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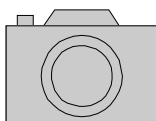
17th November – Geoff Brownrigg: he will talk to us about “Echoes of Irish Australia” on the migration, transportation and contribution of the Irish to Australia. He wrote and published a book on this subject last year.

4th December – this will be our annual Christmas gathering. We look forward to meeting you for dinner at O’Maille’s Hotel, 36 High Street, Wodonga, at 6.00pm. Please ring Andy Turner and advise him that you are attending, so we have an idea of how many members will be joining in the festive spirit. Tel: 02 6056 1946.



15th December – no meeting
Merry Christmas everyone and a safe return in the New Year.

19th January 2010 – this will be an interactive session with members. Bring along old photos or mementos and tell us the stories behind them.



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The Research Room is situated in the premises of the Upper Murray Regional Library in Hovell Street, Wodonga VIC. The opening hours for research are Tuesday & Wednesday from 10.30am to 3.30pm and Thursday from 1pm to 5.30pm.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month [except December] at 7.30pm at the Felltimber Community Centre, cnr Felltimber Creek Road and Melrose Drive, Wodonga. Entry is via Ritter Road.

Researchers please note that you cannot gain access to the Research Room until you have signed the attendance book at the Circular Desk – signature & membership number is required. If you are a visitor, your postcode and phone number will be required.

Items cannot be returned through the Library after hour's chute or to the Regional Library staff. They must be returned to the Research Rooms during the designated opening hours mentioned above.

Research enquiries: *If you wish our Research Officer to do research for you, please include a business sized, stamped, self addressed envelope with your enquiry details. The initial research cost is \$15.00.*

Please include all the details you can: names, areas, dates, any births, deaths and marriage details you may have and what you want the Research Officer to find out. There is no point in paying for what you already know.

Membership Details

Membership of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc. includes the benefits of receiving a quarterly newsletter and allows access to all the resources of the Society's library which is growing all the time. Your attendance at our monthly meetings will ensure that you have contact with our researchers who share your interest in family history.

Subscriptions:	Joining Fee	\$ 5.00
	Single Membership	\$30.00
	Joint Membership	\$40.00 (2 people at same address)
	Concession	\$18.00 (proof required)

Membership fees are due and payable in July of each year.

Committee members

President	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
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Norma Burrows	Robyn Gross	Pat Hopkins	Carol Keep	Lyn Larkin	
Heather Maddison	Christine Young				

Overview of previous meetings

25th July - our seminar in July was well attended with three fascinating and informative speakers.

Terry Eakin told us about the Undertakers of Ulster.

These people travelled from Scotland and undertook to take up land and farm it in Ireland.

Susan McLean told us about Vanora's Stone.

Vanora's husband suspected her of cheating on him so he arranged for her to be ripped to pieces by wild animals. Her remains were buried and various curses applied to the mound under which she was buried, one of which was that any female who walked over the mound would become sterile.

Lindsay Chapman showed us a fascinating PowerPoint presentation about Cornwall's heritage and its people.

You did not need to have ancestry in Ireland, Scotland or Cornwall to benefit from these talks.

The winners of the raffle at the Celtic seminar were:

1st - AGCI CD: Heather Maddison

2nd - \$50 Archive CD voucher:

Sandra Garoni

3rd - \$30 Gould voucher: Jennifer Cole

Winner of the photographic display draw:
Pat Hopkins



18th August - Glynn Brown discussed his family reunion. He was a good sport about all the little comments that were made about his attire when he attended the village reunion. Great pictures Glynn!



15th Sep - Bedella and Townsend Trophy readings. The winners of the writing competitions were:

Bedella Novice: Sandra Garoni

Bedella Open: Wendy Cooksey

Townsend: Heather Lauritzen

At our meeting on Tuesday 15th September we held a night where a couple of the winners of the story writing competition read their entries. Sandra Garoni, Wendy Cooksey and Heather Lauritzen read their stories and they followed up with the criticisms received from the judges, which was very brave of them.

We then had an interesting discussion amongst all members on the various ways to start on a story once the germ of an idea appears. Glynn Brown and Barry Pinkerton, who are both frequent contributors, added their suggestions. This was quite a helpful night.



UPCOMING EVENTS

19th November – THE STREET STALL



The annual stall is almost here. Please find the time to contribute something - plants, books, cakes, preserves, or come and give us a hand on the day.

As usual the stall will be in front of Coles, High Street Wodonga from 8am to 1pm.

Donations can be left with Heather Lauritzen at 4 Woodland Street Wodonga or give her a call (02 6024 2493) and offer to help on the day. You do not have to stay for the whole event.

If you are donating plants could you please name them? Prospective buyers ask about the plants and we don't necessarily know the names of the plants (some of us are not gardeners!!!).

21st November – The Goulburn & Murray Assoc of Local and family history Groups (GMAGS) Expo is to be held at Club Mulwala, 271 Melbourne Street, Mulwala. This will be the 10th expo. It will run from 10am to 4pm. The cost will be \$10 per person for the day.

There will be 4 speakers plus stalls and lucky door prizes. The raffle prize, this year, has been increased to \$300. It will be drawn at 3pm and if the winner is present at the draw the prize will double to \$600.

For further details please contact Jan Parker on 03 5744 1460 or email to rekrpj@bigpond.net.au

7th March 2010 - 'Wills Family' Researchers Preliminary Notice for the Wills History Convention at the Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne

Contact: email Pam Sullivan at jlpc05@bigpond.net.au to receive the monthly email newsletters which will keep you informed or write to Pam at 3/496 South Rd, Moorabbin, VIC, 3189

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**28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May 2010** – VAFHO Seminar in Yarrawonga

There will be more information provided in future newsletters.

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There is to be a Back to Costerfield celebration on Saturday 28th November 2009 commencing at 2.30pm at the Hall in Costerfield (near Bendigo). For more information contact Anne Bradley

Email: annioc@ozemail.com.au

Web: <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/home/annioc/web/costerfield.html>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that I am safely returned from the wilds of North Queensland, and have had time to settle down, it is very good to be home, and to learn of all your activities while I have been away.

It seems the Projects Team have almost finished their transcription of the Wodonga Rates, and are preparing them for sale. This is quite a milestone. The girls are now transcribing the Victorian Gazettes amongst other things.

It seems we held another extremely successful seminar in July (and I missed it). We had visitors from all over the state, and one from as far as Wales. Our Speakers, Terry Eakin on Ireland, Lindsay Chapman on Cornwall, and Susan McLean on Scotland were excellent. And our committee and their helpers excelled themselves in their preparations, hospitality and food. What more could you ask. May I take this opportunity of congratulating them on their efforts.

As the year progresses we are planning our activities for 2010 and would like any members with suggestions to have a chat to us. Perhaps you would like a trip to the Canberra War Memorial, or to

the P.R.O. or the State Library in Melbourne.

Perhaps a trip to the Wagga Archives? Please have a chat to any of your committee members.

We will be holding our Street Stall on Thursday 19th November, so please find time to contribute something - plants, books, cakes, preserves, and to come down and give us a hand on the day.

Regards,

Heather Lauritzen - President



This piece of history is submitted by Norma Burrows

Ever wondered why a park in Wodonga has the name that it has? Here are some of the answers.

Park Name: Phill Adams Park
Location: Melbourne Road

Background: Mr ADAMS was the shire President of Wodonga in 1891-92. He was involved in a lot of bridge and road building locally including a bridge over House Creek, the Mitta Mitta bridge, the Railway bridge over the Murray River, a bridge over Middle Creek 4 miles from Wodonga and also the Bonegilla road bridges.

Park Name: Graham Andrew Park
Location: Blue Bonnet Way

Background: Mr ANDREW was the Chief Administration Officer of the Development Corporation.

Park Name: John Aney Park
Location: Page Court

Background: Mr ANEY was employed by the Development Corporation as the Chief Engineer who was responsible for over seeing the management, control and directing of the work on neighbourhood development and the provision of major roads, water and sewage services and waste disposals.

Park Name: David Bayne Park
Location: North side of Huon Creek Road

Background: Mr BAYNE was the original Chief Economist for the Development Corporation. Originally from England he was committed to producing a unique world class city and was responsible for ensuring that it was soundly financed.

Mr BAYNE was one of the first to settle in the new Huon Creek Road subdivision.

The entire BAYNE family immersed themselves in the community, particularly in the cultural and artistic life of the city which lead to the eventual formation of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus and the Hot House Theatre.

Mr BAYNE ensured that the funding to make Willow Park an area of world class significance was made available.

Park Name: Belvoir Park
Location: Huon Street

Background: Belvoir Park was established after the 1914-18 war. Belvoir Park includes one of Wodonga's oldest recreational areas and contains the popular gardens created by the Sumsion family.



If would like to submit articles about the people in our region, the people

behind the names of our streets and parks and buildings and bridges or anything else you can think of, then send the information to the Family History postal or email address.

The articles should be no more than 300 words - less if you wish, [attached as a word document if sent via email, please] - telling members why something has a particular name. Who was it named after? What is that person's history?

It doesn't have to be a family member and the article can be about anyone in the surrounding area.

Christine Young, editor.

This is an article from Pat Hopkins

As a result of the interesting and informative session at the June meeting about names, I was reminded that my aunt, Annie Augusta BRIGGS, is recorded as Ann TWIGG in the PROV index, a mistake made by the transcribers where the B has been seen as a T. Her spouse's name was spelt accurately.

In the OPR for Aberlady, East Lothian, Scotland where the original records have been photocopied, not transcribed, there were variations in the spelling of my paternal 4 x Greatgrandparent.

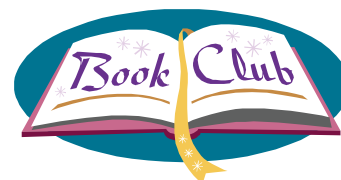
1. He was named William FORTHRINGHAM in the written record made by the Minister but signed as FOTHRINGHAEME (in the groom's hand) 5 July 1762 and was FOTHERINGHAME for my 3 x Great grandmother's birth.

2. She was Catharine FLEATHERINGCOMB for her marriage to Leonard THOMSON 10 Aug 1793.

3. Her surname changed with births: FOTHERINGHAM, FOTHERIBGAME; FEATHERINGHAME; and FOTHERINGCOMB for my 2 x Great grandmother's birth.

Courtesy of Lyn's (librarian) generosity in recycling past copies, in Ancestor Winter 1996 (p. 18) there is an article about unusual names which must have caused some consternation for transcribers. They include (among others) Washington SLOP, Fanny ROCK, Kosciusko Omeo STIRLING, Ulysses BUTT, Toometalletta Georgiana Josephine GARD; Truelove BALL; Wet TOE; Toofoot TOOFOOT and, one name that may relate to one of our members - Irene Mitta Mitta BARROW. The name the contributor found most unusual was Horizontal Sophia BINGHAM from Tasmania in the 1880s. Horizontal married and had 14 children and none were given her name!

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A Book Review by Heather Maddison

The name of the book is **Tintaldra 150 Years 1837 - 1987** and it was written by Betty WALTON

This is a very short, easy to read book. I have no connection with the district but I still recognised family names and places mentioned.

An outline of the history of the settlement is given in a way that is easily understood. It also gives an insight into the effects outside

influences have on a small, isolated community.



If you are looking for electoral roll information in Australia then ring 13 2326 and input the post code. You will be redirected to a number that will give you details of that state's Electoral rolls.

Some of the states will look up the information while you are on the phone if they have it on hand.



Not sure what to do with your old computer when you upgrade?

James Brooks will happily accept them. He refurbishes them and then gives them to charities.

If you want to utilise this service, ring him on 02 6024 3539 to arrange to deliver your old computer.

This article is from Wendy Cooksey

An interesting epitaph from the TAGARRE Pioneer Cemetery, near Kingaroy was found and transcribed by one of our members, Laurie Heffernan, in August 2002. The Headstone is hand chiselled and is 6 feet high:

Thomas Christian ANDERSEN
Born Danemark September 5th 1892
Died Brisbane February 24th 1918

I am now resting in this grave
Not more to rise, no more to slave
My days are spent, my knowledge
gone

My conscience never more to dawn
Ceaseless ages rolling by

Still and silent here I lie
And as for happiness beyond the grave
Have neither hopes nor fears, I have
no desire
To be an angel with wing and harp
Neither am I in dread of evil days
And if this life with it's joys and
sorrows
Smiles and tears, fails to be consoling

How should we expect better under
the same ruler
In a world to come

But when the hour cometh
When loving faces fade, and the song
of birds grow dim
When we shall be clothed with the
green mantle
Where the violets bloom, and life
visions cease
May we all sweetly rest in the silence
of the tomb

Laurie has been intrigued by this epitaph for the past seven years. She has wondered of what did he die?— and why was he was taken from Brisbane to the base of the Bunya mountains, not far from Kingaroy, to be buried?

He must have known his demise was near—but who carved his headstone? According to the tombstone he was only 25 years old.

The historical indexes for Queensland on: <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au> shows the following entry:

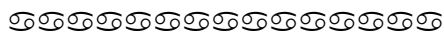
Thomas Christian ANDERSEN, died 1918, reg no B26811. Father Neils Christian ANDERSEN. Born Denmark aged 55 years. If this is correct Thomas was born in 1862, not 1892. Curiously, on the same website a search found a marriage of a Thomas ANDERSEN from 1840 to 1918 yielded the following entry for 1899, reg no C2601:

Thomas Christian THOMASEN married Maria ANDERSEN. Is this a mistranscription?

A search for Maria ANDERSEN's death from 1900 to 1940 returned only one entry, Annie Maria ANDERSEN, 1909, reg no C381. Father Christian TORSSEN, mother Louise JENSEN.

Laurie would love to know more about this man, his life, why the transcription was carved, and why no family members at all are mentioned

on his headstone. If you have any information, please send it to our address, **PO Box 289, Wodonga 3689** and it will be passed on to her.



A message from the volunteers in the Resource Room at the Library

Members will be expected to show their membership cards on attending the library, effective from November.

This is to ensure that members are not approached to pay for the use of the research facilities.



If members would like an overview of what is available in the Research Room, please contact the secretary for further details.

MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY

Don't forget we are putting together a 'new interest list' for the members which will be housed in the Research Room at the library and posted in our newsletter every quarter. So far, a few have been received, thankyou to those who have sent them. We will update the list 6 monthly so, if there are any changes, you need to contact me between each update. Otherwise the details will stay the same. You may list up to five surnames. So all you need to do is provide the information as shown in the example below, then post, email or fax me and you are done.

My interests are as follows:-
Smith: 1800-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia
Smyth: 1650-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia
Smithson: 1700-1900 Ireland, Sydney Australia, Melbourne Australia
Mrs. J Smith, Member No 1111
Contact via email on smith@smith.com.au or post to 111 Smith Street, Smith Town, Vic 3333

See easy, I will email you to confirm I have received your email. You may prefer to post, fax or phone me. My details are shown below.

Jennifer Mulholland:
Jems@inlandconcretecutting.com.au or fax to 02 6020 6909 or post to: PO Box 5317, Wodonga Plaza, Wodonga, Vic 3690



Our web site

www.wodongafamilyhistory.org

There are to be several new links to other societies in the Links segment of our web page. Try this one: <http://www.linkpendium.com/> it may appear to be US related, but when you investigate you will find it has links to thousands of genealogically related sites worldwide with surname links etc. It is like a type of Cindi's List.

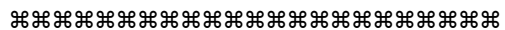


Some interesting web sites

Below is the site of Australian Newspapers online. It is not comprehensive, but a good resource: <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

If you have a soldier who died at Fromelles, France during 1916, here is a link to search for soldiers buried at Fromelles in WW1.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/fromelles/>



What's new in the Research Room?

BOOKS
3677 005 Wangaratta A History
3690 021 The Bonegilla Hall 100 Years [donated]
7000 006 Historic Hobart Sketchbook [d]
BRT 107 Scottish Migration to Ulster in the Region of James 1 [d]

FAM 05 Bedella Award entries 2009
 FAM 092 Colquhoun of Albury [d]
 REF 110 The Palatine Families of Ireland
 2nd edition [d]
 REF 111 Tartans of Scotland [d]
 REF 112 Clans & Tartans [d]
 REF 128 Clans & Tartans. Map of
 Scotland [d]
 REF 129 The Scots in Ulster. Surname
 Map & Pocket History

ROM 121 Ireland Townlands 1901
 ROM 194 Bonegilla Hall Centenary



**Ancestor .com is now available
 from the Upper Murray Regional
 Library computers and is up and
 running.**

CD's

ROM 043 Commissions of Peace (JP's)
 Vol. 1 1865-1915
 ROM 044 Commissions of Peace (JP's)
 Vol. 2 1916-1935



Records for sale

Available in paper format [please add \$2.50 p&p]

Barnawartha Cemetery Headstones	1861 -2003	\$12.00
Bethanga Cemetery Headstones		\$9.00
Bungowannah Cemetery Headstones	1876 - 2002	\$6.00
Burrumbuttock Cemetery Headstones:		
- public headstones	1893 - 1999	
- Trinity Bethal Lutheran Church Headstones	1885 - 1999	\$6.00
Gerogery Cemetery Headstones		
- public headstones	1859 - 2002	
- St Peters Lutheran Church Headstones	1869 - 2002	\$6.00
Glen Wills Cemetery Register 1894 - 1920 and Granite Flat Cemetery Headstones 1863 - 1993		\$5.00
Goombargana Cemetery Headstones		\$5.00
Jindera Cemeteries		
- public register	1875 - 1977	
- headstones	1876 - 2001	
- Bethlehem Lutheran Headstones	1875 - 2001	
- Lutheran Headstones	1863 - 2001	\$6.00
Kiewa Cemetery Headstones		\$12.00
Moorwatha Cemetery Headstones		\$5.00
Sandy Creek Cemetery Headstones & Register		\$9.00
Talgarno Cemetery Headstones		\$6.00

Records for sale

Available as microfiche [please add \$5.00 each part p&p]

Yackandandah Rates:

Part 1: 1884 - 1888 and 1920 - 1948

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fiche] \$40.00

Part 2: 1949 - 1971

[54

fiche] \$40.00

Look up service available for \$6.00 plus SAE

STOP PRESS

The Wodonga burial records and Monumental Inscriptions on a 2 CD set are now available. They will be for sale at \$35 per CD or \$65 for the set. If you want them mailed it will cost an extra \$5—the p&p is the same whether you order 1 or 2.

If you don't receive your newsletter by email, we will put them in the library during the first week of each month for collection by those who are able to do so [as we have been doing to date].

The unclaimed newsletters will be taken to the next meeting for collection by members who attend on that night.

The rest will be posted the next day. This means, if you are unable to collect your newsletter from the library or do not have it delivered via email, you will not receive it until after the meeting.

However, should you wish to receive your newsletter prior to the meeting, please give a member of the committee 4 x 50c stamps to cover postage for the newsletters for the year. Some members already provide the postage and they receive their newsletters as soon as they are printed.

Every little bit helps to keep costs down, and our subscriptions to the Society as low as possible.

You can now advertise in the newsletter at a cost of \$10 per month with a discount of \$5 per for four consecutive issues. The editor will decide where the advertisement is to be placed based on the space available. The proposition is that the advertisement would be around 2.5 square inches with a higher price for a larger advertisement.

Please let the secretary know if you wish to place an advertisement or you have queries regarding this matter.

Please note that the Research Room will be closed from 11th December 2009 and reopen 19th January 2010

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