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WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INCORPORATED

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Mr David HARRIS. MP for Wyong
Mr Craig THOMSON MP for Dobell

Our meetings are held at 7.00pm on the 2nd Thursday night of each month between February and November, at Wyong Community Cultural Centre, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. Our resources and research assistance at Wyong Community Cultural Centre, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 3.00pm, & Every 4th Saturday 1-4 pm, for non members \$5.00 per hour between 10.00am and 12noon and 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Lunch is between 12noon and 1.00pm. Members free. 

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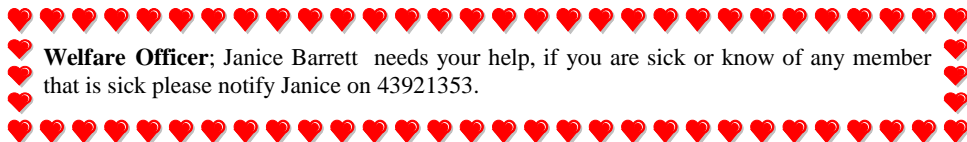
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Deadline for June *TOL* May 15th.

Please send your stories to russellwelham@bigpond.com



Welfare Officer: Janice Barrett needs your help, if you are sick or know of any member that is sick please notify Janice on 43921353.

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP RESEARCH CENTRE

'The Cottage' Wyong Community Cultural Centre, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong
(entrance via old school grounds).

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Every 4th Saturday 1-4pm.

Telephone: 02: 43517373.

Tuggerah Library Westfield Workshop 3rd Saturday 10am - 2pm.

(WFHG Members available to help)

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DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY

February 2009

Saturday	7	Bus Trip State Records.
Saturday	7	BBQ Bunnings Tuggerah.
Wednesday	11	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre "The Cottage" 10am.
Thursday	12	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Friday	20	Beginners Course 10am.
Saturday	21	Tuggerah Library.
Friday	27	Beginners Course 10am.
Saturday	28	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.

March 2009

Friday	6	Beginners Course 10am.
Wednesday	11	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre "The Cottage" 10am.
Thursday	12	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Friday	13	Beginners Course 10am.
Monday	16	Open 10am - 3pm. (Seniors Week)
Saturday	21	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	28	Bus Trip to State Records Kingswood
Saturday	28	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.

April 2009

Sunday	5	Social BBQ at the 'Cottage'.
Wednesday	8	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre "The Cottage" 10am.
Thursday	9	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	18	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	25	'The Cottage' Closed. (Anzac Day)

May 2009

Friday	1	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	3	BBQ Bunnings Tuggerah.
Friday	8	Advanced Course 10am.
Wednesday	13	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre "The Cottage" 10am.
Thursday	14	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Friday	15	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	16	Tuggerah Library.
Friday	22	Advanced Course 10am.
Saturday	23	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.
Saturday	30	Seminar at Strathaven Wyong.

June 2009

Wednesday	10	Convicts Special Interest Group Meeting - W.C.C. Centre "The Cottage" 10am.
Thursday	11	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	20	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	27	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.

July 2009

Saturday	4	Bus Trip to State Records Kingswood.
Thursday	9	General Meeting - W.C.C. Centre 'The Cottage' - 7.00pm.
Saturday	18	Tuggerah Library.
Saturday	25	'The Cottage' Open 1 - 4pm.
Tuesday	28	Train Trip to Mitchell Library.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

Kerrie Metcalfe, (80) President.



As another year lies ahead of us I welcome you to 2009 and what a busy one we have for our Group. The committee has some good events lined up for you all. At our monthly meetings we have a guest speaker to hopefully enlighten you on various subjects; we hope to have another Show and Tell night, as well as listen to anyone who has knocked down a brick wall or had a breakthrough. If you have any ideas to make our monthly meetings more interesting let a Committee Member know.

There will be trips to the State Records arranged; these are very popular so first to book and pay gets to go; Esther will let you know when the next one is. Our annual Beginners' Course will begin in February followed by an Advanced Course in May. Two Seminars are being planned the first will be at Strathaven on the 30th May with Guest Speakers Meryl Bolin on how to read old hand writing, and Transcription Agent, Marilyn Rowan. This is a full day which includes lunch and morning tea. Another one will be on 31 October so keep checking our web site for details.

We are going to go back to holding Sunday lunch social BBQs with the first one planned for Sunday 5th April at the cottage. This is an opportunity to get to know other members and talk about your own research in a relaxed atmosphere.

We will continue to hold workshops at Tuggerah library on the third Saturday of the month so go along and see either Rosalie or Trish and they will point you in the right direction.

We continue to open our rooms at The Cottage each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; our volunteers are there waiting to help you where possible to progress with your search. They willingly give their time so show your appreciation by coming in and using our growing facility. Order your LDS film or search Ancestry.com. We will continue to open on the 4th Saturday from 1pm to 4pm so take advantage of this if you are busy through the week and can't get in.

Do you have a convict? Come along to our convict group held at the cottage second Wednesday of the month from 10am – 12 noon.

We will hold an open day for Seniors Week on Monday the 16th March; also we will have an open day on the 8th August 2009 to celebrate Family History Week.

As you can see a lot of planning and a busy year ahead so if you can help out please come forward as we always need helpers to make our events successful. Of course our biggest event this year is hosting the NSW & ACT State Conference to be held in September.



SECRETARY'S
REPORT
2009

Judy Jones, Secretary. 

The Wyong Family History Group Inc. will be holding an open day during Seniors Week on Monday 16.03.2009 commencing at 9.00am. Our first guest speaker on the day will be at 10.00am. Samantha Cartwright (Cemeteries Officer) will be talking about our Cemetery upgrades and what improvements have been established over the past year. She will also be joined by Beth Jones and both ladies are from Wyong Shire Council. Morning tea will follow at the conclusion of the talk. Alternatively the second guest speaker for the day at 1.30pm Lorna Clayton (Local Pioneer) who will speak about the history of Wyong Shire. Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of the talk. The WFHG Inc. is located at "The Cottage" Wyong Community Cultural Centre, 6 Rankens Court Wyong NSW (Entrance is via the old school grounds).



NEWS ITEMS
&
COMING EVENTS

Dear Members & Friends

Our *Tree of Life* will be published three times a year in February, June & October. We need your stories to make this a worthwhile publication. We distribute the *Tree of Life* all over Australia, so if you have brick walls write about them and you may make contact with a cousin you didn't know. If you have a website of interest let us know and share your ideas and breakthroughs with others. As members, make use of the *TOL* as a way of getting your research interests out to others.

Send details to the Journal Editor (russellwelham@bigpond.com)

Attention Members

As we have the State Conference in September this year we would like to give notice that the AGM will take place at the October meeting, so as not to coincide with the Conference.



FUNDRAISING AND FIELD TRIP
ORGANISER
ESTHER DEAN

Now it's into 2009 and it's starting to get hectic already. It was a nice break but I still didn't accomplish everything I had planned to.

The first item to mention is the community raffle organised by the Rotary Club of The Entrance. With the massive help of our members our group has raised \$3000 which will be put to good use at our Cottage. My grateful thanks to all who sold tickets, either personally or in the shopping centres. A great result.

Now some really good news - due to the overwhelming response I got from members wanting to go to State Records and the disappointment of those who missed out as we only have 21 seats on the bus, our wonderful bus driver Norm Barrett has volunteered to take another group of members to Kingswood on Saturday 28 March. The same deal applies - the first 21 members who put their name down and pay their fare will have a seat saved for them. The cost is \$15.

This date has been confirmed with State Records and they are expecting us.

I look forward to lots of phone calls. Remember 4359 1263.



NEWS ITEMS
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State Conference 2009

We will be hosting the ACT & NSW State Conference this year on the 18th, 19th & 20th September. Our theme will be *From Home to the Hinterland* and we look forward to your participation and promise you a wonderful genealogy filled weekend. It will be held at Wyong Racecourse, Howarth Street Wyong, with registration on Friday afternoon followed by trading tables from other Societies and businesses to browse and buy. Also at 6.30pm a friendly get together begins. Saturday opens at 8am and goes all day with Guest Speakers, Stalls, and Demonstrations. Saturday night we join together for the annual dinner, Sunday it all starts again ending with lunch. Our rooms will be open all day Friday for you to visit. If you are a genuine family historian, you must not miss this event. We look forward to seeing you. For further updates and a registration form you can download, visit our website at <http://users.rootsweb.com/~nswwfhg/>.



NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to all new members and we look forward to meeting and helping you at the Cottage:-

362	Roslyn ALLEN	Buff Point
363	George DAVIS	Lake Munmorah
364	Jenny DAVIS	Lake Munmorah
365	Kerrie DEAN	Glenning Valley
366	Patricia McDOUGALL	Bateau Bay
367	Pieter HOFLAND	Lake Haven
368	Kim FARRAWAY	Mannering Park
369	Ronald SMITH	Woongarah
370	Beryl SMITH	Woongarah
371	Susan BRIGGS	Lake Munmorah
372	Susan WARDS	Mannering Park
373	Kay HUNT	Summerland Point
374	Peter HILL	Blue Haven
375	Ann ASTI	Gorokan
376	Ruth BOWEN	Gorokan

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MEMBER'S RESEARCH SURNAMES

Roslyn ALLEN, Member 362

Researching:- REEVES, WHITTAKER, JOYCE, POWELL, TAYLOR, CHANT, GIMBERT, FERGUSON, PETER, ALLEN, WINDYBANK, SEYMOUR & REARDIN.

George & Jenny DAVIS, Member 363/364

Researching:- DAVIS & BRIDGE.

Kerrie DEAN, Member 365

Researching:- DEAN.

Patricia McDOUGALL, Member 366

Researching:- O'KEEFE & BATES.

Pieter HOFLAND, Members 367

Researching:- SMALL, BORDIN, GRAHAM & COOPER.

Kim FARRAWAY, Member 368

Researching:- FARRAAWAY, HURLEY, BERRY & McEWAN.

Ronald & Beryl SMITH, Member 369/370

Researching:- SMITH, BARNES, CARTLEDGE & BRUCE.

Susan BRIGGS, Members 371

Researching:- CAMPBELL, RAYMOND, HUNT & SANTRY.

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Susan WARDS, Member 372

Researching:- CRUST, GLENNAN, ANDREWS, BROOKS, WARDS, DANIEL, WARNER, JONES, BOSWELL, BOWMAN, CONWAY, HUGHES, HAND, MAIR, O'REILLY, HACKETT, GORDON, SHOESMITH, NEWBERY, BUCKBY, ROCKCLIFFE, CLOSE, BARMORE, FLETCHER, WHEELER & HASTINGS.

Kay HUNT, Member 373

Researching:- MASTERS, GRIMSHAW & BOWN.

Peter HILL, Member 374

Researching:- HILL, GRAY, TRIMINGHAM, BRIMSON & MOORE.

Ann ASTI & Ruth BOWEN, Member 375/376

Researching:- BOWEN, MURRAY, PEARSON, SANDERS, GAVENLOCH & HITCHCOCK.

If you would like to make contact with any of the above members please address your enquiry to:-

Members Name and No.

c/- Wyong Family History Group Inc.

PO Box 247

WYONG NSW 2259 “

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Anyone wanting lookups for Devon and Cornwall, UK I will be going to Plymouth at the end of May. Photo copies last year were costing \$1 from the Plymouth Record Office.

Please email your information to: [marjar@tpg.com.au](mailto:marjar@tpg.com.au)  
and I will do my best to find something for you.

Kind regards

Margaret Jarvis

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## Seminar

We look forward to having our next seminar at Strathaven Wyong, on the 30th May 09 with guest speakers, Meryl Bolin, Graphologist and Marliyn Rowan, Transcription agent. More details in the coming months, forms available from the Website (see page 3) or from the 'Cottage'.

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February, 2009





## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During my short time as Librarian, I have noticed that a very useful resource in our Library is being neglected by many members. I am referring to the Journals that we receive on a regular basis from other groups with aims and interests similar to those of our own. These Journals often contain very interesting articles on individuals, buildings and local history as well as indicating local sources of information for research in the particular area. The following is a list of the Journals that we currently hold in our library. Members are able to borrow up to six of these at a time for a period of two weeks, provided that the relevant information is entered in the red covered "Loan Book".

### NSW

|                                   |                                         |                                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Armidale-Dust of Ages             | Bathurst-Carillon Chimes                | Bega Valley-Valley Genealogist |
| Blue Mountains-Explorer Tree      | Botany Bay-The Endeavour                | Broken Hill-Line of Load       |
| Burwood/Drummoyn-AncesTree        | Camden-Camden Calling                   | Campbelltown-Ghost Busters     |
| Canterbury-Canterbury Bell        | Cape Banks-Kith & Kin                   | Casino-Crossing Place          |
| C.Coast (Gosford)-The Muster      | Cessnock-Endeavour                      | Coffs Harbour-Genie Allergy    |
| Cooma-FHG Journal                 | Coonamble-Trickles from the Castlereagh |                                |
| Cowra-Eagle Eye                   | Dubbo-Western Connection                | Forbes-Lachlan Valley Gold     |
| Goulburn-Argyle Bulletin          | Griffith-Ibis Links                     | Gwdir-Insearch                 |
| Hawkesbury-The Crier              | Holroyd-Holroyd Happenings              | Hornsby-Hornsby Hunter         |
| Hurstville-Hurstville Genealogist | Illawarra-Illawarra Branches            | Inverell-Voices from the Past  |
| Kempsey-Macleay River Journal     | Kiama-Khanterintee                      | Ku-Ring-Gai-Hist. Soc. Journal |
| Lake Macquarie-The Chronicle      | Leeton-FHS Newsletter                   | Lithgow-Pioneer Press          |
| Liverpool-Links & Chains          | Maitland-Reminiscences                  | Milton/Ulladulla-Newsletter    |
| Nepean-Time Span                  | Newcastle-FHS Journal                   | Orange-FGH Newsletter          |
| Picton-Stonequarry Journal        | Port Macquarie-Footsteps                | Tiligerry-Lemon Tree Journal   |
| Richmond/Tweed-Cedar Log          | Rookwood-In Profile                     | Shoalhaven-Time Traveller      |
| Singleton-Patrick Plains Gaz.     | Tamworth-Family Historian               | Taree-The Fig Tree             |
| Tomaree-Tomaree Tattler           | Wagga Wagga-Murrumbidgee Ancestor       |                                |
| Wingham-FHG Journal               | Wyong Dist. Museum-Unearth Wyong        |                                |

### ACT

Canberra-Ancestral Searcher

### VIC

|                                  |                            |                         |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bendigo-Golden Links             | Genealogical Soc.-Ancestor | Mildura-The Grapeline   |
| Mornington Peninsular-Past Times | Sale-The Family Link       | Wodonga-Borderline News |
| Victorian GUM Inc.-News          |                            |                         |

### TAS

Tasmanian Ancestry-Tasmanian FHS Journal

### SA

South East (Millicent)-Newsletter

### WA

Busselton-Busgen Bulletin

### NT

Northern Territory-Progenitor

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## **QLD**

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cairns-Origins                   | Colac & Dist.-Coladjins             | Cooroy/Noosa-Missing Link |
| Qld Family Historian-FHS Journal | Ipswich-Bremer Echoes               | Kingaroy-Nutty Review     |
| Maryborough-Forebears            | Mount Isa-FHS Journal               | Nth Brisbane-News         |
| Townsville-Relatively Speaking   | Toowoomba/Darling Downs-The Gazette |                           |

## **AUSTRALIA**

|                                        |                                        |                               |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Convict Trail                          | Founders 1 <sup>st</sup> Fleet Journal | Roy. Aust. Hist. Soc.-History |
| Roy. Aust. Hist. Soc.-Journal          | SAG-Descent                            |                               |
| The Mail-Descendants of Convicts Group |                                        |                               |

We also have copies of the New Zealand Genealogist, Journals from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and many areas of England including Bedfordshire, Cornwall, Essex, Gloucester, The Hampshires, Kent, Liverpool, Nth West Kent, Sussex, Suffolk, East Surrey and Manchester.

If you are researching any of these areas, please take the time to look in the relevant journal. You may be pleasantly surprised by what you find.

Our Library also holds copies of a number of different magazines. Many of the newer editions are regularly borrowed by members (once again, six copies may be borrowed at a time for up to 2 weeks, provided details are entered in the borrowing book). However, the older editions, which do not have many references to the internet, are languishing on the shelves. These older editions are an invaluable tool when researching the story of your ancestors. They contain quite detailed articles on many trades, occupations and areas of interest which may help explain why many families decided to emigrate to Australia, especially in the mid 1800's. An article on Tin Mining in Cornwall in "Family History Monthly" is a real eye opener and shows clearly why my family came to this country for a better life.

Magazines currently held in the library are as follows:

### **Australian**

|                                    |                     |                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Australian Family Tree Connections | Australian Heritage | The Genealogist |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|

### **English**

|                          |                        |                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Family Tree Magazine     | Family History Monthly | Practical Family History |
| Who Do You Think You Are | Your Family History    | Your Family Tree         |

### **Irish**


Irish Roots

### **USA**

Ancestry

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank those members who donate items for the Library. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Don't forget to keep those items for the Wish List coming in. Just an email to "The Cottage" or a word to Frank if you come across a reference to a resource that may be of benefit to your fellow members would be appreciated.

Looking forward to catching up with you in the Library.

Glenise Clery, (284) Librarian. 

## Christmas Party 2008

We held our Christmas Party at Wyong RSL Club and were so pleased to see so many of you turn up. It was a great night and some of our outstanding members displayed a Mock Trial organized by Colleen Wood. This was very well received and better entertained I am yet to find, I congratulate the stars of the show Bruce, Marilyn, Esther, Janet, Frank, Doug & John.



**Arrested for laughing too loud.**

I have found a First Fleet Memorial at Wallabadah between Tamworth and Glen Innes on the New England Highway - a worthwhile stop.

Jean Machon - member 123

**Members Please Note:** Books that can be borrowed from our library (ones that are not marked “*NOT FOR LOAN*”) can only be out for **TWO WEEKS** at a time.

Please write them up in the Borrowing Book and when returning please *make sure* you mark them off as returned. 😊

## THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN A NAME

How many of us when researching our family trees spend so much time and effort delving into all those family names and dates, accumulating reams of paper and copious amounts of data from oceans of downloads from computer researching, only to have knowledge only from where they came from and when.

I received an e-mail from a distant relative that I had not heard of for a long time and she was not interested so much about adding more names or dates, but to trace something about who our Ancestors were, what they did and why they did what they did.

This has turned around a new and interesting twist to family history. and believe it or not there are many ways of locating some very interesting stories and tales about those relatives who lived many decades or even centuries ago.

The thing that brought my attention in this e-mail was this sentence "Has Owen much information passed down as to the reasons Jane's brother William emigrated to N.Z. in 1873? Obviously a skilled Stone Mason. And what was life like in Dunedin then?"

I just don't like to stop at their names, now back to the drawing board and a new desire to find the missing links.

Once started a new and wonderful world opens up, Old newspaper articles, old documents, and many snippets from old memories of old relatives. The source of info is endless out there. One will find many other people that are only too willing to pass over bits of help to trace this information.

I have since found that William and family, free settlers, owned a successful business in Middlesex and came to N.Z. to start a new business after a deal was made by the State Governor. There is a photo of the ship *Charlotte Gladstone* at Port Chalmers, now in the early settlers' museum, the one they travelled in. Also there are several stories and photos in the old newspapers showing the houses, roads. It just goes on and on.

But it doesn't stop there as now we have heaps of data about how, where and what it was like in small villages where our ancestors lived back in the 1700's. Not only is it great to find there was a relative who was a convict, it is now just as important to find out the reason behind his deportation and what it was like to live in those early times.

Many events have been recorded that gives us an insight into a way of living that we could have no comprehension of. Clothes made of hession, no water except from a creek a mile away, having to steal food to live and keep the children alive, the long walks to get to find work, the diseases, and the long cold, wet weather periods with poor shelter.

Find and add these interesting tales and stories to your family tree and you will be surprised at how different your family history becomes, and how people will envy your initiative.

Owen Powell member 180

## Wyong History

### ‘Puffing Billy’ no match for Bullocks

(Reprinted from an article in the *Wyong Advocate* on 6 March 1974 by Edward Stinson)

A familiar sight in the streets of Wyong, the Yarralong and Dooralong Valleys and other parts of the district in the first decade of this (the 20<sup>th</sup>) Century was the ‘Puffing Billy’, a steam powered traction engine owned by O’Neill and Goldsmith, sawmillers and timber merchants.

It had been brought from New Zealand, and its purpose was to haul heavy loads of timber, which it did very successfully.

Unfortunately, it had several disadvantages, and fell short of its owners’ expectations.

It was very noisy and horses and cattle were terrified by it; it damaged roads and culverts with its heavy weight; it was too cumbersome to operate easily in confined spaces, and it bogged easily.

On one occasion it was stuck for several days at a spot about a quarter of a mile on the Wyong side of Stinson’s Lane, Yarralong.

It was meant to displace bullock teams and make them obsolete, but ironically enough, when it became bogged, bullocks had to be brought to the scene to extricate it.

It was fuelled by wood, and the owners arranged for heaps of it to be stacked by the roadside at convenient intervals.

After a few years of use, it was discarded and replaced by the more reliable bullock teams. It ended its days somewhere on the North Coast.

An article appeared in *The Advocate* on 25 April 1940 about the old engine and is reprinted as follows.

This engine was owned and operated by Messrs O’Neill and Goldsmith, whose timber operations in Wyong and surrounding districts was on an extremely large scale. Mr Burnside, managing clerk of this huge timber business, said it was nothing unusual to have 600 men on the payroll.

This pay was monthly and hordes of men used to sit about on the logs of the timber mill near the office waiting for their pay. The writer was reminded of a large flock of pigeons waiting to spear onto a berry bush.

The timber of the Wyong district, according to the writer, had no parallel on the coast, especially that of Dooralong and what was then known as the ‘Lemon Trees’.

O’Neill and Goldsmith had three timber mills operating then, one at Wyong (near Darcy Rose’s produce store), one at Jilliby, and one at Yarralong (or rather Olney).

Bullock teams were then as plentiful as various taxes are now and it was nothing for a line of them to extend from the railway yard to the Jilliby turn, where the butter factory now stands.

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Fred Akhurst, who then had charge of the loading in the yard, had two or three men constantly turning sleepers alone.

The writer could remember an order of turpentine for Vancouver BC, that completely filled the yard from where the railway tanks now stand right down to where the overhead bridge now is.

To get across to the train one had to walk across girders; the other end of the yard was filled with piles some of which were 70 feet long.

Talk about the glory that was Rome, she had nothing on Wyong in those days!

The writer was secretary of a railway league in those days, and apart from the enormous quantity of timber trucked, three trucks of fruit were sent every day from the Wyong-Yarramalong valley. The league was agitating for a line from Wyong to Yarramalong. However, the then undreamt of appearance of motor driven vehicles made the matter of a good road of more importance than a railway line.

The huge cumbersome traction engine that was 'Puffing Billy' was the herald of the 60 miles an hour motor lorries that are now flying over this road. The writer was afraid that if the road still remained that the old engine had to negotiate, their pace would be considerably curtailed, and their ends would be just as untimely as the traction engine's was.

This engine was first driven from Wyong to Yarramalong by Paul James, who was a New Zealand native, and later married the daughter of his employer, Mr Geo Goldsmith. So in those days this engine carried fair romance aboard.

He later started and owned a big timber business at Hornsby. He was for many years the president of the Hornsby Sire. Later he became the vice president of the Sydney Water Board and held that position at the time of his death.

His brother-in-law, Mr John Goldsmith, is now managing this business at Epping. This brother-in-law took on driving the tractor after James vacated the wheel.

Fair romance still clung fondly to this ungainly vehicle, for it was while driving this machine that he met Miss Vera Waters who was destined to become some little time afterwards, his wife.

'Jack', as he is familiarly known, also embarked in the timber business and with his brother, George, owned a large mill at Katoomba. He remained in this for many years, and later managed the business of Paul James at Epping.

Marilyn Cridland  
Life Member No 11

**Wyong Old News** Source <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article4358046>

Northern Territory Times and Gazette Friday 3 April 1908 page 3

A youth named William White, aged 20 charged with having committed a criminal assault on a young married woman living at Wyong in NSW has been found guilty and sentenced to death

The Canberra Times, Monday 20 June 1949, page 1

WYONG

Families sat on the rooftops at Wyong and watched the flood waters swirl past the houses. Hundreds were rescued by police boats and several houses outside the town were completely submerged. The main railway line between Sydney and Newcastle was under water for more than half a mile south of Wyong. When the Wyong River burst its banks the floodwaters spread over hundreds of acres of low lying country. The Pacific Highway in places was feet deep in water and traffic ceased. Sergeant M D McAuliffe and Constable R Wilson, of Wyong, rescued more than 50 people from their marooned houses in two motor launches.

The main road between Wyong and Tuggerah Lakes was flooded to a depth of five feet. Citrus fruit growers in the Gosford district suffered heavily. More than 2,000 orange trees at one farm were under water, and the owner estimated he would lose £5 000.

The Canberra Times Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1931

Mrs. D Hayley from Toukley via Wyong was mentioned in the results of a Rexona Competition on page 6

The Maitland Mercury Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1880 page 5

General Post Office Sydney, 23 July 1880

Tenders for the conveyance of mail to and from:

Jerry's Plains & Doyle's Creek once a week.

Wyong Creek Post Office and Yarramalong once a week.

Will be received at the office up to noon on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> September next. For full particulars see Government Gazette a file of which is kept at every Post Office in the colony.

Saul Samual

Submitted by Kerrie Metcalfe 80

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**STOP PRESS! Irish Civil Registration Indexes Online**

A pilot project to make the Irish Civil Registration Indexes available on the FamilySearch website has been launched as we go to press. To find the indexes click on the link below, then click on Europe on the map that will be displayed and scroll down to Ireland at the bottom of the listing on the next page that loads. Births and deaths start in 1864 and marriages in 1845, with all indexes going through to 1958. Note this is a Pilot project and the index may be unavailable from time to time as the site is developed further.

The link is <http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0>

Submitted by: Marie Heilbrunn

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## Changes to New Zealand BDMs

On 25 January 2009, the NZ Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Act came into force. One of the results of this is that it is no longer possible to purchase NZ BDM indexes. Instead, they intend to make the indexes available online with additional information that was not available on the microfiche indexes. The online indexes will cover births that occurred at least 100 years ago, marriages at least 80 years ago and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or for people who were born more than 80 years ago. A date for providing online access has not yet been advised nor is there any information available as to whether this will be a free or fee based service.

Another item from the Act that will affect genealogists is that from 25 January it has become an offence for anyone to publish index information unless it falls into the 'historical' categories mentioned above, is about themselves or they have permission of the person for it to be published. This includes publishing index information on 'member only' websites or internal 'intranet' sites. Any such information must be removed from the internet by 7 February and breaches carry a fine of up to \$50K! More information about the changes can be found at the [Amendment Act information page](#). For news about the availability of the online indexes keep a watch on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz).

Submitted by: Marie Heilbrunn

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## Group News

We have already had a very busy month, beginning with a fund raising BBQ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January at Bunnings with a wonderful turn up of willing workers to help, this is what makes our group successful, then with a clean up day on the 10 January it was again well attended and an early start saw us all away by lunch time with a clean, tidy and refreshed "Cottage" to reopen on the 13<sup>th</sup> January. Our first committee meeting saw more plans put in place for a trip to State Records on 7th February.

We attended the Australia Day celebrations at Wyong racecourse on the 26<sup>th</sup> January and ran the sausage sizzle there, as well as sold raffle tickets and introduced ourselves to the community, this was again made possible by the willing members who come along and helped out. This was a very successful day and all due to you. On the 28<sup>th</sup> January Judy Jones and I attended the Rural Fire Station at Kulnura to be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation Award, to the Wyong Family History Group in Recognition to their Service to Community, by Craig Thomson MP, Federal Member for Dobell. This award will be hung in the Cottage for all members to see. That very same night 24 members attended a social dinner at Randall's Restaurant at Killarney Vale, a pleasant night was had by all. So I can hardly believe what we as a group have achieved so far this year.

I'm amazed and very grateful to all of you for your help and dedication. We should have a very good year ahead indeed.

Kerrie Metcalfe  
President

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## JOURNAL NEWSLETTER SNIPPETS FEBRUARY 2009 *TREE OF LIFE*

**BATHURST AUG '08, WINGHAM SEP '08, KU-RING-GAI OCT '08, ORANGE SEP '08, BENDIGO JULY/AUG/SEPT '08, COONAMBLE NOV '08, CAMDEN NOV '08, HURSTVILLE DEC '08/JAN '09, SINGLETON DEC '08, SALE DEC '08, COOROY-NOOSA NOV '08, MARYBOROUGH NOV '08, SOUTH BURNETT DEC '08, SOUTH EAST (SA) NOV '08.**

Local Content Only

### **INVERELL DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. 'VOICES FROM THE PAST' SEP '08**

P. 9 Short article on the 'Villours-Brettoneux Gum Trees'. 8 bluegums from the Villours-Brettoneux Australian War Memorial in France brought to Australia.

### **SOUTH EAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER AUG '08**

Pgs 4/5 U.K. Parish Registers – a valuable resource, well described in this article with a number of websites provided.

Pg 6 Immigration Bridge [www.immigrationbridge.com.au/](http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au/)

Pgs 12/13 A Brief History of Port MacDonnell S.A.

Pgs 14/15 A-K of Kingsley School Register (1877-1889)

### **RICHMOND-TWEED FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. 'THE CEDAR LOG' SEP '08**

Pg 2 Family History Expo, Port Macquarie 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Phone 02 6583 3360.

Email: [yatesviking@bigpond.com](mailto:yatesviking@bigpond.com).

Pg 8 An Anzac Story.

Pg 9 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World War I – Battlefields Tour.

Pgs 18-21 George Taplin, Congregationalist.

### **CAPE BANKS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. 'KITH & KIN' SEP '08**

Pgs 8/9 Robert and Jemima Willis – Residents of Gosford late 19<sup>th</sup> & early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Pg 16 Papers Past New Zealand – 1 million pages of newspapers and periodicals from 1840-1915. Excellent website, easy to access and easy to read.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>.

Pg 21 The Typographical Error – a poem, author unknown.

### **SOUTH BURNETT GENEALOGICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY 'THE NUTTY REVIEW' AUG '08**

Pg 4 Presbyterians in Scotland and Ireland.

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Pgs 5-9 James Dent, Convict: A Study Using BBFHS Research Centre Resources.

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Email: [info@historichelensburgh.org.au](mailto:info@historichelensburgh.org.au)

### **FRIENDS OF ROOKWOOD R.I.P. - ROOKWOOD IN PROFILE SEP '08**

Pgs 4/5 The Ultimate in Recycling – a Church with a Difference! The removal of the cemetery station from Rookwood and its reconstruction (in Canberra) as a still operational church. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

Pg 6 William Lorando Jones – Sculptor. (Artists in Rookwood Series 5)

### **WYONG DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY 'UNEARTH WYONG' SEP '08**

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- HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP 'THE HAWKESBURY CRIER' SEP '08**  
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[www.newcastle.edu.au/service/archives/aboriginalstudies/pdf/Threlkeld-Journal.pdf](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/archives/aboriginalstudies/pdf/Threlkeld-Journal.pdf).
- Pgs 7/8 Cleaning Mother's House – a poem to make any family history buff cry!
- MAITLAND FAMILY HISTORY CIRCLE INC. 'MAITLAND REMINISCENCES' SEP '08**  
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- BEGA VALLEY AS ABOVE JUNE '08**  
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- BEGA VALLEY AS ABOVE OCT '08**  
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- AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS OCT '08**  
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Pgs 18-22 William Edie Madden aka Adnum/Maddon. Convict history – very interesting and well researched article.  
Pgs 24-27 Penguin (Tas.) honours its paupers with headstones. Heritage listed old Penguin cemetery.  
Pgs 32-35 Getting Started – Finding your convict on the Tasmanian Convict website.
- MULTI ARTS CONFEDERATION (CENTRAL COAST) & FRIENDS OF CAROLINE BAY INC. M.A.C. NEWS SHEET – OCTOBER 2008**  
Meetings and events on the Central Coast during October.
- FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS 'FOUNDERS' SEPT/OCT 2008**  
First Fleeters News.
- MACLEAY RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL AUG 2008**  
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02 4454 5819 or [gomeg@scoastnet.com.au](mailto:gomeg@scoastnet.com.au) if you can assist.

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Vietnam veterans nominal roll website updated

(Reprinted from *Vetaffairs* September 2007)

An updated and expanded Vietnam Nominal Roll website has recently been released on the internet.

The new website retains the same address as the previous roll ([www.vietnamroll.gov.au](http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au)) but contains additional information on the 60,000 veterans who served during this conflict, and incorporates a number of new features to make the roll easier to use.

As well as being able to search by service number and name, information can be obtained through searching by other criteria such as unit, dates of service in Vietnam, date of birth, place of birth, and honours and awards received.

The website can generate a printable Certificate of Service for each veteran, highlighting their Vietnam service, and it also includes a photograph of the official commemorations of the war dead from the conflict.

Previous requests from veterans to have their details excluded from the website have been transferred to the new roll.

Veterans can request suppression of their details in writing at any time. The new website also permits partial suppressions.

For more information about the suppression options contact the Nominal Rolls Team on 1300 780 133 (local call charge) or email [nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au](mailto:nominal.rolls@dva.gov.au).

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“To forget ones Ancestors is to be a Brook without a Source, a Tree without a Root.”

Chinese Proverb

Owen Powell (180)

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