

Lovelanes Festival

Free Event

Wyong Town Centre

Sat 11th Feb 4pm - 10pm

WFHG will be there!
Come and say hi.**The Wyong Family History
Group General Meeting**

11th February

The cottage will open at 11 am for
unassisted research. The meeting
will commence at 1 pm .Our guest speaker will be Denis Gojak
who will be talking about the

“Kariong Hieroglyphs”

State Records Bus Trip

29th March 2017

Cost: \$25 pp

Contact the cottage on

4351 - 2211

For more information

WFHG e-Branch



From The President

Welcome members to 2017 and another busy year for our group, the Cottage is open and in full swing with all the resources you need to knock down your brick walls. We do have air conditioning so don't let this dreadfully hot weather put you off.

We are in need of volunteers. If you think you can help please talk to us and we will explain what we need. If you find something that suits you, training will be given and you will learn many new skills. It is very important to the future of our group that members give some serious thought to helping out with some of the more committed positions so please ask us about volunteering. We need your help.

Kerrie Metcalfe LM (80)

President

- In this edition:
- * Library updates
 - * Snippets from other journals
 - * News about upcoming events
- AND MORE**

NOTE:

Upcoming FREE information sessions held at the cottage. All commence at 11am unless otherwise stated. Please register your interest with the Cottage on 4351 - 2211

Feb 2017

Thursday 16th - Using Free BMD and Free Reg (Trish McDonald)

March 2017

Tues 7th - DNA information session

Wed 15th - Finding records on Family Search

If you would like the Wyong Family History logo embroidered onto a shirt, jacket or cap, contact the Advance Design Clothing Company 14/11 Donaldson Street Nth Wyong. Phone 4351 1555.



Special Interest Groups

Microsoft Word Interest Group is moderated by Helen Johnstone-Lord
Meets the 2nd Tuesday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Starting Tuesday 14th Feb

Convict Interest Group is moderated by June Johnson
Meets the 2nd Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Wednesday 8th Feb

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Interest Group is moderated by Martin Fisher
Meets the 2nd Thursday afternoon monthly. 12.30 pm to 2.30pm
Starting Thursday 9th Feb

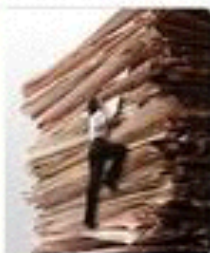
English and Welsh Interest Group is moderated by Helen Burkett
Meets the 3rd Tuesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Tuesday 21st Feb

The Scottish / Irish Interest Group is moderated by Gwen Bates
Meets the 4th Wednesday morning monthly. 10.00 am to 12 noon
Starting Wednesday 22nd Feb

The Facebook Interest Group is moderated by Ellen Sheerin Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
Starting Saturday 25th Feb

The Computer / iPad / Tablet Interest Group is moderated by Roger Lewis Meets bi-monthly, 4th Saturday morning of the month. 10 am to Noon
Starting Saturday Jan 28th

STATE RECORDS BUS TRIP



Our first trip to State Records for 2017 will be on Wednesday 29 March 2017. Cost is \$25 per head.

We have organised a behind the scenes tour for those who wish to avail themselves of this service (provided we can get six or more interested people). The tour takes about an hour and then the rest of the day is available for research.

For those who do not want to go on the tour they can get a head start on their research as soon as they get to the Kingswood facility.

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

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

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

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



GOSFORD LDS

Family Search - Family Discovery Day

Saturday 25th March 2017

10am - 2.30pm

Gosford LDS Chapel

14-24 Akora Road, WYOMING

(across from ALDI - parking around the back of the chapel)

Family Discovery Days are held to provide people with information about Family Search and the amazing free resources it offers. Register your interest at the website below.

<http://hyperlinkthegenerations.weebly.com>

The theme of this event is - **Hyperlink the Generations**

and is specifically focused on sharing ideas about how to work on our family history collaboratively - making sure the whole family can be involved.

Some of the activities (**all are FREE**) running on the day include:

Training sessions - Beginner through to Advanced sessions about getting the most out of Family Search

One-on-one research help - Local LDS family history consultants and Wyong Family History Group members will be onsite to help you with specific research questions.

Indexing training - Don't miss it! If you aren't doing a little bit of indexing from time to time - why not!!?

A scanning station - bring in that shoe box of documents and photos under the bed and our friendly LDS youngsters will scan them onto a USB for you, or upload them onto your online Family Tree

Family group brainstorm sessions - bring your family along and sit down in front of the big screen and look at your family tree together! Share the stories - see where the gaps are and delegate branches for further research. A great way to all get on the same page. Bookings essential.

Creative competitions / displays - Three categories: 1) Short story (flash piece) 2) A picture says a thousand words and 3) Family recipes. Check out the website for full details and conditions. Not sure if there will be "prizes"...working on it!

Lunch - gold coin donation with all proceeds going to our community family history groups (eg Wyong Family History Group)

FROM THE LIBRARY

From the Library

New Acquisitions for January 2017

Books

AHS144 *Children of the Back Lanes.*

Donated by Trish Macdonald, this book examines the history of the various movements to rescue the orphaned and destitute children of NSW between 1788 and 1890, and the controversies which surrounded the ideological goals and the methods of the various schemes. Indexed.

LHS406 *Nulladolla 1988.*

Contributions were sought from Family Historians and descendants of settlers in the district prior to 1888, to produce this very informative early history of the Milton-Ulladulla area. Containing a number of early photographs, a list of persons qualified to vote in the Year 1874-75, short biographies of many local residents and the names of those who are honoured on the local War Memorial, this book was donated by Kerrie Metcalfe. Indexed.

LHS407 *Pictures From The Past Volume 2 – Recollections of early life in the Hastings.*

The selection of photographs in this book dates from around 1850 to 1950 and related information on these photographs is taken from files held within the Port Macquarie Historical Society Museum. Many individuals are named in the photographs included. The book was kindly donated by Lyn Hagstrom

LHS408 *Willow Tree and District School Centenary.*

Donated by Beryl Whatson, this booklet contains brief histories and photographs of a number of schools in the Willow Tree District between 1882 and 1982. The schools included are Willow Tree, Jacks Creek, Warrah Creek, Bobadil, Ardglen Warrah and Mt. Boo.

LHS409 *Concord Public School 125 Years.*

Records of this school present a story of changing social and ethnic backgrounds, from almost exclusively middle class Anglo-Celtic school students in the 1880s to the 1970s, when over half of the student body was of Italian descent. Included are a list of the Principals from 1880 to 1991 and a number of early class photographs in this book donated by Marilyn Cridland. Indexed.

LHS410 *Manning River – The Four Record Floods 1866, 1929, 1930 and 1978.*

This book is compiled from the reports printed in the Manning Valley newspapers, which brought news of the havoc wrought on the district and the response by the community during the record floods that occurred in the years 1866, 1929, 1930 and 1978. Indexed.

Those who enjoy borrowing the various magazines from the trolleys in the hall outside the Library will be pleased to know that Dellas Johnston has donated copies of *Your Family History UK* from June 2014 to December 2016.

Please remember to note the details required in the red Library Loans book should you borrow items from these trolleys.

Glenise Clery. Librarian. LM #284.

BOOK STALL BARGAIN BIN February 2017	ISBN NO.	AUTHOR	DATE
<p>Port Arthur - A Photographic Essay \$5</p> <p>This excellent photographic record of Porth Arthur and the notations with the photographs paints this settlement in a much better light than we were led to believe. The people in charge seemed to try very hard to teach trades to the prisoners which held them in good stead for when they were released. Very few of the structures are intact, due mainly to the poor firing of the bricks used in the construction. Most of the major buildings were destroyed by bushfires which regularly raged through the area.</p>	None	Frank Bolt	1st Ed.1972 5th Ed.1980
<p>Swan River Colony \$3</p> <p>The title of this publication is very misleading. The photgographic history is far more comprehensive than the Swan River colony. This history of the state of Western Australia is traced from the horse and buggy days to the end of WW11 with fascinating photographs of the advancement of the Automotive industry, the introduction of trams, motorcycles and some of the momentous occasions which occurred during the period of the book. A must for any library.</p>	0 909699 20 8	Ted Joll	1979
<p>Singapore. 1942 Britain's Greatest Defeat \$3</p> <p>The surrender of Singapore on 15th Febuary 1942 with the capture of over 120,000 men was the greatest and most humiliating defeat in British history and the high point of Japanese expansion in S E Asia. A Japanese invasion force swept to victory against a mixed army of Australian, British and Indian soldiers changing forever Britain's imperial destiny and the balance between Europe and the rest of the world.</p>	9.81E+09	Alan Warren	2002
<p>History of Gosford \$5</p> <p>Published by Wyong Shire Historical Society. This is a small booklet with ni illustrations. One of many books of this content.</p>		H. E. Brennan	1970
<p>Writing Interesting Family Histories \$10</p> <p>If you intend to write you family's history this is a book you must have on your shelf to refer to. This book is in brand new condition.</p>	978 0 9807046	Carol Baxter	1st Ed.2009 2nd Ed.2010
<p>Letters to Ann \$3</p> <p>The love story of Matthew Flinders and Ann Chappelle. Read the letters of a lonely love lorn man. Matthew spent many years unjustly imprisoned. He was the first man to circumnavigate Australia proving that the "Great South Land" is an island.</p>	0 207 19742 3	Catherine Retter and Shirley Sinclair	2001

Australian Bushrangers \$3

A well written book detailing the lives, exploits and deaths of Australian bushrangers who have been romanticised but prove to be a blood thirsty murderous lot. Well illustrated.

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Ned Kelly Bushranger \$3

This is a much dramatised and thorough account of the Kelly gang who stole from banks and stage coaches, killed policeman and any one else who got in their way and became a legend in their own life time when they were either shot or hung. Sir Henry Parkes put a price on their heads of 8000 pounds.

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Jean Macleay Member 359

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS

DECEMBER 2016

Research Tip of the Week

The Schools' Collection

The schools collection held in the Folklore Collection in UCD and digitised on <http://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes>, is a collection of folklore written up by Irish pupils from 5,000 primary schools between 1937 and 1939. I have referred to it before but having just looked at it recently I feel it's worth recommending it again as a wonderful resource. The children wrote on subjects such as local areas of interest, cures, traditions. They talked to their parents, grandparents and neighbours - so effectively we have stories from just after the Famine, and the Famine was one of the subjects the children wrote about. They also wrote about Christmas, so we learn that coming up to the 25th of December walls inside and out were whitewashed and ivy and holly used as decorations inside. On Christmas night a candle was lit and placed in the window and the door was left open. Many of the children mention the fact that people didn't visit others on Christmas night, but stayed at home. A more unusual tradition that had appeared to die out by the 1930s but was reported by quite a few children was that on Christmas night the farm animals were fed bread or an oatmeal cake - the belief being that if the animals weren't fed they would die the following year. One 90 year-old lady reported that

she well remembered one Christmas night supper in the 1860s: 'On this particular night we had tea. Tea of course was very scarce and dear at that time. ...we got a stone of flour, and a little tea and sugar. We made the tea in a pot, as we had no teapots then. For drinking the tea, we used mugs and wooden noggins. At the supper we used the cake made from the flour, in addition to potato cake and "boxty bread". Another report from an elderly man which sounded more like a personal wish than a local tradition was reported as follows: 'It is a custom to eat a mince pie on each of the twelve days of Christmas. This brings luck for the twelve months of the year.'!

I love that the accounts add colour and valuable details about a local area and they can be used to give insight into the lives of previous generations.

By Expert Researcher

Helen Moss.

Source: Irish Family History Centre Newsletter Saturday, December 22, 2016

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member

IRISH RESEARCH TIPS

JANUARY 2017

Research Tip of the week

January 14th 2017

Putting order on your files

An essential feature of genealogy is putting order on our findings. The after Christmas lull has always been a great time to put order on our 'stuff' be it photos (in a pre-digital age!) or assembling and archiving the documents found on our family in the year gone out.

The simple act of such organising can lead us to assess and reassess new information in the course of a recent organisation, I solved a puzzle as to how the nineteen people sharing my family's surname, in the same village, enumerated on the 1901 Census, related to my own, direct ancestor. In turn this has pointed the way to the next searches.

By 1901, my grandfather, Christopher, was enumerated with his siblings and widowed mother, Bridget in our village. Due to the early death of Christopher's father, John, information on their wider family was lost. Oral history, supported by some documentation

indicated that four brothers had settled in this village in the 17th century, but as is often the way, we were short on specifics.

Who then were the William and Thomas, with the same surname, living in our village in 1901? Both William and Thomas had children with almost exactly the same names as John had given his children. Thomas was buried adjacent to our family plot and had acted as witness to my great grandfather’s marriage. I had assumed they were cousins of my great grandfather, John. I was wrong.

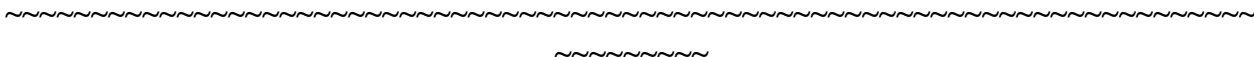
Although civil marriage certificates for Thomas and William had been obtained, showing they were both the sons of John, I still thought the relationship was in an earlier generation. At year’s end, while filing said certificates, I took the time to view the corresponding church record. Thanks to the good record keeping of the priest led me to discover that Thomas and William were in fact the sons of the same set of parents as John. As is common in Dublin parishes, the priest recorded both the mother and father’s name of the bride and the groom.

Courtesy of the parish records now online at NLI I could quickly verify that William and Thomas were in fact the younger brothers of my great grandfather. Heretofore, searching parish records was a matter of hours spent with the microfilm in the National Library. Now with catholic parish records online, a much wider and extensive search could be conducted. My earlier trawl through the National Library had shown some siblings in the decade searched (1840). Had I extended my search of the parish records, I would have learnt that John’s parents - also John - and Catherine had two more sons in the 1850s, Thomas and William.

Further careful study of the marriage records for all the known brothers here, including William and Thomas, provided me with book end years for the search of death of their father, a stonemason. When the oldest brother married in 1872, very helpfully, it was recorded that his father, John, was deceased.

Although *some* civil records are now online, the death I sought, prior to 1872 is not yet imaged. A visit to the GRO is eagerly awaited. If John died between 1864 and 1872, then I should expect to find the registration of his death in civil indexes for John, supplying me with a year of death. One has been noted and a visit to the GRO is now eagerly awaited. This has given me the springboard to continue on to the next searches in the task to document the oral history back to earlier generations.

By Expert Researcher,
Carmel Gilbride



Research Tip of the week

January 28th 2017

In Ireland the Roman Catholic Church is a private institution. The historical church records of the Catholic church in Ireland document the sacraments – mainly baptism and marriage.

Although the Church observes the anointing of the sick or dying as a sacrament, most Catholic parishes in nineteenth-century Ireland never kept registers relating to the death or burial of parishioners. Of course there are some remarkable exceptions to this rule of thumb, including County Longford, where by the mid-1800s all Catholic parishes kept death or burial registers.

The Catholic Church observes other sacraments including communion and confirmation, and it also kept other administrative records for the parish. While some of these records survive at parish level, they were not systematically microfilmed by the National Library and are not in the public domain.

Significantly, the National Library's digital collection includes over 60,000 records that offer a glimpse of other types of information kept by Catholic parishes. These records include separate baptismal registers for converts; registers of "churchings" (blessings of a woman on the first occasion she returned to the church after giving birth); names of parishioners who gave donations or subscriptions towards the upkeep of the church; names of parishioners who received food distributed by the parish in the Famine (Parish of Mountshannon, also known as Whitegate or Clonrush, County Clare); and a few rare parish censuses taken by parish priests.

In 1866 the priest of Kilfenora, County Clare, recorded a parish census to track his parishioners from the start of the Famine to the mid 1860s. The priest as enumerator made marginal notes to indicate relations within the family eg: (H for husband, W for wife, C for children). He recorded if the named parishioner had died or was "gone" (emigrated) from the parish. In some instances he even noted where his former parishioners had settled, such as Australia. Interestingly, the priest observed a pre-Famine custom whereby he identified all wives by their maiden names, but all children by their family surname. The priest also recorded the ages of all children aged twelve and under.

These records can be searched separately as "Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Lists" on Ancestry and Findmypast.

By Fiona Fitzsimons

Expert Researcher at Irish Family History Centre

Submitted by Pam MANSERGH #14, Life Member



E newsletter snippets November/December 2016

Local content: Dubbo & district FHS Aug. 2016: Orange FHG Aug. 2016: Wagga Wagga FHS Oct. 2016:

Australind FHS Oct. 2016: Pgs 5- 7 Growing up in Yarloop cont. , Pgs 9-11 150th anniversary of the Rose Hotel, Pg. 12 Reasons for admission to a mental asylum 1864-1889.

Central Coast FHS Aug. 2016: 35th anniversary celebrations for the group, Pgs 15 -20 The Grey sock- and the "Socks for soldiers" WW1 /WW2 home front effort, Pgs 30-31 Hydrogen Bomb Information sheet WW2,

Coffs Harbour FHS Sept. 2016: Pgs 3-4 convict John Goodall identified, Pg.5 Convict Love tokens, Pg. 6 Irish Orphan Girls that left MOUNTBELLEW Workhouse and immigrated to Australia in 1853 on an Irish Bride ship called the '*Palestine*', arriving in Western Australia on April 28, 1853... list of names supplied, contact Paula Kennedy:

pkpaulakennedy@gmail.com , Pg.8 FamilySearch: A GUIDE to the BRITISH BATCHES created by Archer Software. This website lists the extracted batches for the British Isles - previously formed part of the IGI. The introduction is self-explanatory and easy to use. This site is worth a look and although it doesn't offer all the information provided by the IGI Batch

Numbers. Website created by Hugh Wallis, it updates and amplifies much of that information. Look at: www.archersoftware.com.uk/igi/

Forbes FHG Oct. 2016: Pgs 10- 14 Tom's Lagoon School 1895-1948, Pg. 15 Australian Bush Vocabulary- relating to land ownership, livestock etc.

Convict Connections group -Gen. Society of Old Oct. 2016: Pgs 6-13 The "travelling convict hulk, The Success"- fact vs fiction, Pgs 14- 15 early 'Australian' coats of arms and the Advance Australia connection, Pgs 18- 24 Reverend John Joseph Therry, Pgs.25-30 Life aboard the hulk Leviathan in Portsmouth harbour- taken from the classic novel, "The adventures of Ralph Rashleigh", Pg. 31 websites about hulks, Pgs 39-41 The establishment of Quakers in Australia.

Hawkesbury FHG Sept. 2016: Pgs 3-4 The Squatter's Hotel Windsor, Pgs 5- 6 Commonwealth War Graves Commission website explained <http://www.cwgc.org/>, Pgs 7-8 Citing your sources, Pgs 13 –16 John Stewart, 1832-1904 Scottish born veterinarian. Pg. 25 SUBSCRIPTION LIST – 1838 A LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR BUILDING A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINDSOR & SCHOOLHOUSE AT RICHMOND & KURRYJONG.Pg.28 St Matthew's Bicentenary ~ October 2017 During October 2017, St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor will be celebrating the bicentenary of the laying of the foundation stone by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. A number of significant events are planned, see p. 18 . Additional events will be held over the next few years to tie in with building and opening of this historic church. If you would like to be kept informed please contact the organisers to be placed on a mailing list stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au or c/- St Matthew's Bicentenary, PO Box 526, Windsor NSW 2756.

Hurstville FHS Oct. 2016: Pgs 1, 3-5 Mrs Duberly's war [the wife of a Hussar who experienced The Crimean and Sepoy Mutiny], pgs 6-10 lots of childhood Christmas reminiscences.

Irish lives remembered Sept. 2016: Pgs 6-7 Finding and interpreting war records on Findmypast.ie, Pgs 15-17 Aggregate, authenticate, organise [your family photos], Pgs 18- 19 19th Century photography, lengthy article on the creator of EPIC Ireland at the Irish Family History Centre. Pgs 27- 29 the O'Brien surname origins, Pgs 30- 39 Irish responses to war [WW1], Pgs 40-43 Tracing your ancestors from WW1, Pgs 55-58 Irish women and US Servicemen in WW1.

Old FHS Nov. 2016: Pg. 5- Avenues of Honour cont., Pg. 10 **BAFFLED BY BANNS? TRY THIS MARRIAGE SEARCH STRATEGY**

If you can't find your ancestors' marriage record in the parish registers, here's a handy strategy you can try to hunt it down. Here are the parish registers you should try next:

- The parish where the couple's child was later baptised
- The mother's family parish (often listed on the baptism record)
- The father's family parish (often listed on the baptism record)
- Immediate neighbouring parishes.

Maybe you've found the marriage licence, but can't find the marriage record. In this case, the licence may have been issued by a foreign marrying parish. Use the finding aids IGI/ FamilySearch and digital indexed registers on major websites; County Marriage Indexes compiled by local family history societies are often online or at a local record office; and Boyd's Marriage Index 1538-1850 is a useful source for millions of marriages. Also Vicar General and Faculty Office Marriage Licences have good coverage of London, especially before 1754. To find the weblinks to help you, read <https://blog.findmypast.com.au/wedding-1942910134.html>, for the full story.

Pg.11 In August, QFHS Inc launched the latest in its popular QSPI (Queensland School Pupils Index) series. This was QSPI Part 6, representing an additional 213 schools with over 650,000 entries, Pgs 22-25 The survey of London 1848-50, Pg.29 European websites, Ps 30-31 Irish and Welsh sources, Pg. 38 English Heritage has put together an interactive map of all listed buildings in England. London is peppered with thousands of historic properties, including many residential areas. All locations are backed up with information records. See <http://londonist.com/2011/06/all-listed-buildings-in-london-on-one-map> .

Sale & District FHG Oct. 2016: New publication launched "Is this your house?", Pgs 3-6 The trial of James Henry Napper 1947.

Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS Nov. 2016 : Pgs 6-7 The use of bicycles in the Boer War, Pg. 9 Can you believe that record? Discrepancies between BDM entries and Church burial records, Pgs 10-11 Non Government Immigration schemes- Salvation Army, Pgs 13- 15 Gran's diary [1905 overseas honeymoon] cont.

More snippets from e journals: January 2017

Local content: Colo Shire FHG Dec 16-Jan 17: Hurstville FHS Dec. 2016: Ku-Ring-Gai HS Nov. 2016:

Adelaide & Nth districts FHG Nov 2016: Pgs 2-3 The story of William Wilberforce, Slavery abolitionist, Pg. 6 <http://irishpost.co.uk/7-photographs-let-rediscover-lost-ireland/> has lovely early photos of Ireland.

Australind FHS Dec 2016: Pgs 6-7 Australind, the beginning cont. from Sept. edition, Pgs 11-12 The Mountbellew workhouse project, including a list of girls who left Ireland for Australia per the *Palestine* 1852/3. Pg. 14 **175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SHIPS ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIND** Are you one of the descendants of families who came on ships *Island Queen* (1840), *Parkfield* (1841), *Trusty* (1842) or *Diadem* (1842)? This special event will be held on Sunday, 2nd April 2017 at Alverstoke Historic Farm The day's itinerary will be published in the March edition of the *Skeleton*.

Bega Valley Gen. Soc. Oct. 2016: Pgs 2-4 Remembering Bega's WW1 soldiers cont. Pgs 8-9 Celebrating 100 years- Bega fire Station history. Pgs 10- 14 Success using Facebook for FH research, Pgs 22 -27 Great Uncle Dave Ware, film star in the 1930s Charles Chauvel film "Heritage", Pgs 38-39 Useful websites, Pg. 44 UK GRO has released a new version of the

BDMs online <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/> with extra info included such as mother's maiden name on births and age at death on deaths.

Casino & district FHG Dec. 2016: Pgs 4- 5 The wreck of the *Amphitrite*, 1834, Pgs 7-8 & 11 Useful websites.

Coffs Harbour & district FHS Dec. 2016: Pg. 10 **NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA AND PASSENGER ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES** The Australian Government assumed responsibility for passenger arrivals and departures in 1923 and our holdings mostly date from 1924. Earlier records include arrivals into Fremantle from 1898 and microfilm copies of earlier lists of passenger arrivals for some Queensland ports dating back to the 1850s. Passenger records for the years before 1924 are generally held by the State Government Archives in the state in which the person arrived., Pgs 11-12 Useful websites

Cowra FHG Dec. 2016: 2 more Cowra WW1 soldiers researched- Albert Frederick Osborne Hood and William Henry Peters Pg. 26 **Canadian Research** Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia was the gateway for millions of immigrants to the Northern Americas. Some of these immigrants had connections to families in Australia. Some later moved to Australia There are few surviving lists of immigration prior to 1865. However from 1865 ships' lists document this movement. The vast majority of immigrants to Canada arrived via the port of Quebec. Because there were excellent rail and inland water connections many immigrants heading for the United States also landed in Quebec before making their way south west. Between 1928 and 1971 over one million immigrants are listed. Take a look at the website which will do research for you and there is usually no cost.

www.pier21.ca/research/immigration-records/research-request.

Dutch-Australian Gen. Group Nov. 2016: Pgs 4-6 Zeeland Records lost during WW2 and ways to get around this, Pgs 7-8 3 steps to How to write a story about your life, Pgs 9-10 Hints for reading old handwriting, Pgs 16- 17 how to save water damaged photos, Pgs 17- 19 The true story of Hedy Lamarr, Pgs 20- 21 Correct storage of your heirlooms, Pgs 22- 23 4 genealogy productivity tools you should be using.

Hawkesbury FHG Dec. 2016: Pgs 5- 8 The beginning of Colo shire, celebrating 110 years, Pgs 9-10 Hawkesbury on the Net www.hawkesbury.net.au was established by Jonathan Auld over fourteen years ago. It is a community based website providing information about the Hawkesbury area. One of the strengths of this website is the local history component. These include the Cemetery Register, Church Register and Memorials, Monuments & Plaques Register. Pg 14 State Records now has a new name: "State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales", Lots of pioneer stories, Pg. 24 *St Matthews, Windsor* book launch Nov. 2016. The softcover book costs \$29.95 & can be posted anywhere in Australia. For more information contact: bicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au

Ipswich Gen. Soc. Nov. 2016: Pgs 10- 12 Friendly society history [to be cont.], Pgs 13-15 Early Ipswich Banks, Pg. 20 New book *Index to Ipswich Cemetery* 1874-2014 launched \$20 & \$6 P&P on CD.

Ku-Ring-Gai HS Dec. 2016: Pg. 5 St John's Anglican Gordon is 200 years old.

Lake Macquarie FHG Aug. 2016: Pgs 4-5 Rev. Threlkeld and his connection to Belmont, lots of stories about fathers.

Lake Macquarie FHG Nov. 2016: Ps 4-5 The beginnings of Toronto, convict themed articles, Pgs 11- 12 UK National Archives- 22 sets of records relating to felons now available at Findmypast, Pg. 17 *The Sentinel – official organ of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese* published for 37 years from October 1931 to June 1968, will be added to Trove as a journal on 1 October 2016.

Maitland & beyond FH Inc. Oct. 2016: Pgs 9- 10 Resources held at “The Barracks”, the home of this group, Pgs 16- 19 Sailor’s row in Morpeth Cemetery.

Manning-Wallambah FHS Nov. 2016: Pg. 9 Reunion Descendants are invited to attend a family reunion on Saturday 1st April 2017 at the Wingham Services Club, Bent Street, Wingham, NSW to celebrate the arrival of James and Eliza (Webber) NORTHAM from Devonshire, England. Associated names include Bird, Bulmer, Cross, Griffiths, Lilier, McKay, Murray, Richards, Wall, Winter and Wood. For further information contact David Long by post 133 Henry Street Merewether NSW 2291, by email dlong4@bigpond.com or by phone 02 4963 1847. Pg. 10 The Descendants of: Frederick Horatio and Jane (nee Eckford) Dixon Are holding a family reunion on the 25th November 2017 at Maitland NSW
Some associated families: Baker, Bell, Black, Capp, Clift, Coward, Eckford, Gallen, Hills, Mitchel, Muirhead, Paterson, Suturs, Tait, Volmer, Walters. For further details: go to fhdixonreunion.weebly.com , www.facebook.com/groups/FHDIXON
Or contact: Allan Shephard at; alshep724@gmail.com or phone 0419 601 226, Group project: To ensure that the Manning Wallamba Family History Society Inc. Burial Records are a comprehensive list of all buried in this area we are asking anyone who knows of unmarked graves, graves on private property, placement of ashes or burial sites to provide any details they can by completing the forms available in the Family History section of the Taree branch of Manning Valley Libraries or email secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au

Maryborough FHS Nov. 2016: Pgs 15-18 The History of Dundowran Park and the Mungomery family Pgs 18-19 Irish orphan girls honoured by monument at Hyde Park Barracks.

Milton-Ulladulla FHS June 2016: Pgs 10- 14 Alexander Anderson’s journey to NSW via America and his work as a builder of Catholic Churches [lots of letters transcribed], lots of member’s stories.

Mornington Peninsular FHS Nov. 2016: Pgs 3-4 The voyage of the Otillia 1852 [Liverpool to Melbourne] and the 23 passengers who missed the ship, Pgs 8-11 Useful websites and additions to Ancestry.com, Findmypast and FamilySearch.org., Pgs 16- 17 Migrant Settlement Act 1922 cont..

Parramatta FHG Nov. 2016 - Feb 2017 : Pgs 18-19 1879 Parramatta rates – Anderson ward, cont. ,lots of historic newspaper snippets.

Port Macquarie & districts FHS Nov. 2016: Pg. 7 Group creates their own podcasts to help new members, Pgs 10 – 12 19th century records, such as 1828 census, explained, Pgs 12- 15 Background info on the UK census, Pgs 24- 27 the story of Captain John Piper and his descendants, Pg. 29 A web site called ‘Algorithmia – Colorize Photos’ www.demos.algorithmia.com/colorize-photos/ (or you may like to use the shortcut of goo.gl/oMpWLy), can change greyscale photos into ‘colour’.

Port Stephens FHS Autumn 2016: Pg 5 The group turns 30, Pgs 8- 10 the Munro’s of Malta, Pgs 12- 15 How to get the best from a trip to The Australian War Memorial, Pg. 16 Checklist for NSW Land records, Pgs 17-18 Our changing borders, Pgs 19-22 local history articles.

Richmond Tweed FHS Dec. 2016: Pg. 2 website www.zazzle.com.au which has hundreds of pages of genealogy gift ideas. The choices include coffee mugs, mouse pads, beer steins, post cards and key rings, just to name a few, all with quirky genealogical sayings, Pgs 4-7 My ancestors were Primitive Methodists, Pgs 14-17 Free websites, Pg. 26 The recently updated website of Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group www.heatgg.org.au includes a large number of databases containing names of many of those who passed through the area in those exciting times.

SNIPPETS FOR FEBRUARY 2017 E-BRANCH

CAMPBELLTOWN NOVEMBER 2016, GOULBURN NOVEMBER 2016, CAMDEN NOVEMBER 2016, COLO DECEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017, BENDIGO OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016
Local content.

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS NOVEMBER 2016

Pg 7 National Archives of Australia. There will be disruption to access until 1 July 2017, as 15 million records are transported and rehoused in the NA Preservation Facility.
Pg 38 Another Lost Soldier. Can you help identify this man?
Pgs 41-45 New on the Net.
There are also several articles relating to WW1 soldiers.

BATHURST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NOVEMBER 2016

Pgs 19-21 Jack’s Story. Life story of Izak Bernard Herschel.

CAPE BANKS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. DECEMBER 2016

Pgs 8/9 Naturalisation and the Civic Status of Women (in Australia).
Pgs 18-21 Unwanted & Unrelated Certificates Index. Names A to J.

COALFIELDS HERITAGE GROUP JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

Pgs 15-19 Aldine Biographies. Names: Owen and Beckett, Barden and Ribee, Walsh, Maitland Mercury, Crothers, Falkiner and Bussell.
Pgs 19-39 Coalfields Inquests. Names: Perrow (Perron), Unknown, Bates, McCauley, O’Donnell, Avery and Higgins.

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COOROY-NOOSA GENE. AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP INC. NOVEMBER 2016

Pgs 10/11 Stumbling Stones (Stolpersteines). Stones placed in memory of people taken and murdered in extermination camps in Europe during World War 2.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CANBERRA INC. DECEMBER 2016

Pgs 174-179 Uncovering Your Tommies’ Stories – suggestions on how to search for British servicemen’s records.
Pgs 189-192 Forensic Portraiture.
Pgs 196/197 Hot Sites.
Pgs 198/199 Hot Sources No. 135.

IRISH ROOTS 2016 FOURTH QUARTER

- Pgs 10/11 Tracing Your....County Waterford Ancestors.
 Pgs 16-19 100 Ways to Trace Your Irish Ancestors. Suggestions and websites.
 Pgs 20/21 What's New? Review. Free records.

NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 3-5 Our Local Fallen Soldiers – December 1916 to February 1917. Names: Lance, Adams, Cheesman, Collum and Ferrow.
 Pgs 6-9 Military Exemption Courts. Lists of applications.
 Pgs 23-26 Pioneers of Mossvale & District (Part 2)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 2-4 The Australasian Orphanage. An orphanage for Armenian children in Lebanon during the 1920s.
 Pgs 7-9 My father's war: The Dutch in Australia during World War 2.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 173-188 The Curious Case of Sammy Cox. The life and death in Tasmania of Sammy Cox who claimed to be 117 years old.
 Pgs 203-216 Richard Guise: Englishman or French Duke.
 Pgs 217-237 Winged Victory and Marrickville's Memory of War.

SOUTH EAST (MILLICANT S.A.) FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NOVEMBER 2016

- Pgs 10/11 The South Eastern Times. October/November/December 1916 notices A to W.
 Pgs 13-15 Lying in Register of Mrs. Hodgson 1915-1928 A to W.

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 8-11 From Portland (U.K) to Victoria: a story of quarrymen and their culture.
 Pgs 30/31 Searching for nurses and midwives in Victoria. Websites to assist in your search.

VICTORIAN G.U.M. INC. DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 4-10 Using the Index in FTM.
 Pgs 11/12 Reboot Your Life. How to declutter your computer.
 Pgs 13-16 Installing Legacy.
 Pgs 17-19 Boolean Basics – Part 1.
 Pgs 22-24 Reunion Logs or To do lists.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. DECEMBER 2016

- Pgs 230/231 DNA: The New Kid on the Genealogy Block.
 Pgs 236/237 Recording Sources – The Easy Way.
 Pgs 238/239 Unearthing your Scottish Ancestors with Scotlands Places.
www.scotlandspplaces.gov.uk.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? DECEMBER 2016

- Pg 10 GRO reveals changes to digital services. Births and deaths registered in the years 1837 – 1915 and 1837 – 1957 respectively available at www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates. Birth index provides mothers' maiden names for the full range of entries.
 Pg 12 ScotlandsPlaces records now free.
 Pgs 22/23 Track down your Caribbean ancestors.
 Pgs 51-53 Best Websites. Trade Unions.
 Pgs 54-58 Focus on Land Records.
 Pgs 63-65 Focus on Scottish nonconformist records.
 Pgs 71-73 My ancestor was a workhouse employee.
 Pgs 81-86 Around Britain. South Wales. Resources and websites.

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