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What's Happening Next for our Society:

19th November – TROVE, PROV, Australian Cemeteries and others
This evening will be about how to access and filter the on line sites.



21st November – our yearly Street Stall
Donate, come and help, come and buy. Support this fund raising event.



18th December – Christmas Party at the Wodonga Golf Club from 6pm



21st January 2014 – How can our program help your research this year?

Share your research intentions so we can determine how our 2014 program can help you.

Where do you see your research going in 2014?

Do you want to consolidate, tidy up or break down a wall?

What speakers, subject coverage and activities would you like?

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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 front 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 \$20.00.*

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	Norma Burrows	phone: 02 6024 1591
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Lyn Larkin	Pat Hopkins	Andy Turner	Christine Young	Doreen Gibbs
Dawn Newman	Yvonne Wilson		Bob Cousins	

President's Report

Only a few weeks to Christmas and another year will be over!
In July we announced and presented the trophies to the winners of our Bedella and Townsend writing competitions.

The winners were Heather McCall, Andy Turner, Wendy Cooksey and Glynn Brown. Heather is a new member this year so it was a wonderful way for her to start writing her family stories. The winning entries were read at our September meeting. They covered a very diverse range of subjects and they gave our members a range of ideas as to how they might go about writing their stories.

At our Annual General Meeting we welcomed two new members to our committee – Yvonne Wilson and Bob Cousins.

The display in “Reflections on High” in High Street, Wodonga was well received. This display generated quite a few enquiries. Congratulations to our Publicity Officer, Lynda Cuper, on a great effort.

The Family Tree Maker workshop was also well attended and I am sure those who were there came away with a much better knowledge of how to get the most from their programme.

Part of our community effort included being involved in Wodonga’s Senior Celebrations with a fun workshop on Friday 11th October. Our aim is to encourage more people to “find their family”.

Don’t forget our Street Stall on 21st November – all books, plants, cakes etc. will be most appreciated. All members are invited to attend our Christmas gathering – 18th December at the Wodonga Golf Club.

I trust you will enjoy a great Christmas and happy New Year with your families.

Norma Burrows
President

We are updating our members' information and would like to include details of a person to contact in case of emergency. The information required is "Person to contact and contact number". Please forward these details to: secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org, call Wendy on 02 6056 3220 or post to PO Box 289, Wodonga, 3689.

Meeting Notes

20th August – Winners of our Bedella and Townsend Awards were announced. Peter Gill presented a very interesting talk on using newspapers for research.

17th September – Bedella and Townsend Award winning authors read their entries. Their efforts were much appreciated. Glynn Brown also told us how, on his trip to England, he gave a talk to a local Family History Club about our writing competition and they have decided to adopt this idea. Great work Glynn!

15th October – Our theme this month was “On arrival in Heaven ...you want some answers”. This was aimed at helping members to find different paths to try to find solutions to some of their unanswered questions.

Welcome new members

We welcome the following new members to our Society:-

- Cicely Wilson
- Clifford Swatton
- Erima Collins-Roe
- Erika Elliott
- Maree Gibbons
- Patricia Filby
- Pamela Nulty

We hope you will take advantage of the many resources we have available at the library.

Apologies to Carol for the misspelling of her name in the last edition.



Upcoming Events

21st November – this is date for the annual Street Stall. This will run from 8am to 1pm in front of Coles, High Street Wodonga. As the President has already mentioned we are looking for lots of donations. 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.



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!!!).

If you are baking, regulations state that we must advise what the

ingredients are, so please attach the list of ingredients to the produce.

There will be a Christmas cake raffle. One of the members has kindly donated her time to make the cake. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or 3 for \$2.



18th December – Christmas Party
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25th December – Santa Claus
Have a wonderful Christmas and join us again in 2014 for a great year of research



Are you aware that The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express 1896-1939 is available on TROVE?

You may have read where Felltimber Community Centre will be undergoing renovations in the coming months. We have been assured that the Centre will be available for the November meeting and should be available in the New Year.

The Director of the Centre will keep us informed.

If there is any change of venue you will be notified by email and keep a watch out in the Border Mail diary (any changes will be included in the notice).

WRITING AND A PROPOSED PROJECT

Our May Meeting provided a wealth of information on how to write.

Andy has to be congratulated for providing such a great opportunity at short notice.

All who took part gave an insight into what some of us feel is a difficult task. Entries are always sought for our writing competitions and perhaps the idea of competition is what puts some people off contributing. Hopefully, the hints given at the meeting will encourage more entries.

Barry's advice, via e-mail from WA where he was holidaying, was very helpful and timely. 'Find a topic that interests you and write the story as though you are speaking to a friend or a relative'.

In other words state the details and keep it simple.

Glyn and Bernice both suggested that this basic information can be added to by reading about where and when our ancestor lived and adding that to complete the story and make it more interesting. This research does not necessarily have to belong to the particular ancestor but it would put this relative in the social setting of the day- into 'time and place'.

Margaret was more concerned with writing her own story. Her belief is that, as we have lived through

changing times, our experiences and memories are the stories and the histories of the future. Her suggestion is to write for your children and grandchildren now. Write about your schooldays, your hobbies, your friends and family – what it was like growing up before television and other mod cons.

I was flattered to be included in such esteemed company as I know I should write but keep putting it off, always waiting for that extra piece of information. I thought others, like me, might be encouraged by reading and copying the format of the 'blog' – the short stories that some people write and publish on the web and resemble the journal entries we were encouraged to write at school. The example handed out at the meeting had been written for a competition and covered all the Ws – the who, what, where, why, when and also the how.

Good questions to ask as you write. The author, Jill Ball, could find little evidence of her grandmother's first husband John Bertram Chatfield so she used her genealogical skills in searching records from Australia and England and tied this information into what was already known. Result – an interesting story.

*Read the blog. The length of the article is similar to what is required for our Bedella award and you could adapt the format and style to complete

your WW1 story from the Vince Black's workshop on WW1 last year.

*(If you do not have access to the internet, copies are available at our Library).

The Proposed Project If you require a set time, place and topic to write then come to our room at the Wodonga Library on Thursday mornings at 10am (starting at the end of January 2014). Come armed with your enthusiasm, ideas, research material, and laptop (or use one of our computers).

Free wifi is available at the Library but can be accessed in our room.

The Challenge - "*Your Earliest Ancestor (or the one you want to write about)*" in 1 to 2 pages plus sources. To be completed on or before our March 2014 meeting. Of course, the challenge is open to all members.

Contact Pat at hopkinsp3@bigpond.com or ring 02 6040 1904 for further information.

*Jill has kindly given permission to use her blog (geniaus.blogspot.com.au/2013/04/anz-ac-day-blog-challenge).

BLOGS

Blogs or web logs have been around for quite some time but they have become a great resource tool for family historians and genealogists.

They are increasingly being used as a means of getting personal stories published (even if the writer is the

only reader), for organizations to provide their latest news rather than waiting for their Newsletter to be published, and to pass on the latest hints and how-to-dos.

50 genealogy blogs that are considered most useful are listed in the July 2013 Inside History magazine but are freely available on the Net. The beauty of this list is that they have been placed into various categories.

1. Institutions such as the Australian War Memorial, the Public Records Office Victoria, the National Archives – Australia at nla.gov.au/news or UK at blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk. Their usual website will contain a Blog tab.
2. Organizations such as : blogs.ancestry.com/au; blog.findmypast.com ; blog.billiongraves.com
3. Niche topics and societies e.g. lost medals Australia;
4. Professional genealogists: Dick Eastman at <http://blog.cogn.com>; Shauna Hicks at diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au
5. Personal genealogists e.g. blog.dearmyrtle.com; Anglo-Celtic Connections at anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com; auldgenealogy.blogspot.com.au. These can be a bit too personal

and chatty but their writing ideas may help with your own writing. At the very least it should show that you can do it as well, if not, better.

There are many more out there but one of the characteristics of blogs is that they provide links to other sites. ***A tip – set the alarm clock before you start checking out too many sites.

Wendy often sends on information and journals that may be of interest. If you are not already on her list perhaps you could ask for your name to be added.

What I discovered at geniaus.blogspot.com.au titled " I learnt a new trick today" or how to download a sixty page document in seconds. Records for WW1 soldiers may cover a number of pages. Locate your soldier on the nla.gov.au website at Mapping Our Anzacs by using the Other Search Options at the bottom right hand corner, when the information appears and you are happy with it, select the Print option as a pdf and it saves as one item rather than one page at a time. This process should work for other documents at other sites.

Perhaps you would like to share your discoveries with Wendy so she can pass them on.

Pat Hopkins



Members are advised that the FlipPal is available at the Library for their use. Particularly useful for photographing large items, for anything behind glass and for those photos that are in albums and cannot be put flat on a scanner.
Cheers Pat Hopkins.



A reminder

The Research Room will close on 12th December 2013 and reopen on 21st January 2014.

Here are some reasons to join a local genealogy society

1. I was no longer alone.

Until I discovered the network of local genealogists, I was researching within a vacuum. I had no idea there were more than 300 genealogists within a few miles of my home. I could now share my passion with other like individuals.

More important, I plugged into a network that alerted me to the latest products, news, and educational opportunities locally and nationwide.

2. I learned new research skills.

The guest speakers at monthly meetings and annual workshops taught me how to prepare a research plan, how to evaluate evidence, and techniques to discover new sources.

3. I learned how to evaluate genealogical software.

One of the most frustrating decisions for a genealogist is deciding upon the right software for their specific needs. Our society created a Computer Interest Group and sponsored educational seminars and hands-on learning workshops. Without their guidance and instruction, I would have floundered within the world of computer genealogy.

The above information was provided by Wendy Cooksey from a site on the Web.



New in the WFHS library

Books

- *Cattlemen of the High Country
- *Exiled. The Port Arthur Convict Photographs
- *Freedom on the Fatal Shore - Australia's First Colony
- *The Church of St Thomas Port Macquarie [Early Parish Registers]

- *The Convict Years. Transportation & the Penal System 1788 – 1868
- *The History of Albury. 1824 - 1895

CDs

- *Bailliere’s Victorian Gazetteer & Road Guide 1879
- *Marine Births, Deaths & Marriages. Vic. 1853 – 1920
- *Melbourne. Commercial & Squatters Directory 1854
- *Melbourne Directory 1859. Street Guide & Addresses
- *NSW Electoral Roll 1913. District of Albury
- *Victorian Commonwealth Electoral Roll 1939. INDI



RECORDS FOR SALE

COMPUTER DISCS

- Yackandandah Shire Rates 1875-1878 and 1884-1891 \$20
- Wodonga Shire Rates 1900-1948 (1938-1941 not available) \$35
- Wodonga Burial Records 1861-1937 and 1938-2004 \$35
- Wodonga Monumental Inscriptions up to 2007 \$35

The 2 set Wodonga Cemetery Records available for \$65.

- Yabba Cemetery Headstone Inscriptions and Photographs \$20
- Yackandandah Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions \$35

All CDs postage and handling an extra \$5.

HARD COPY CEMETERY HEADSTONE

RECORDS

- Barnawartha 1861-2003 \$12
- Bethanga \$9
- Bungowannah 1876 -2002 \$6
- Burrumbuttock: Public 1893-1999 and Trinity Bethal Lutheran Church 1885-1999 \$6

- Gerogery : Public 1859-2002 and St Peters Lutheran Church 1869-2002 \$6
- Glen Wills Register 1894-1920 and Granite Flat Headstones 1863-1993 \$5
- Goombargana \$5
- Jindera Cemeteries: Public Register 1875-1977; Headstones 1876-2001; Bethelhem Lutheran 1875-2001; Lutheran 1863-2001 \$6
- Kiewa \$12
- Moorwatha \$5
- Sandy Creek: Register and Headstones \$9
- Talgarno \$6

Package and postage \$2.50 each

MICROFICHE RECORDS

- Yackandandah Shire Rates Part 1: 1884-1888 and 1920-1948 (63 fiche) \$30
- Part 2: 1949-1971 (54 fiche) \$30

Postage \$5 per part

Note: New Prices

Mitta Mitta CD

Transcriptions and Photographs up to November 2010 have been released on CD.

Format: Word and Excel, 1997 - 2003 compatible.

Cost: \$25.00 + \$5 p&p

The Mitta Mitta Cemetery is located at the southern end of the Mitta Mitta valley at the junction of the Mitta River and the Snowy Creek, south of the township of Tallangatta, and 90 kms south east of Wodonga on the Omeo Highway.

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