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- Meetings:** Are held on the 2nd Saturday monthly between February and October, at 'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre, Building 9, 6 Rankens Court, Wyong. Phone 02 4351 2211
- Resources and research assistance at 'The Cottage'** – available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm. After hours by appointment.
- Fees:** non-members \$10.00 per hour between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Members Free.
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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Kerrie Metcalfe - President – LM80*



The Cottage reopened in January, and we have slowly been building up with various events such as the special interest groups, information sessions and DNA one on one help.

Some members have been coming in and we have had a wonderful group of new volunteers to help in the Cottage so all seems positive even though we would like to see more members come in and use our facilities. As we are open three days a week it's sad that some days our wonderful volunteers make such an effort for our members and have no one to help.

We had a great seminar in February with Jill Ball, Jill was a wealth of information and an engaging speaker, the venue was Wyong Golf Club and there was plenty of room to social distance and once again numbers were below our expectations. I can only encourage members to use your membership and support our volunteers who work tirelessly to bring you some interesting talks and learning events.



I also must mention Zoom as it is the new kid on the block and we have been forced into using it to keep going, many interesting talks are by Zoom or on you tube this is the future of genealogy, many seem against using it or afraid to, we are willing to help you and guide you step by step you just need to ask. We still have our once-a-month Wednesday night Zoom Chat at 7.30pm this is a good place to start.

I congratulate those who took part in our Beginners class throughout March, I hope this helps you to carry on with your family history and I thank those who presented and helped out and acknowledge the great job Ellen Sheerin did to get it organised and up and running it was no easy task this year





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with changes and weather to contend with the planning was made difficult with Ellen filling in on several occasions.

The Central Coast Seniors Expo took place on the 31 March Glenise, Roger and I ran a table at this event held in the Wyong Race Club promoting our group and encouraging family history. ... 🌳

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

Hello All!

It has been nice to see the sun after so much rain.

Hopefully our new roof will be finished by the time you receive this, time will tell.

We again had a presence at the CCC Love Lanes Festival, this year postponed until April. As always, the walking tours were popular, however it was a little breezy for Glenise and Kerrie at our stand.

Again, we thank all our loyal members for staying with us. Welcoming our 1000<sup>th</sup> member was quite an achievement.

We recommend you read all the emails and Newsletters from the Group.

Being part of our Zoom meetings has been a wonderful way of putting faces to names. If you haven't tried it, I would recommend having a go. Someone at the meeting will be able to talk you through the process. That being said, nothing substitutes visiting *The Cottage*.

I have received a good range of submissions for this and future issues. I am often prompted to find out more and pass the information on to our readers and am always amazed at the stories folk have to tell.

I really enjoy my little contribution to the Group, putting our publication together. Sometimes, my ageing hardware presents challenges, a little frustrating, not insurmountable.

Remember, once you start writing, you will find your style and become addicted to writing. We are one of the places your stories will be appreciated. Our next deadline is 21 July 2022.

Stay Well, Stay Safe! ... 🌳

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## TRANSPORT

Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have are able to help, email The Secretary: [secwfhg2@westnet.com.au](mailto:secwfhg2@westnet.com.au) or phone [02] 4351 2211 during open hours. ... 🌳



## WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

### MONTHLY HELP & CHAT GATHERING BY **Zoom.**

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: From 7:30 pm

Where: Your place

We usually have a subject to get the conversation started.

Members receive an email the day before the meeting with a link to join.

We started this gathering as a remedy for all those who miss coming into the Cottage. Their success has prompted requests to continue once a month in the evening.

Join us, meet other members, and see what they have discovered.

Think of it as a kitchen table discussion, an opportunity to Learn and Laugh.

Stay with us for as long as you like. Not a meeting, but a gathering.

**All Welcome!**

### Monthly Help & Chat Gathering By Zoom

## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to our new members, and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of our members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

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

No	Member	No	Member
996	Yvonne Spence	1001	Beverley Cox
997	Kevin Phelps	1002	Deborah Gleeson
998	Sue Clayton	1003	Leonie Noakes
999	Kay Small	1004	Loreta Nicholls
1000	Graham Cox		



Kerrie welcomes members  
#1000 Graham Cox and his  
wife #1001 Beverley

## MEMBERS SAVINGS PLAN

Throughout any given year, WFHG Inc. offers a range of events, both educational and social, which we think will be informative and interesting for our members, and the wider community.

To ease the demands on members' pockets, the Group has introduced a variety of payment options for these events.

We hope this will help members afford to book early and start paying in small instalments.



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Would you like to go to one or some of our events but don't want to pay out all that money in one go?

Instead of paying the full amount for an event why not pay small amounts on a regular basis into our Members Savings Plan?

We are now giving members the opportunity to pay in instalments for those events, seminars, workshops, courses etc. that they wish to attend

Put a few dollars away whenever they want then use their savings to pay for the special event that they want to attend.

Payments can be made by PayPal, Direct Deposit, (or EFT or Cash at the Cottage) (payment details on our website Home page [www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au](http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au))



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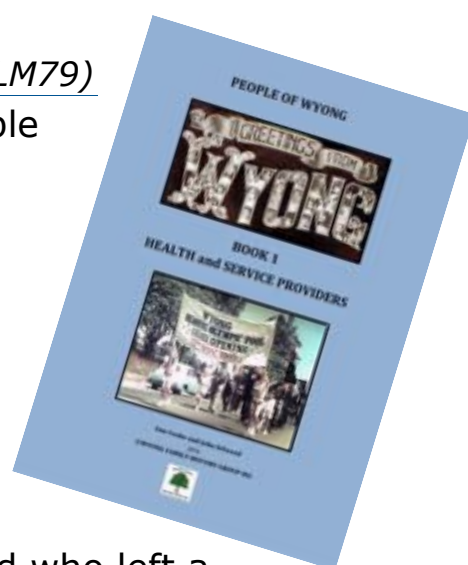
## PEOPLE OF WYONG

*John Selwood (LM79)*

The 5 books in the People of Wyong cover the people who were involved in the provision of goods and services for the local people as well as the people involved in local industries from the timber getters and mill workers, the dairy farmers and milk factory workers, the citrus growers and packing house workers, the egg producers, and to the fishermen. I have highlighted a couple of people from **Book 1**

The Reverend **Robert Duncan McKINNON** (1894-1959) (Page 73) was one of the best-loved Methodist Church ministers that Wyong ever had and who left a lasting legacy in the form of McKinnon Hall in Baker's Lane, With the help of his son he built the hall beside the town's Methodist Church which was destroyed in an arson attack in August 2008. The hall is one of the last public timber buildings in Wyong. He worked in Wyong from 1950 to 1955). His wife, Thelma, passed away suddenly in 1953 at the young age of 50 years.

If asked to name a dentist who worked in Wyong the top three responses would most likely include Gersh BAKER (Page 111) who practised here from 1904 to 1948, Howard SEARLE (Page 119), who had his Church Street practice from 1967 until 2001 and finally Clive DOWLER (Page 120) who worked here from 1970 through until 2010. One dentist whose name would not appear and who practised dentistry in Wyong from 1930 to 1935 is that of **Isabella Frances LONGWORTH** (nee SWANN) (Page 115). Isabella was born in Temora, NSW on 1 Jan 1881 and died in Newcastle on 13 Jan 1961. Isabel was one of the first professional women to work in Wyong and was a strong advocate for world peace. She was a member of the Peace Society; she founded the Howard League of Penal Reform in NSW and was also part of the





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committee that had Indian indent labour in Fiji abolished. For some years she was Secretary of the Newcastle branch of the United Nations Organisation.

Another person of interest in Book 1 (Page 179) is **Dennis KENNEDY**, a young family man who died while part of a bucket brigade that was fighting a fire in Alison Road that led to the destruction of three timber shops and two cottages on the 10 April 1933. Wyong's nearest fire brigade was in Belmont, some hour or so away, so fires in Wyong had to be fought by the locals. Dennis was electrocuted when power lines fell on the roof-top tank from which he was drawing water. He then fell to the ground. He was only 27 years old and the father of three young children.

The *People of Wyong Books* are available at The Cottage for \$40 each or \$180 for the set of 5. See page 30 ... 🌳

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## A FAMILY BIBLE STORY

Kerrie Metcalfe LM80

About 2007 I was helping to clean and pack up a villa in the western suburbs of Sydney, the tenant had suffered a massive stroke rendering him incapable of functioning, and he was placed into care. he was the partner of a close friend, and had little family of his own, he was widowed and sadly had two grown up children who had no interest in him or his belongings.

As we were cleaning out the built-in wardrobe on the top shelf pushed way back in the corner to our surprise we found a large family bible, along with birth certificates, photos and family history written in the Bible, dating back to the mid-1850s. His children were contacted and asked what they wanted to do with it, and to my horror the reply was throw it out we don't want it. It had belonged to their deceased mother's side of the family, and they didn't want any of the photos or the Bible, as I was a family historian it was decided that it would be best if I became the custodian of this precious bit of history, and maybe find a resting place for it eventually.

It was brought up and stored in Wyong Family History Groups Inc. (sic: WFHGIInc.) rooms, a couple of members and myself followed up with some research using the names in the bible and the certificates at hand



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we discovered it was from Staffordshire, England and had made the journey out with the Mynors/Charles family.

The Bible was used on occasions as a display when we had open days or functions, a story was written and placed in the then Magazine *Family Tree Connections* in hope of finding a family member close enough to take the bible and its papers. We had two inquiries that were very sideways and fizzled out hence, the bible was carefully wrapped and packed away for the next several years in our Cottage storeroom.

Moving forward to 2022 we had some dampness in our storeroom which we had to attend to and there was the precious Bible in its box with its family photos jumping out at me and I decided it was time to try again and find the rightful owner as the Bible is deteriorating.

I decided it was time to get our *Tree of Life* editor to write about the Bible and see if we could find a connection to someone so it could be passed on.

Then as I was sorting out the Bible paperwork I had a light bulb moment, I will just check ancestry.com family trees ... to my delight I found a family history pedigree chart that matched the bible and research we had done. It matched to a tee, an email was sent to make a connection, then a phone number was forthcoming, and Peter was without a doubt a keen gene and a positive match for the Bible after a couple of phone conversations and more questions I knew the Bible had found its way home. And strangely back to the same suburb in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. ... 🌳



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## BREAKFAST MENU P & O 'S S MONGOLIA'

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

My mother was a 'Saver'. Whilst looking through some keepsakes, I re-discovered this menu. As I usually do, I went searching on the internet.

I know what most of the items listed for breakfast are, however, what are Bercy Eggs? There are several different iterations online, so I am none the wiser. Omelettes Sevigne? Apparently, these may be savoury or sweet.





Savoury Trifle? Lots of layers of savoury dishes.

Collard Head?: Collard refers to certain loose-leafed cultivars of *Brassica oleracea*, the same species as many common vegetables, including cabbage and broccoli. I am not sure how these would be served as a cold breakfast dish.

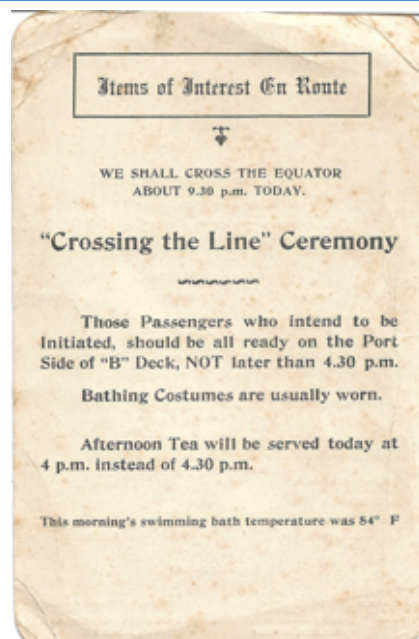
Then there is cold breakfast sausage!

**The Crossing the Line Ceremony** see page 19 for more.

I have been aware of this most of my life.

Edith Annie Birtwistle (nee Robinson) was my maternal grandmother. Known as Ada, granny would not have participated in this ceremony as she had arrived in Sydney early in 1911 aboard *SS Orontes* and was returning to Cheshire in May 1937 aboard *P & O SS Mongolia*, to visit Alice, her then 85 year old mother. (*Great-grandmother was sure Granny would never see her share of the estate and from correspondence in the collection, she was probably right!*) Pa could hear the rumblings of war and urged granny to return home to Australia. This she did aboard the *SS Orchades* in September 1937, foregoing a trip to the Continent.

Alice died in 1942 aged 90, Edith in 1955 at Gosford, NSW, she was 80. ... 🌳



## BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Helen Burkett member 342

Very recently I found that the British Newspaper Archive has one paper dealing entirely with Australian & New Zealand matters. It has only been available since September 2021 and covers the years 1850 to 1882. It is called the Australian & New Zealand Gazette and I am hopeful of finding new information this way. I only had one short visit to our rooms to view

articles but, from home, can see that there is a wealth of information available. As The Cottage is currently closed for repairs, I haven't been able to follow up.

It may be that most of the articles are available from Trove but, so far, I have found several new pieces of information through this paper one being that my 3x great grandfather, Abraham Hopkins Davis, won a prize in the Art Union of London. This Art Union was set up in 1837, as were many others, to distribute works of art to its subscribers by lottery.

AHD's prize was a silver medal of Sir John Vanbrugh. Having heard of neither the Art Union nor John Vanbrugh I found the interesting information that the former was very widespread and mentioned in newspapers from most States of Australia and that the latter was an English dramatist, architect and herald born in 1664. He wrote comedies, designed Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard, was Comptroller of the King's Works for over 20 years and so much more. His plays defended women's rights, amazing for the times and also made him quite unpopular in many circles. He created the English baroque style of architecture, spent time imprisoned in France as a political prisoner and the list goes on. It is very worthwhile reading up on his life.

As I often find when pursuing information about my family, from little things big things grow. There is always something interesting to learn and when it involves a family member, no matter in how small a way, it always seems much easier to remember. Now, if I only knew what happened to that medal! (see page 19) ... 🌳



## STREET FLOODS IN LAMBETH

*In view of recent weather events, some of our ancestors also suffered from such events. ... ed.*

*Submitted by Beryl Watson (nee Pittard) LM 02*

My Pittard family lived in a house on the Thames Embankment (sic), before coming to Sydney in 1877 aboard the ship 'Commonwealth'. As far as can be estimated, the block was where 'The Eye' now stands.

"The sufferings of the poor in Lambeth, and in other quarters of the Metropolis, caused by the annual tidal overflow of the Thames, have been so graphically described as thoroughly to arouse public sympathy.

The prompt efforts of the clergy and the relief committees in distributing the funds and supplies placed at their disposal, have done much to allay the misery of the flooded-out districts. Feelings of apprehension and dread again and again rose with the tides and subsided with the muddy waters as they found their way back into the old channel or sank through the soil. The public have settled down with a sense of relief; and the suffering people returned to rekindle their extinguished fires and clear away the mud and *debris* from their houses; to reconstruct their wrecked furniture, dry their clothes and bedding, and live on as best they may under this new phase of nineteenth century civilization.



"Meanwhile the Metropolitan authorities, lulled to a sense of temporary security, have adopted no satisfactory measures to prevent the recurrence of similar disasters. A dangerous experiment is being tried with the health of the community at a time when epidemic disease is only held in check by the most vigilant (sic) efforts of modern science. It would be difficult to conceive conditions more favourable to the growth of disease than those at present existing in the low-lying, densely populous quarters of Lambeth, that have been invaded by the floods.

"In China, the people get used to floods, simply because they know that river embankments are costly, and not likely to be erected. The Chinese, some of them, construct their houses to meet emergencies. I have heard a Chinaman boast that a mud cabin was the fittest abode for man. In case of flood, it settles down over the furniture, keeps it together, and forms a mound upon which the family may sit and fish until the flood abates. When the waters have subsided, the owner, with his own hands, erects his house anew, and calmly awaits the advent of another flood. In Lambeth the conditions – at present at least – are altogether different. There are no mud huts and no wholesome fish in the waters of the Thames. Nor when the waters recede are the conditions so favourable to the maintenance of health. The high tides have left a trail of misery behind, and in thousands of low-lying tenements, a damp, noxious, fever-breeding atmosphere.

"A few hours spent among the sufferers in the most exposed neighbourhoods will convince anyone that the danger is not yet over; that disease may still play sad havoc among the people. The effects of disasters are still pressing heavily upon a hardworking, under-fed section of the community. Rheumatism, bronchitis, congestion (sic) of the lungs, and fever have paralyzed (sic) the energy of many of the bread-winners of the families of the poor. I, myself; have listened to tales of bitter



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distress from the lips of men and women who shrink from receiving charity.

"The localities in Lambeth most affected were Nine Elms, Southampton Street, East and West, Wandsworth Road, Hamilton Street, Portland Street, Fountain Street, Conro Street, Belmore Street, High Street, Vauxhall; Broad Street, William Street, Belvidere Road, Belvidere Crescent, Vine Street, Bond Street, Duke Street, Prince's Street, Broadwall Street, Stamford Street, Prince's Square, and Nine Elms Lane.

"Although the distress was not confined to any particular class, the majority of the sufferers are poor, and their misery was greatly intensified by the loss of furniture and bedding. Heavy losses were also incurred by the higher classes of working men; such, for example, as had invested their savings to purchase their houses through Building Societies. The structural damage done had to be repaired, thus throwing an additional burden of debt upon the prospective owners of small properties.

"In such neighbourhoods as Broadwall Street, houses containing four apartments are let at weekly rentals varying from seven shillings and sixpence to ten shillings. These houses are, many of them, let to the men employed in neighbouring works, and to labourers engaged about the wharves and warehouses on the south of the Thames. They are again sublet, so that two or three families frequently shelter under one roof. Each family occupies one or two rooms at a weekly rental ranging from half-a-crown to five shillings.

"In one room I found a young married couple and their baby tended by an aged female relative. The husband is a labourer, but the floods had thrown him out of work, and do what he would, he could only manage to earn about two days' wages during the week. The mother-in-law, a sempstress (sic), had contributed to their support, the rent had fallen into arrear, but the landlady had kindly agreed to receive it in instalments of a shilling, or two shillings, at a time until the husband had secured permanent employment. I was much struck with the bright, cheerful appearance of the comely young wife, and the success of her efforts to maintain a clean, comfortable, and attractive home to cheer her husband on his return after his wanderings in search of work. "If my lad, she said, "could only get something to do, steady-like, we would be happy enough, but this want of work is hard on us, and like to break down a good man!"

*We hope to continue this interesting story of the 1877 floods in London next issue. ... ed. ...* 🌳

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## THE PUB SAVING PREACHER

by John Hely (member #965)

*"First published in the Botany Bay Family History Society Journal 'The Endeavour' Edition 109 December 2011"*

Edwyn Carlyle Lloyd was the first-born child of Freida Lloyd (nee Hely) and John James Lloyd. Freida was born in Sydney on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1900, the seventh of ten children, to Edward Hely and Rose Larkin. Edwyn Carlyle Lloyd and I are both sixth generation Australian, descendant from John Hely (arrived 1820 a convict per the Dorothy) and Lucretia Hely who followed her husband (nee May, arrived 1823 free, per the Woodman). This story is from various sources including oral histories, newspaper, church records and family photograph albums.

Freida married John James Lloyd in 1923 at Temora, NSW.

Their children included:

1. Edwyn Carlyle Lloyd, born 11 May 1924
2. Freida Mary Lloyd
3. John Bruce Lloyd
4. Terrence Francis Lloyd

The story begins with extracts from my notes describing the oral history shared over several cups of tea, in two visits in mid 1975 with Freida Lloyd (then 75 years of age) who lived in Canberra in a unit at the back of her daughter Freida Mary's home.

Freida wanted to tell me about her family and to talk particularly about her son Edwyn. Freida was born into a Protestant family, however in her teenage years she chose to become a faithful Catholic with her girlfriend. This caused great displeasure from her family. Freida's son Edwyn who became a priest in the Catholic Church, was loved by all members of Freida's family and many in the community.

Freida's story begins: *John James Lloyd's mother's maiden name was Troy and her father's name was Jim Troy who married Miss McNamara. Jim Troy's mother was Mrs. O'Bryan from Gundibendyal and his aunt was Margaret Troy. Margaret Troy worked as a waitress for many years in the Hotels. She was a non-drinker, and at times left her employment due to low standards of morals etc. She finally saved enough to buy her own hotel, the George Hotel. Margaret Troy owned the George Hotel in Melbourne and when Carlton Breweries came to Australia, she sold her hotel and invested all her money in Carlton shares, after she died the shares were worth approximately one quarter of a million dollars, the majority of which was*



*Edward William  
HELY*

*Born: 8 Aug  
1862, Wagga  
Wagga, NSW,  
Australia  
Died: 1919,  
Paddington, NSW,  
Australia*

*Source: Family  
Photograph*

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*used in probate, especially since the shares had to be sold on a depressed market, hence at a lower value than assessed by the Government.*

*I recall the 'History of Temora', 'Gundagai Post' and 'Bulletin' have information regarding the relatives of the Troy family and early Australia. It is said that Troy was the 'man' from Snowy River and his brother-in-law was 'Clancy' of the overflow, both poems in Australia Heritage. You know the McKay's owned the 'Overflow Hotel' that is referred to in these poems.*

Established from the N.S.W. Births, Deaths and Marriages is the following:

John James Lloyd was the son of Francis Lloyd and Mary Catherine Troy. Mary Catherine Troy is the daughter of Thomas Joseph Troy and Catherine O'Brien from Gundibendyal, Thomas's brother was James (Jim) Troy who married Elizabeth O'Bryan. Thomas and James are two of the children of Nicholas (Mick) Troy and Mary McNamara. The History of Temora suggests that James Troy was a likely candidate as "The Man from Snowy River" in Banjo Patterson's poem.

Freida's story of the link with the Troy family history will need to be further investigated and perhaps become a future Journal submission.

*Freida's story continues: My father 'Edward' was a stern, fairly short man. I would only speak to him if spoken to. As a child I lived in Sydney in two, two storey houses – boarding houses, I think my father Edward owned them both and always rented any spare space.*

*My son Edwyn is an ordained Catholic Father and has his parish in Tasmania's centre. His parish was in the centre of the devastating Tasmanian fires which swept through many small towns, destroying hundreds of houses. The town of Snug was within his large parish. In the fires he became known as the "Pub saving Preacher". During the height of the fire the townsfolk of Snug were forced back to the Pub, one of the few brick buildings in those areas, for a last-ditch stand. Non-drinkers and drinkers were fighting the fire from this Pub; my son was one of these. During the struggle to save this Pub one of townsfolk asked him, 'Father Lloyd – What about your churches?' he replied, 'that they will be all right'. After the fires abated it was found that the majority of the churches in his parish were destroyed (being mainly of timber construction) but the Pub where the townsfolk made their last stand was saved. My son, from this experience became known as the 'Pub saving Preacher'.*



*Only the chimneys of the Fern Tree Hotel remain standing after fires swept the slopes of Mount Wellington. Source: [NLA.gov.au](http://NLA.gov.au)*



At Father Lloyd's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination the local newspaper used the title for the story "Anniversary for 'Bushfires' Priest". *Source: The Launceston Advocate 19 July 1973.*

The 1967 Tasmanian fires were an Australian natural disaster which occurred on 7 February 1967, an event which became known as the *Black Tuesday* bushfires. They were the most deadly bushfires that Tasmania has ever experienced, leaving 62 people dead, 900 injured and over seven thousand homeless. 110 separate fire fronts burnt through some 2,640 square kilometres (652,360 acres - 264,000 ha) of land in Southern Tasmania within the space of five hours. Fires raged from near Hamilton and Bothwell to the D'Entrecasteaux Channel as well as Snug.



*A Tasmanian couple's home explodes in flames.*  
*Source: NLA.gov.au*

The worst of the fires was the Hobart Fire, which encroached upon the city of Hobart. In total, the fires claimed 62 lives in a single day. Property loss was also extensive with 1293 homes, and over 1700 other buildings destroyed. The fires destroyed 80 bridges, 4800 sections of power lines, 1500 motor vehicles and over 100 other structures. *Source: Romsey Australia: Major Bushfires in Tasmania.*

Freida's story concludes: *My son is liked by all the people within and beyond the boundaries of his parish. He was to control all the relief operations for the churches in the fire devastated areas. He is described as a ordinary man – one who is at all levels for all people and circumstances, a practical man. He has been associated with interdenominational activities and studies.*

Freida Lloyd was very proud of her son.

To help to continue this Story, a search of The Ryerson Index provided the following information:

Surname	Given Names	Notice Type	Date	Type	Age	Other Details	Publication	Published
LLOYD	Edwyn C. (Dean)	Death notice	06FEB1989	Death	64	at St. Vincent's Hospital, Launceston	Sydney Morning Herald	08FEB1989

The information forwarded to me from The Church Of The Apostles, Launceston told of a wonderful and much loved man.

Extracts from an Oral history from Fr. Terry Southerwood a friend of the Dean (2011).

*Dean Edwyn Carlyle Lloyd became Administrator at the Church of the Apostles parish in Launceston in October, 1971. You already have info re his time at Kingston and role in the 1967 bushfires. Prior to that he had worked in the parishes of Launceston, Beaconsfield, Scottsdale, and Queenstown on the West Coast. I think he came to Tasmania about 1954. He formerly was a priest-teacher at a Catholic high school in NSW.*

*When he came to The Church Of The Apostles, Launceston in 1971 there was a debt of \$600,000. He quickly eliminated this by means of fund raising and solicited donations, both from Government and big business such as the Examiner newspaper. He persuaded the Tasmanian Government to make bingo legal in the State and this was a major source of Church revenue. In April, 1977, Dean Lloyd succeeded in having the historic bluestone church (it dated from 1866) placed on the register of the National Estate. He set out to restore the church and then to complete the building with an impressive tower and spire. This cost in excess of one million dollars.*

*In 1977 the Dean established a new Diocesan newspaper, The New Standard. On May 9, 1981, he was appointed President of the Tasmanian Council of Churches and achieved a lot for the ecumenical movement.*

Despite ill health, Dean Lloyd took on the role of financial consultant for the Papal Visit in November 1986. He initiated an art union which raised \$60,000. He also played a major role



In loving memory of  
Dean Edwyn C. Lloyd  
born 11th May 1924  
ordained 27th July 1948  
died 6th February 1989

*Source: Church of The Apostles, Launceston. and 9 February 1989.*

in the building of a Carmelite monastery in West Launceston.

He died on February 6, 1989, after a debilitating illness. More than 1000 came to his funeral. He had been administrator of the parish for 18 years, 60 priests concelebrated the Mass of Christian Burial with Archbishop Eric D'Arcy. He was a noted hospital chaplain. He was honoured by the City Council as Launceston citizen of the year – in 1988.

*A number of tributes to the Dean were reported early in 1989 including: Dean dies of cancer, Bells will be lasting memorial; Church mourns loss of a 'compassionate man' Source: The Launceston Examiner 7*

The following extracts from the Sydney Morning Herald provided a number of leads that would enable the story of Father Lloyd to be continued.

**LLOYD**, Reverend Dean Edwin V.F. – February 6, 1989 at hospital, Administrator of the Church Of The Apostles, Launceston, Tasmania.

R.I.P

Funeral Launceston. 1p.m. Thursday.

**LLOYD**, Very Reverend Dean Edwyn C – February 6, 1989 at Saint Vincent's Hospital, Launceston, loved and loving son of John James and Freida Mary Lloyd (both deceased), brother of Freida Mary (Molly, Mrs. Lythall, Sydney). John Bruce (Nowra) and Terrence (Canberra) and brother-in-law of Sidney (deceased), Patricia (deceased) and Bette and Loved uncle of all his nieces and nephews, in his 65th year, may he Rest in peace, Concelebrated Mass to be offered in the Church Of Apostle, Launceston on Thurs- Day (February 9), at 1 p.m.

J. A. Dunn, 205 Brisbane Street, Launceston, (033) 3124488.

# *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.*

## **RAAF CENTENARY MEMORIAL**

In March this year, The Royal Australian Air Force Centenary program has concluded with a commemorative dedication of a new memorial at RAAF Base Point Cook, Victoria, accompanied by a spectacular aerial display from the Roulettes.

The new memorial honours the 350,000 Australians who have served in Air Force in its first century, including 11,191 Australians who died serving their nation.

"This memorial is constructed at the birthplace of the Royal Australian Air Force, as a tribute to the generations of Australians who have proudly worn the Air Force uniform," Air Commodore Elfverson said.

"The sandstone memorial is designed so every Air Force member, our veterans and their families, can connect with it when they visit Point Cook."

On special occasions, a spotlight will point upwards from the memorial, looking forever skyward, honouring the 3143 Air Force personnel who have no known grave.

"The Centenary theme, 'Then. Now. Always.' is immortalised for future generations of aviators on the centrepiece of the memorial," Air Commodore Elfverson said.

During the dedication, flypasts were conducted by a Mustang 'warbird' from No. 100 Squadron, and by the Roulettes, the Air Force's aerobatic display team from Central Flying School.



*The Air Force Roulettes conduct an aerobatic display during the Air Force Centenary Memorial dedication ceremony. Photo: Leading Aircraftman Sam Price*



As the dedication drew to a close, the Roulettes performed a spectacular display over RAAF Base Point Cook in the time-honoured tradition of conducting flypasts for special Air Force commemorations.

*Source: Australian Government Dept of Defence*

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS




Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. Moderators/Co-ordinators are keen to share their knowledge with others. Please support them.

All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar. [see page 35]


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

SIGs go for one to two hours, we are asking for a \$2.00 donation to help keep our resources up to date.


 **Breaking through Brickwalls** – Helen Burkett moderates our Brickwall Group this year broadening it to cover UK, Australia and Convict questions. Ann Cooke has kindly offered to assist her, especially with the latter two subjects as she has more expertise in NSW than Helen does and she has convict family too.




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

 **Multi-Media Devices** – Roger Lewis & Ellen Sheerin continue this group helping attendees sort through their questions no matter what the media or device.



 **DNA Special Interest Group** – After the DNA test, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



 **FAMILY TREE MAKER** – This popular SIG will continue with moderator Martin Fisher. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.



***Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential ...*** 

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## THE MEDALS OF THE ART UNION OF LONDON

G. K. BEAULAH *British Numismatic Society*

*VANBRUGH (1855). Obv.: SIK JOHN VANBRUGH. BENJ. WYON SC. Rev.: In exergue: BLENHEIM BENJ. WYON" sc. On the edge: ART- UNION OF LONDON 1855. Diam.: 55 mm. The obverse shows a three-quarter bust. Sir John Vanbrugh ( 1 6 6 4 - 1 7 2 6 ) was the architect of Blenheim, continuing the Palladian style introduced by Inigo Jones—a style more concerned with effect than with convenience. The reverse shows the central block of Blenheim Palace.*



*The medal was commissioned in 1853; thirty medals in silver were allotted in 1856.*

*One sold for £ 282 in 2004 ... ed. ... 🌿*

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## FROM POLLIWOG TO SHELLBACK

*Harry & Helen Johnston-Lord members 504 & 505*

There is a mostly maritime ceremony held when one is crossing the Equator (The Waist of the World) for the first time. This ceremony converts the lowly Polliwog to the exalted Shellback.

15<sup>th</sup> Century: The tradition developed sometime after 1418 which is when expeditions coordinated by Prince Henry the Navigator began tentatively working their way down the Atlantic coast of Africa. By 1473, Portuguese explorer Lopo Gonçalves had reached and crossed the equator. Interestingly, no one on these early voyages mentions celebrating passing the equator, or anything else for that matter other than arriving back home alive! Presumably, these sorts of events wouldn't develop until voyages became so frequent they were considered "normal." (*Baptism at the 'Waist of the World' by Jeanne Willoz-Egnor, The Mariners' Museum, Virginia, USA*)

16<sup>th</sup> Century: The first account of the procedure was 1529. Initially the Polliwogs had their faces liberally coated with soot from cooking implements, chimneys and so on. Ropes were used to secure the subject for the dunking in the sea.

Later the ceremony was held on deck, presided over by King Neptune and His court, which included Davy Jones, Scribe, Doctor, Chaplain and



*Line-crossing ceremony aboard Méduse on the first of July 1816  
Source: Wikipedia*

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the Royal Baby. The whole court had to be shellbacks and were dressed in a manner very farcical.

There were many activities, mostly harmless, but sometimes far from that. Several Navies have banned physical mistreatment of Polliwogs following an incident onboard submarine HMAS Onslow.

There are a variety of these ceremonies for line crossings which also include the Order of the Blue Nose when crossing the Arctic Circle, or the Golden Shellback for those who crossed the equator at the International Date Line or the Top Secret Shellback for those submariners who crossed the equator at a secret degree of longitude. ([Crossing the Line: One of Maritime History's Oldest Traditions](#) **WORLD HISTORY** )

1768: By the eighteenth century, there were well-established line-crossing rituals in the British Royal Navy. On the voyage of HMS *Endeavour* to the Pacific in 1768, captained by James Cook, Joseph Banks described how the crew drew up a list of everyone on board, including cats and dogs, and interrogated them as to whether they had crossed the equator. If they had not, they must choose to give up their allowance of wine for four days or undergo a ducking ceremony in which they were ducked three times into the ocean. According to Banks, some of those ducked were "grinning and exulting in their hardiness", but others "were almost suffocated. ([Wikipedia](#)) In his Journal, Cook records the position of HMS *Endeavour* at noon on Tuesday, October 25th, as being: "latitude 0 degrees 15 minutes South, longitude 29 degrees 30 minutes West" So, the ship crossed the Line two of three hours earlier (15 miles at 5 knots is 3 hours). Weather at the time he recorded as, "A Genteel breeze and Clear weather, with a Moist Air".

July 1787: Surgeon General John White records that the seamen on board *Charlotte* didn't show an 'inclination ... to observe the ceremony usually practised' when crossing the equator, David Collins, who travelled on HMS *Sirius*, wrote:

*"Such persons as had never before crossed the Line were compelled to undergo the ridiculous ceremonies which those who were privileged were allowed to perform on them ..."*

The ceremony is mostly held on Naval vessels although it is not unknown on civilian ships.

We wonder how many of you have experienced or witnessed this 'ceremony'... 🌳

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## 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.*

*Your courtesy is appreciated. ... 🌳*

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## The Loss of a Beautifully Talented Soul.

Lynda Smith LM 2.

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William HUGGETT joined my family when he married Margaret SMALLHORN in 1902 in Western Australia. Margaret sadly caught typhus and died in 1906, leaving a young son, William Leroy who later died in a buggy accident in 1911. William had remarried in 1910, to a Rose Caroline GIBLETT. They had a daughter together, Joy Alberta Lucy HUGGETT in August 1914.

Joy features many, many times in the papers of Western Australia. I first found her in 1923, winning prizes in the under 15 years section of the Bridgetown Show. She evidently made stunning scones, sponge sandwiches and rock cakes at the age of nine. In 1924 she sat her first Trinity College of London Music exams, earning honours in the Preparatory grade. She was to continue these two pastimes for many years, always achieving high results.

Joy attended Bridgetown State School, but was taught music by the nuns at Bridgetown Convent. She then moved to board at St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls in Cottesloe from 1930 where Miss EGAN was her Music teacher. St Hilda's celebrated 125 years of providing quality education this year.



Naturally, she won the school Music prize in Bridgetown before finishing her studies in the city. In 1931 she gained second place in the state in the Trinity College Music exams, earning her a L.A.B. She was awarded a bursary and free entrance for a degree in London. L.A.B. stands for Licentiate of the Associated Board of the Royal College of Music in London, an award offered to citizens of Commonwealth countries at the time. Joy was the only one in Australia to earn this honour that year Nelson Advocate (WFH : 1926 - 1938), Friday 14 July 1933

### **Miss Joy Huggett      Official Farewell Evening**

*A special meeting of the Bridgetown Road Board was held on Friday last when it was decided to arrange a social and dance in honour of Miss Joy Huggett, A.Mus.A., LAB, prior to her departure for London. Miss Huggett was successful in winning an exhibition for music in the recent Royal Academy examinations, tenable in London, being the only pupil in the Commonwealth to gain the honour. It was decided to arrange a similar programme to that presented by the Repertory Club at its social. It was*

decided to ask the Repertory Club to assist. During the evening Miss Huggett will render selections. Miss Huggett will be absent for about three years and is being accompanied by Miss Ivy Dudley of Northam, who visited Bridgetown recently.

Joy's father was a member of both the Roads Board and the Repertory Company at this time. Joy's departure to London was

delayed by illness, a newspaper reporting on Jul 25 that she had required an operation and recuperation time from a serious illness.

Boyup Brook Bulletin (WFI : 1930 - 1950), Friday 7 September 1934



### **CONGRATULATIONS!** Miss Joy Huggett Successful

Miss Joy Huggett, L.A.B. (Exhib.), whom all will remember left for London last year to take out an exhibition she won in music at the Royal Academy, arrived in England a month late, then Christmas and Easter holidays intervened. The examinations commenced in June and finished the first week in July, giving her approximately nine months of study. Joy was taught pianoforte and singing but contracted a severe cold during the winter and had to discontinue singing lessons. She was appointed accompaniste to the Soloists. Professor Walton Hicken (teacher of accompaniment at the Academy) heard her play and suggested that she should take up the study of that branch of the art as he thought that she was specially gifted for it.

She did so and entered for the Bronze, which includes playing specially selected pieces (as per syllabus), sight-reading and accompaniment. Sixty-three candidates entered from the Main Hall and about 32 other candidates from lesser Halls. Of these only three passed, one of whom was Joy. Aural training was the second examination, which included ear tests, harmony and counterpoint. Miss Huggett had a complete pass with full honours and high commendation and was finally awarded the medal for the piano playing and also the medal for aural training.

In confirmation of her success we have seen a letter written to Mr Huggett by the principal of the Academy, Sir J.B. McEvan, M.A., D: Mus L.L.D. We are sure everyone in Bridgetown joins with us in congratulating Joy in her great success and the honour achieved, also her proud parents.

So, everything was looking good for Joy, at this stage. Winter was yet to come. It appears that Joy's health was much affected by April of the following year. It seems that she was a very dedicated student, so perhaps she did not take enough time to rest when she should have.

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Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press (WF : 1927 - 1950),  
Friday 10 May 1935

### **Late Miss Joy Huggett L.A. B. (Exhib.)**

*It is with the very deepest of regret that we record the passing of Miss Joy Huggett, L.A.B. [Exhib.] London on Saturday last. No details are as yet known regarding the death but it came as a shock to everyone. The late Miss Joy Huggett, was the only child of Mr and Mrs W. A. Huggett of Bridgetown and was aged about 20 years. In 1932, after a brilliant musical career in Perth, she was successful in winning the associated board exhibition for 1932 which entitled her to free tuition for five years at the Royal Academy of Music, London. In 1933, after wonderful farewell by the people of Bridgetown, Miss Huggett sailed for London and in her first six months there was successful in winning the bronze medal. Her career in London had been a brilliant one and much was expected of her...and now she has gone. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the parents on this very sad occasion, as does that of everyone who knew her, as a fine, unsophisticated young lady.*

Obviously, everyone at home was deeply shocked by Joy's demise at such a young age. It must have been terrible for William and Rose to be so far away at such a time. As Joy was so well known in Western Australia, naturally, people were curious as to why she had died in her 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Manjimup Mail and Jardee-Pemberton-Northcliffe Press (WF : 1927 - 1950),  
Friday 14 June 1935, page

### **Death of Miss Huggett – Cause of Same**

*As Mr Huggett is repeatedly receiving enquiries as to the cause of the recent death of his daughter, Miss Joy Huggett in London, the following information is supplied by him.*

#### **Copy of Letter per Air Mail**

*Dear Mr and Mrs Huggett, First let me offer you my sympathy on your loss. I attended your daughter in her last illness, and sent her into hospital. I thought a word or two might help to elucidate matters for you. I was frankly puzzled as to what was wrong and I sent her to the West London Hospital as an acute abdomen or a pneumonia. The staff of this hospital did all they could, though they were also puzzled and have been right up to the end. The trouble has been an appendic inflammation [sic] which has caused a septicaemia—a very unusual complication—which became further complicated by a terminal pneumonia. Again may I offer you my deepest sympathy, Sincerely Yours, E. W. McCormick M.D.*

#### **Extracts From Mr J. W. Wiles' Letter**

*The death certificate (which among some other things I am sending under separate cover by ordinary mail) states: —Cause of death [a] acute peritonitis, [b] acute appendicitis. Certified by A. Brown Davis M.R.C.S. We had hope of poor Joy's recovery up to the day before the end. The Doctors*



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*appeared puzzled as to the real cause, until a post mortem was held— there is little doubt that the appendix was the cause of all her troubles for some time past—the neuritis pains in her arms and back were due to it, yet there was nothing to indicate it—no abdominal pains, We have just returned from the funeral service which was held at Christ Church [where Joy worshiped] [sic] and then at the open grave. The coffin was of unvarnished oak. The service was attended by a number of friends and our neighbours including Mrs Small, of Oxford, and her daughter Noel. My wife anticipating your probable wish ordered a floral cross of white lilies, roses and carnations [all white] which was placed on the coffin and taken into the church—there were nineteen other floral tributes including a beautiful one from the Ministry of Health, Operatic Society [Joy was the accompanist].*

*To return to the final days at the hospital we had an early message that Joy had changed for the worse. On Saturday last my wife went straight there after breakfast and stayed with her until the end,[being joined by Nora and Miss Noel Small] to comfort her. Joy was conscious most of the time but too unwell to take interest in anything but the immediate requirements of the moment a drink—being made comfortable, and so on until she finally fell asleep and breathed her last, her spirit escaping to Eternal peace, from the poor pain racked body. Needless to say, apart from our own grief, our hearts are full of the deepest sympathy for you in your great bereavement. Yours Very Sincerely, J. H. Wiles.*

It is such a sad tale, but I am extremely grateful to those who scanned the relevant newspapers for Trove. Most of the time we have a very basic cause of death and no indication of the events that preceded it. The letters received paint a detailed picture of Joy's last days. I doubt this information would have done much to ease the grief of her parents, but it at least explains the rapidity of her decline.

[Trove Newspapers, Family records, WA BDMs.](https://www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/)

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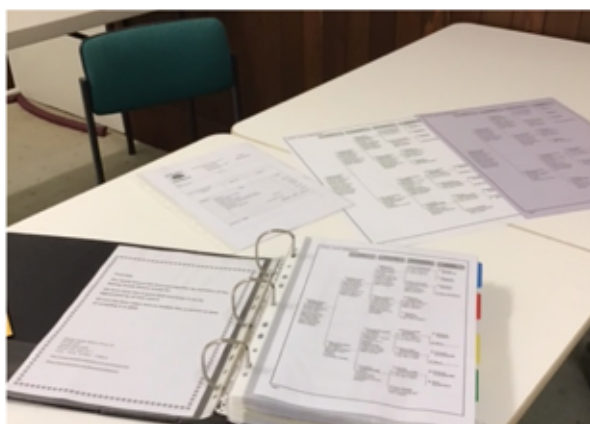
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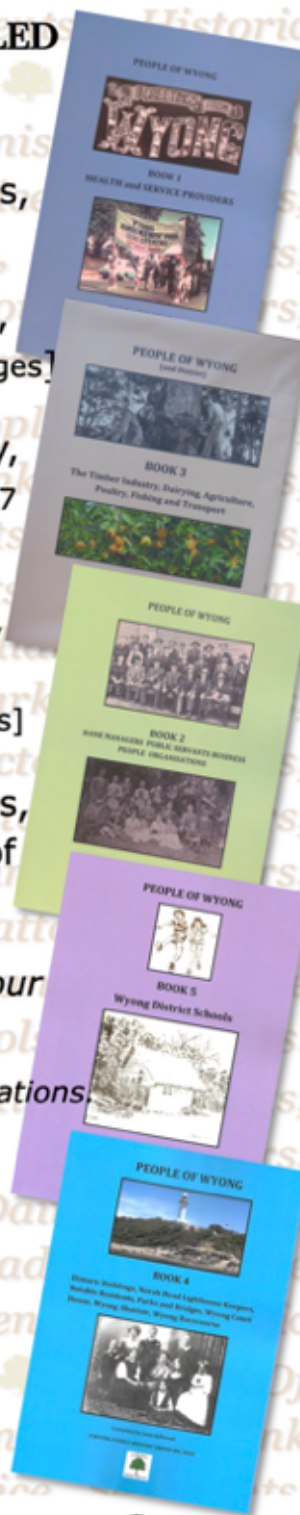
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## DIARY OF A 20 YEAR OLD SAILOR ON BOARD THE SHIP "KAINS"

Owen S. Powell Member 180

Born in Hastings in 1810 Charles Picknell to William and Mary, direct ancestors of my wife Ann May Powell nee Picknell.

Charles was illiterate, his spelling atrocious, attentive to detail, his writings showed he had some education with a bold free flowing style. Nothing seemed to miss his sharp eyes, his pencil never failing to record an interesting incident however small and personal.



As a 20 year old sailor on the ship "KAINS" Charles Picknell kept a diary of the journey from Woolwich, England to Australia in 1830 giving readers an excellent insight into life 246 days on board a 353 ton vessel.

Detailing the lives, trials and tribulations, many of the 120 women convicts were assigned to the Hunter region as the Factories at Parramatta and Newcastle were mostly full. Amongst those to whom they were sent, were the names; Ogilvie; Dumaresq; Threlkeld; Bloomfield; Hungerford; Hewit; Sullivan; Gaggin; Rapsey; Mudie; Rev Wilton.

One of the many notes about one of those convicts sent to the Hunter:

Elizabeth Lyons, aged 22, single, native of Surrey, occupation needlework and all work. Tried at Southwark March 1. 1830 sentenced to transportation for life for picking pockets. Assigned to E Walsh on arrival. In November 1832 sent to 10 days solitary confinement and returned to Gov service. Married Charles Templar of Wollombi in 1833. Sent to Newcastle gaol in Dec. 1841 under sentence of 14 days gaol for disorderly conduct, Sept. 1842 sent to Newcastle gaol from Paterson. No offence, Returned to government service in January 1843 from Singleton on a charge of drunkenness and disobedience, sentenced 14 days in cells and return to gov. Service. It is noted that her brother James Lyons came 8 ½ years previously.

Other listed convict names sent to the Hunter are: Bulpin; Craggs; Green; Gwynn 'Handlin; Harvey; Healey; Holding; Hudson; Jones; King; Lyons; MacGee; MacPherson; Mack; McCarty; McGregor; Palmer; Quinn; Smith; Stephens; Sullivan; Tweedale; Wheeler; Woods:

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Includes Wyong Abattoir, Norah Head Lighthouse Keepers, Notable Residents, Wyong Court House, Political Reps. 257 pages. Fully Indexed. Coloured and b&w photographs		
<b>People of Wyong Book 5:</b> <span style="color: green;">NEW!</span>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 42.00 + p&amp;h</b>
All Wyong District Schools both former and current, public and private, with a list of each school's Head Teachers. 270 pages. Fully Indexed. Coloured & b&w photos of each school		
<span style="color: red;">Purchase all 5 books in this series at the same time and receive 10% discount</span>		
<b>Place Names of the Wyong Shire</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 7.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 1963 – 2006</b>	<b>Book Out of Print</b>	
Records available on combined CD.		
<b>Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW 2007 – 2011</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 20.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Includes Wyong & Toukley		
<b>Simplicity Funerals Bateau Bay NSW, Toukley and Wyong 1963 – 2011</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Simplicity Funerals Erina 1985 – 2013</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 30.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Simplicity Funerals Woy Woy 1991 – 2013</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>20.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ \$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>The Anglican Parish of the Brisbane Water Area</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Baptisms, Burials and Marriages with notes from Albert Glennie's Diaries and miscellaneous entries. Includes Kincumber, Mangrove, Wyong, Tuggerah, Cooranbong, Woy Woy & the Hawkesbury River.		

Publication	Type	Price
<b>Wyong Agricultural Association</b> <b>Last Copy – Special Price</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 27.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Covers the history of the Wyong Agricultural Association as reported in local newspapers; lists of Office Bearers; photos of founders and first Committee; plus the minutes of all meetings held from 1 May 1913 to 18 June 1930 [248 pages with fully indexed]		
<b>Wyong Courthouse Death Records 1930 – 1953</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 20.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Wyong &amp; District Pioneer Register (Published 2013)</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 35.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Fully indexed compilation of all previous Pioneer Book entries, extensively updated references to over 13,500 individuals. Contains birth, marriage and death details, some photos, personal stories and obituaries for some individuals. Includes a brief history of Wyong. 673 pages		
<b>Wyong &amp; Lakes District Advocate, Personal Notices (1932 – 1995)</b>		
<b>Volume One</b> <b>Last Copy – Special Price</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 27.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Contains 514 anniversary notices, 1078 birth notices, 4,000 marriage notices, 4790 in memoriam notices and 238 miscellaneous event notices. Includes church photographs		
<b>Volume Two</b>	<b>Book Out of Print</b>	
Contains 11,973 deaths, obituary & probate notices as well as Church and Cemetery photos		
<b>Volume 1 and 2 available on combined CD</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 35.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Wyong Remembers:</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 19.00 + p&amp;h</b>
The history of the Wyong War memorial and Centenary of ANZAC events. (53 pages)		
<b>Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries 2017</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 + p&amp;h</b>
Includes Jilliby, Noraville, St Barnabas & Yarramalong and Ronkana Cemeteries		
<b>Jilliby Cemetery, Wyong Shire, NSW</b>	<b>Book Out of Print</b>	
<b>Noraville Cemetery, Wyong Shire 1869 - 2012</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 20.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>St Barnabas &amp; Yarramalong Cemeteries, Wyong Shire NSW 1886-2001</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Ronkana Cemetery, Wyong Shire NSW 1825 - 2016</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 20.00 + p&amp;h</b>
This index has been compiled from the WFHG Inc. cemetery database. It includes burials [and niches] at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas [Yarramalong] and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong Cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains cemetery maps, Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location [section, row, plot], some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all graves including those unmarked. 220 pages		
<b>Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Palmdale Cemetery</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
[30,000 names, not all from Wyong]		
<b>Genealogy Recorder</b>		<b>\$ 10.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>SUPER SPECIAL - 2 BOOK PACK !</b>		
<b>Simplicity Funerals Wyong Shire NSW 1993 – 2011</b>		
<b>Bowden Family Funerals Wyong, July 1999 – January 2015</b>		
	<b>2 x Books</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 + p&amp;h</b>
<b>Great Value for these records which are not on the Internet. Nor are they available from any other source. Usually priced at \$40.00 for the two books, buy both now for only \$25.00</b>		

## MEMBERS' MILESTONES

Congratulations go to the following members, who were presented with certificates for reaching these milestones:



February:  
#532 Jeanette Chapman 10 years



April:  
#23 Denis Dean – 25 Years.

Thanks for your continued support and congratulations to both of you ... 🌳

## LIFE MEMBERS



From time to time our Group awards a Life Membership.

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

Name	Memb No.	Date of Award
The Late Keith Shakespeare	01	Sept 1994
Lynda Smith	02	08 Dec 1995
The Late Patricia Irwin Sharp	03	14 Sept 2001
Marilyn Cridland	11	13 Sept 2007
Pam Mansergh	14	13 Sept 2007
The Late Esther Dean	23	13 Sept 2007
Janice Barrett	43	13 Sept 2007
Kerrie Metcalfe	80	9 Sept 2010
Roger Lewis	127	20 Sept 2012
Robin Wright	133	20 Sept 2012
Trish McDonald	194	09 Oct 2014
Glenise Clery	284	09 Oct 2014
Michele Gane	174	03 June 2018
John Selwood	79	03 June 2018
Meg Gibson	43	20 Feb 2021
Gwen Bates	70	20 Feb 2021



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## 21ST CENTURY GENEALOGY SEMINAR WITH JILL BALL

*Helen J-L Member #505*



I would like to thank WFHGInc for the Jill Ball Seminar on Sunday 20 February.

I enjoyed the day, getting out and meeting folk, face to face.

Definitely not a strident presenter, Jill gave us SO much information on '21<sup>st</sup> Century Genealogy - Using Old and New Tools to Connect and Communicate'.

Personally, more information on getting a blog up and running, a short information session or workshop would help please (see page 35).

Again, THANK YOU to the Organisers! ... 🌳



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## General Meetings

*Helen Johnston-Lord member 505*

February's Meeting was via ZOOM, this will probably be how some meetings will be conducted in the future in tandem with 'bums on seats'. Lacking transport, I find this is a good way to keep in touch.

March: At last, a sunny day at the Cottage.

A little research on Ancestry before the meeting, a cuppa and treat then into the Anzac Room for the meeting.

The business of the meeting was soon dealt with, and Kerrie introduced our guest.



Warren Henry, our guest speaker had been busy setting up for his talk. Some folk expressed interest as he wheeled in an Esky. 'Don't get too excited' says Warren. Neatly packed inside was his set up for his presentation. He had his own sound system so everyone could hear him.

Warren was first booked for April 2020 and it was good to finally have him here.

He is a local fellow with a long list of experience in different areas.

After talking about his book, 'The Ark in Your Pocket' Warren mentioned the other book he had written 'Fat the New Muesli'. He had signed copies of both books available for purchase, many taking advantage of his special offers of the day.



Congratulations to Regina, for booking such an interesting, well prepared, and relaxed speaker.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the April meeting, however, I understand Will Ferrett's presentation on using a website for Manning River ancestors was informative. ... 🌳

## WFHG Inc. PLANNED EVENTS

- Subject to change.
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, information sessions and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = Special Interest Group
- **Info** = Information Session

	2022	Event
May	Sun 8	Mothers' Day
	Thu 12	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 14	<b>General Meeting – Building 1 Guest Speaker, 1:00 pm</b>
	National Volunteer Week 16th – 22nd May	
	Tue 17	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Tue 24	State Records <b>Bus Trip</b>
	Wed 25	Monthly <b>ZOOM</b> Catch Up 7:30 pm
	Thu 26	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 28	Multi-Media <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 31	Committee Meeting for June 10:00 am

	<b>2022</b>	<b>Event</b>
June	Thu 2	Blogging <b>Info Session</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Fri 4	Intermediate Family History <b>Course</b> – week 1
	Tue 7	Ryerson/Trove <b>Info Session</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Wed 8	Using Google Maps <b>Info Session</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Fri 10	Intermediate Family History <b>Course</b> – week 2
	Sat 11	<b>General Meeting 1:00 pm</b>
	Wed 15	Convict Research <b>Info Session</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Fri 17	Intermediate Family History <b>Course</b> – week 3
	Tue 21	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 22	Monthly <b>ZOOM</b> Catch Up 7:30 pm
	Thu 23	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Fri 24	Intermediate Family History <b>Course</b> – week 4
	Sat 25	Multi-Media <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 28	Committee Meeting for July 10:00 am
	Wed 29	Research in England pre 1837 <b>Info Session</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
July	Sat 2	Joy & Alan Murrin <b>Seminar</b>
	Wed 6	WFHG Training Day R.R.A 10:00 am – 12noon & 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
	Sat 9	<b>General Meeting 1:00 pm</b>
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 19	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 20	Scottish & Irish <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Thu 21	<a href="#">Tree of Life Deadline</a>
	Sat 23	Multi-Media <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Wed 27	Monthly <b>ZOOM</b> Catch Up 7:30 pm
	Thu 26	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
August	Tue 2	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Thu 11	Family Tree Maker <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 13	<b>General Meeting 1:00 pm</b>
	Tue 16	DNA <b>SIG</b> 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 17	Scottish & Irish <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 20	WFHGIInc <b>Open Day 10:00 am</b>
	Wed 24	Monthly <b>ZOOM</b> Catch Up 7:30 pm
	Thu 25	Brickwall <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 27	Multi-Media <b>SIG</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 30	Committee Meeting for September 10:00 am
	Sat 10 Sept	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1:00 pm</b>





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## 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.

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**Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 July, 2022 is the closing date for submissions for next issue of the "Tree of Life".**

### Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

**Opening Hours: Tuesday 6 – 8 pm,  
Friday 10 am – 2 pm**

Generally closed during school holidays.

Open at other times on request

#### Free access

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