon paper in between pages. Accuracy was paramount, followed by speed.

Once familiar with the keyboard, a 'bib' [usually home made] was tied around the typewriter and, I think, around the student's neck to prevent looking at the keys. If you didn't know the 'home keys' you had a problem.

Homework included typing practice, few had typewriters at home, so most used a keyboard printed on card included in the textbook.

At some time, my father brought home an Underwood Portable Typewriter. I have no idea how he acquired it. It did have a QWERTY keyboard, but only three rows of letters. The only typewriters I had seen had



four. However this machine was adequate for practice. I was probably disgruntled but I had the use of a typewriter.

I also remember a Vocational Guidance session and test. I still have my results somewhere. I was suited to um, a motor mechanic, a jeweller and a photographer amongst other things. At the time not really girl jobs. Photography has always been and still is, an interest for me.

This school of the tech competed in a swimming carnival with other techs and also an athletics carnival. Although I was not a competitor this was a lot of fun.

Many of the girls, yes they were all girls, used the course to fill in time until they were old enough to do their nurse training whilst others were waiting to be old enough for University. No gap year here. The shorthand/typing was an asset for further study. Graduates were sought for the Public Service and Insurance Companies, some joined typing pools. Me, a family friend offered me work as a receptionist/stenographer at Milsons Point, my first job.

Do you have any memories of how it used to be? .. 🌳

MORE PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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CEMETERY

Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW [Updated 2009]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire [1869 - 2012]	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW [1886-2001]	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW [1825 - 2016]	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
All 4 Cemetery Books		\$ 50.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016 [220 pages] <i>This index has been compiled from the Wyong Family History Group's cemetery database. It includes burials (and niches) at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas (Yarramalong) and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. Contains: Cemetery maps; Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location (section, row, plot), some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all Graves including Unmarked Graves.</i>	Book	\$ 25.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 20.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries	CD	\$ 25.00 + p&h
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IN THE WIND

Saturday 1st September – State Record Bus Trip
14th to 16th September - NSW/ACT Conference
Sunday 21st October – Family Tree Maker VIC G.U.M. Seminar – Wyong Golf Club



Birthday Celebrations

Wyong Family History Group
is turning 35 years old

We are celebrating with a
special luncheon, where some of our
earliest members will be sharing a
memory or two.



- DATE:** 3rd June 2018
TIME: 11:00am - 3:00pm
PLACE: Wyong Golf Club,
319 Pacific Highway, Wyong
COST: \$25 per person for a full buffet lunch
INCLUDING:
- Special presentations throughout the day
 - 35 years of WFHG photos will also be showing throughout the day
 - Raffles
 - Other activities



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or email wfhg06@westnet.com.au
Online bookings and payments available
Bookings close 24th May, 2018
www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au



STATE RECORDS BUS TRIP

Our next trip to State Records will be on Monday 14th May, 2018.
As well as your research, a guided tour is planned.

Cost is \$25 per head.

Pick-up times and places are available on the website
or at the Cottage.

For those members wishing to go on the trip you can
book online at www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au or at The
Cottage in person or by phone (4351 2211), please
arrange to pay prior to the trip.

If time permits, there will be a comfort stop at
McDonalds, St Marys.

REMINDER - State Records is out of the way and there
are no shop facilities. It will be necessary to bring your
lunch. There is a lunchroom available with a microwave oven, refrigerator and
tea/coffee making equipment. Lockers are also available for bags etc.

PLEASE NOTE.....IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT

A reader's ticket is necessary and free, and can be organised online at
www.records.nsw.gov.au; It will be waiting for you when you arrive. If you wish to
speak to staff at State Records prior to this trip the phone number is 02 9673 1788.

Bags are not allowed in the reading room, but you can take in a folder with
research tasks etc. You are only allowed to use pencils in the research room. If you
require paper records such as wills, insolvency records, school records etc it is a good
idea to pre-order these documents so they will be available when you arrive, saving
you some waiting time. Up to four (4) items can be pre-ordered. You will find the
reference numbers and the two (2) pre-order forms on the website. Remember any
item that has a REEL NUMBER does not have to be ordered as reels are stored along
the wall and are easily accessed.

There are various ways of obtaining copies of your information:-

1. Using the microfilm reader/printers for photocopies - you will need \$1 and \$2 coins to
use these machines (\$1 for A4 and \$2 for A3). *Bring a supply of coins.*
2. You can download copies from the digital copiers for microfilm for free, using your
own memory stick.
3. You are also welcome to bring a digital camera to photograph original
records. State records also have a digital camera that you can use
for photographing original documents in the reading room, and
again images are downloaded to your memory stick.
4. The staff will photocopy any paper documents at a cost of 45 cents
per A4 page and will endeavour to have them ready for when you
leave.
5. The bus will leave State Records no later than 4PM.



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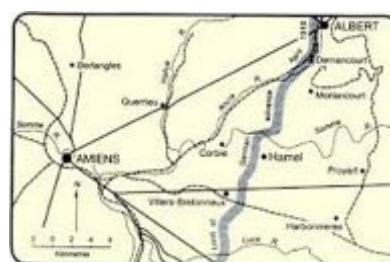
will host a

'Centenary of ARMISTICE Seminar'

SUNDAY 22nd July 2018

Guest Speakers:

BRAD MANERA – World renown Australian Military Historian (from the NSW War Memorial, Hyde Park) will talk on the Battle of "le Hamel" one of the last major battles of WWI by Australian and American troops led by General Sir John Monash.



and



JOHN CANN – Senior Archivist, NSW State Records will give an enlightening and entertaining talk on the various WWI records held at State Records.

WHERE:- Wyong Golf Club,
319 Pacific Highway, Wyong.

TIME:- 10.00am

COST:- \$30.00 - includes a light lunch of assorted sandwiches.



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BOOKS & CDs

Bowden Family Funerals – Wyong. July 1999 – January 2016	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
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Wyong & District Pioneer Register (Published 2013) <i>[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.</i>	Book	\$ 50.00 + p&h
	CD	\$ 40.00 + p&h
Wyong & Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995) <i>(available separately- see below)</i>	Two Volume set	
	Book	\$ 45.00 + p&h
Contents Volume One – 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4,790 in memoriam notices & 238 miscellaneous event notices, includes church photographs	Book Volume 1	\$ 25.00 + p&h
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SUNDAY
6th MAY 2018
Wyong Family History Group Inc. will host an
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'How to get the BEST from your Ancestry Search'
PLUS:
A DNA Question & Answer Session

Location: Wyong Golf Club
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TIME:- 10.00am
125.00 - includes a light lunch of assorted sandwiches

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PUBLICATION ADVICE

JOAN REESE'S NSW COLONIAL SECRETARY'S IN LETTERS INDEX 1826 ~ 1895



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In Memory of the late Joan Reese

I am delighted to announce the publication of this index in a field-searchable format on CD-ROM and USB. The index has been based on my mother's index entitled *Convicts and Others* which was published in a series of 11 sets of microfiche from the first one for the period 1826-1831 in 1994 to the last for 1889-1894 published posthumously in 2009. I have added the entries for 1895 so the complete index now covers 1826 to 1895 with 196,270 records.

- The type of entries over the whole period reflects the history of the Colony. As well as the convicts and early settlers, there are many memorials (petitions) from people in various districts on a vast range of subjects and bearing signatures of the residents. There are entries for maps and various lists including names of ships with early crew lists. There are many different types of records in the later periods.
- This selective index does not include every letter and only a 'cover' letter is recorded in a bundle.
- Most entries particularly in the early period have a ship name and year of arrival for convicts and those who came free have been indexed with the same information if available with '(CF)' noted. Otherwise a location, occupation or other identifier was noted. There's only rarely a description of the contents of a letter given in this index and an entry could be for anything from a short sentence to many pages.
- There are records relating to aborigines; military; free immigrants; asylum admissions; deaths; children being placed in both Protestant and Roman Catholic orphan schools; naturalization applications; settlers' applications for migration of relatives including some deposits under the Remittance Regulations dating from January 1849. There are also many local government references; exhibitions both within Australia and overseas, i.e. Chicago Exhibition and even references relating to other Australian colonies. 1887 and 1888 were times of high unemployment and many people applied for free rail passes to country areas where they hoped to find work. There are also lists of those recipients of bravery awards.
- The entries have been coded as 'Subject' and 'Name' although some references include entries from both sections. The subject type entries have been rearranged to make searching easier; for instance you could find all references relating to a particular area listed under the name of the location.
- Where the contents of the shelf containers have been microfilmed, the reel numbers have been added in a separate field.
- Some records have been relocated for 1826 and 1827 to combine them with related records. Those relocations have been noted in a separate field; also, where any amendment was made to the original record, the change has been noted in that separate field.
- The index is fully searchable by most fields or a combination of fields OR by ★*Full Search* which searches most fields in one search.
- Compatible up to and including Microsoft Windows 10.
- The index will fully install from the CD-ROM or USB.

The **PURCHASE PRICE** of either the CD-ROM or USB is **\$65 plus \$5 p&p** (within Australia). All enquiries to Linda Bowman.

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Joan at State Records The Rocks

March 2018

WFHG Inc PLANNED EVENTS

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

 **Information Sessions:** Detailed list available on website.

	2018	Event	
May	Tue 1	Committee Meeting 10:00 am	National Trust Heritage Festival
	Sun 6	Ancestry Seminar – Speaker Jason Reeve – Wyong Golf Club 10:00 am	
	Tue 8	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 – 2:30 pm	
	Mon 14	State Records Bus Trip - Guided Tour & Research [see page #23]	
	Tue 15	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Sun 20	National Trust Heritage Festival ends	
	Tue 22	Using free websites for genealogy with Helen Burkett 10:30 am	
	Tue 29	June Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
	Tue 15	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
June	Sun 3	WFHG 35th Birthday – Wyong Golf Club 11am – 3pm [see page 21]	
	Wed 6	Intro to familysearch.com with Kate Walter 10:30 am	
	Sat 9	General Meeting 1:00 pm	
	Tue 12	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Fri 15	English Day Course	
	Sat 16	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Tue 19	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
	Fri 22	Irish and Scottish Day Course 10am	
	Sat 23	Computer/Tablet/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
July	Tue 3	June Committee Meeting 10:00 am	
	Thu 5	Done my research, now what to do with it – Kerrie Metcalfe. 10:30 am	
	Tue 10	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Thu 12	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Fri 13	State Library Excursion [see page]	
	Tue 17	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon.	
	Sat 21	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Sun 22	Armistice Seminar, speakers Brad Manera & John Cann – Wyong Golf Club [see page 23]	
	Thu 26	Back to Basics 10:30 am	
August	Tue 31	August Committee Meeting 10:00 am	National Farm History Month
	Wed 1	National Family History Month commences	
	Tue 7	Using British newspapers with Mary Mancer 10:30 am	
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Sat 11	Annual General Meeting	
	Tue 14	Microsoft Word Interest Group 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Sat 19	Volunteer Help at Tuggerah Library 9:00 am – 12 noon	
	Tue 19	English & Welsh Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon DNA Special Interest Group 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
	Sat 25	Computer/Tablet/Facebook Interest Group 10:00 am – 12 noon	
	Fri 31	National Family History Month ends	

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

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

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

At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

Tuggerah Library, Westfield: Workshop 3rd Saturday 9.00am – 12 noon
(WFHG members available to help)

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Member contributions are always welcome