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What's Happening Next for our Society:

18th May - Once again we will have a bbq at Bunnings between 9am and 4pm. Please support this fund raiser by volunteering or buying a sausage. All funds raised are for the benefit of you, our members.



20th May – there will NOT be a meeting at the Felltimber Community Centre this month.

It is being replaced by the Shrine of Remembrance function at the Wodonga Senior Citizen's Centre in Havelock Street, Wodonga. Patrick Lindsay will be speaking about the Gallipoli campaign. The event will commence at 5.30pm. Bookings are essential via this link www.shrine.org.au/wodonga Entry will be a gold coin donation.



17th June – our guest will be Marie Elliot speaking about "My Bonegilla Boys."

15th July - this is the AGM. You will be further advised of the activity as we get closer to the date.

As it is the AGM, the nomination form is attached. Please consider joining the committee, fresh ideas are always welcome.

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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
Vice President	vacant	
Treasurer	Heather Lauritzen	phone: 02 6024 2493
Secretary	Wendy Cooksey	phone: 02 6056 3220

Lyn Larkin Pat Hopkins Andy Turner Christine Young Doreen Gibbs
Dawn Newman Yvonne Wilson Bob Cousins

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Andy, our programme officer for 8 years. He and his wife have moved to Bendigo to live closer to family. Thanks for all your great work, Andy.

President's Report

To be nearer his family Andy, our Programme Officer, has resigned from the committee. He and his wife are moving to Bendigo. We will miss him as he has organised some great speakers and "brick wall" nights, etc. over the past few years.

He is remaining a member of our Group so we may still see him from time to time. We wish them well in this new chapter of their story.

We continue to record details of local cemeteries. During April/May our aim is to record and photograph the headstones of the Sandy Creek and Kiewa cemeteries.

On May 20th (our meeting night) the meeting will not be at Felltimber as usual but at the Senior Citizens' Hall in Wodonga. We have been approached by the "Shrine of Remembrance" organisation to host a talk on Gallipoli. The speaker will be Patrick Lindsay, who is a well-known author and presenter. Starting time will be earlier and you will need to book - all these details will be advised as soon as they are finalised.

Wendy, Lyn, Lynda and I attended a seminar in Melbourne, which was presented by the "Unlock the Past" group. Speakers were people who had been giving seminars on their latest cruise. Talks included Scottish church history, South West English counties and information about interpreting and re-visiting documents. It was a very informative day.

We have been invited to have a display at the Tallangatta Expo on 16th April. This is another opportunity to publicise our club.

Don't forget your entries for the Bedella Awards. If you have any questions please contact Wendy or me.

Clocks are back to normal time and the weather is cooler so it is a good time to settle down and write that story.

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

18th February – Our guest speaker was member Robyn Wood who talked to us about her recent visit to the United Kingdom.

She outlined what she had prepared before going overseas. It is of utmost importance that you know where you want to go and what you are looking for, so as not to waste valuable time.

She told us some great stories about some of the places she visited and how lucky you can be in some of the people you meet. During the presentation we were treated to a great Power Point display which illustrated some of the people and places Robyn and her husband visited. Also shown were photos of some very old documents.

It was a very professional and entertaining evening.

Thank you Robyn!

18th March – Christine Middleton was our Guest Speaker. Christine's talk was based on the stories her mother told her. Christine explained how she went about getting her mother to tell her story.

Christine's mother was a Scottish war bride so she had a very interesting tale to tell. Some of the stories have been made into plays.

Christine now tours to present these plays on stage and to interested organisations. All members present enjoyed a great evening.



Upcoming Events

18th May – BBQ at Bunnings Wodonga – 9am-4pm - help on the day will be greatly appreciated. The money raised is for the benefit of members to add to the great assets that the Society already has.



14th to 18th July – The WFHS will again have displays in the Coles windows in High Street

23rd October – the Annual Street Stall. More info in the next newsletter.



Members' stories

The WFHS committee are always trying to encourage you, the members, to write short pieces for the newsletter.

The aim is to give you the confidence to keep writing short or longer pieces for yourself and your family to preserve and pass on your family's history.

It would be great if you wanted to share those stories with fellow members via this newsletter. They can be as short as 300 words [half a page, depending on the font you use] up to a page and a half [approx. 900 words].

Pat Hopkins has proposed a project to help you on your way.

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 February 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 April or May 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.

Marie Day has provided some information regarding her trip to Great Britain and Ireland.

I have been asked to write a brief article regarding my trip to - Great Britain and Ireland in Aug/Sep 2013.

I travelled with my daughter and we had the best time. To begin with Andrea wasn't so keen to trudge through cemeteries reading headstones and looking for relatives'

graves. She soon became very good at it and interested as well.

After touring England, Wales and Scotland we arrived back in London where we travelled by train to Manchester and spent three days in this lovely city.

Prior to leaving home I had sent an email to the Administrative Officer at the Oldham Council seeking information on the cemeteries in the area and I must say that the service was brilliant. In less than 24 hours I was armed complete with the required maps and grave numbers and a summary of who was buried with whom, in what graves, death dates etc.

On arrival in Manchester we had arranged to meet up with a friend and she very kindly gave up her time driving us wherever it was we wanted to go during our stay. First we went to the Chadderton Cemetery at Oldham where my maternal great great grandparents and various members of their family are buried.

Chadderton is the oldest of eight cemeteries in this area and it was just a wonderful experience. We were able to take photos of the plots (no headstones) after we verified with a council worker that we were viewing the correct graves. My English great grandparents came to Australia in 1862 and settled at Bendigo. The two youngest children (girls) of this family returned to England in 1903 after the death of their father and they died at

Oldham and were buried at the Chadderton Cemetery in 1962 and 1965.

Margaret then took us to the address where our relatives had lived. Unfortunately, all the buildings had been demolished in this street but it was still very nice to have been able to walk in what had been their space. We also visited the Manchester Southern Cemetery on behalf of a friend and were able to locate and photograph all the graves that we were looking for (complete with headstones). In this particular cemetery even the public graves had slab tops with the names clearly marked. Once again the cemetery staff were extremely helpful, raking leaves to clear the slab tops of the graves to give us a clear view. Because my family had been involved with the textile industry in one way or another we spent a delightful day at The Mill, Quarry Bank at Styal on the outskirts of Manchester. Here we were able to view the textile industry from beginning to end - all the amazing machinery used in operation and the accommodation used by "the child labourers". A very "real" set-up of bygone days and well worth the visit.

We then made our flight to Dublin, a place I had been waiting to revisit for nearly twenty-five years. Here we joined another tour and had a great trip of the Irish Republic and a tiny

peep into Northern Ireland. The tour finished in Dublin so we collected our hire car and drove to Tullamore, County Offaly (formally Kings County) to meet up with a 'cousin' discovered earlier in the year via an Ancestry Notice Board. We had a great visit and Lorraine was able to arrange for a local historian to take us to the ruins of what had been our ancestral home located on what had once been the family farmland at Ferbane.

Ferbane is a beautiful little village about a half hour or so drive from Tullamore, with lots of tiny pubs in a really quaint main street and these days providing some very nice bakeries and coffee shops.

Here we also visited Clonmacnoise founded in about 548. I believe that this is amongst the oldest and most extensive remains of ancient monastic sites in Ireland and was located just a short drive from our B&B. The history, many tombstones and ruins, made this a very interesting place to visit and it was very well presented.

My paternal great great grandfather came to Australia in 1841 as a single man who married twice. I am a descendant of the third child from the first marriage. My cousin Lorraine is believed to be a descendant of the second child of the first marriage who went to Ireland (age 23 years, around 1869), married, had a family and remained in Ireland with his Irish relatives. We are still sorting through

this "mystery" and naturally records are very sparse.

This trip was the culmination of over thirty years of research into my family history and my daughter and I were very thrilled to have had the opportunity to visit these amazing places.



This next article is from Margaret Potter

Recently an occasion arose within my family which reinforced my thoughts on the importance of documenting events within our own lifetime, so that our offspring, at an age when they are interested, will have some record of daily living in our era.

My nephew's children were excited to find that my late brother (their grandfather) had been mentioned in a book that they were reading. This prompted an email to me and I was able to tell them lots more information about their grandfather and his escapades.

Society changes so much within a few years that what was mundane and normal for us is unbelievable to our grandchildren who are living in a very different environment, so some documentation of our lifetime events

will be amazing to the generations of the future.

I have vivid memories of driving a gig and horse five miles to catch the school bus, and before getting on the bus the horse had to be unyoked, put in the holding yards, fed some hay, water container filled before 7.45am – pick up time for the bus.

I also recall that I was 12 years old before our home was connected to electricity; and 16 years old before the telephone was available. These are just a few of the events of which the current generations would have no knowledge or understanding.

I don't believe it is necessary to have perfect spelling or literary skills, but to write an interesting and descriptive story of the event including some humour, drama or pathos as the story deserves so that the reader can enjoy and feel connected to that period of time.

How I wish I could magically find some stories like these written by some of my ancestors; maybe your jottings will become a treasured inheritance for future generations.

Footnote: a gig is a light two wheeled one horse carriage and a yoke is an apparatus used to harness the horse to the gig.

Thanks to Marie and Margaret for their contributions.



Wayne Bedella award

Both Marie's and Margaret's articles lead on to the next topic re the Wayne Bedella writing competition.

The entries for the writing competition need to be in by the end of May.

If you need a copy of the guidelines, please let our secretary know and she will send them to you.

If you need any assistance the committee is only too willing to help you.

The entries from previous years are available for loan from the WFHS library collection at the Wodonga Library. The previous entries cover a diverse range of subjects and all relate to family history.

Members are advised that the FlipPal is available at the Library for their use.

It is 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.

PROJECTS

There are a number of projects under way.

We are continuing to digitise and transcribe the Wodonga Anglican church records. These include baptisms from 1858, burials from 1989, confirmations from 1950 and

marriage records from the late 1800s for Bethanga, Talgarno, St Luke's and St John's at Wodonga. It has been a wonderful privilege to look at records dating back to 1859.

If you are interested in any of these records they may be viewed at our library.

What is really exciting is that the original marriage certificates have been digitised. These provide more information than what is on the document you receive from the Registry office.

Barnawartha, Talgarno and Bethanga cemetery trusts have given us permission to digitise and transcribe their cemetery records. These make a wonderful addition to our headstone photographs and transcriptions.

We are hoping to create CDs of this work but will need their permission if we wish to sell them.

We are currently visiting Sandy Creek and Kiewa cemeteries taking photographs of the headstones to update our records.

All our school registers and court records have been transcribed and can be viewed at our library.

The court records use numerous codes in place of details and we hope to add the relevant information in the immediate future so it is possible to know what crime the person committed. Your suggestions for future projects would be appreciated as would a copy of the Kiewa State School student register before 1950.

Thanks Pat Hopkins

Reminder

WFHS fees are due by 31st July. You can pay at the June or July meetings. If you want further information re methods of payment then please contact a committee member.

Librarian's Report

There were 99 visitors to the Research Room in February which included 92 members.

There were 94 visitors to the Research Room in March which included 77 members.

Lyn attended the launch of a book regarding the Huon family and De Kerilleau which was written by JF O'Donnell.

Two copies were donated to the WFHS library and are available for loan.



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	\$9

Headstones	
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.

Orders to: Wodonga Family History Soc Inc PO Box 289 Wodonga 3689



The Research Room continues to be supported by the donation of books from members and friends. This is great for the build-up of resources. This adds to the collection along with the microfiche, CD's and Internet.

Why don't you go and visit the Research Room to look at the wonderful collection of books on offer to use in the Research Room or to borrow. The Research Room is a cool environment to utilise on the hot days of summer.



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Nomination Form

I nominate:
Name.....[membership number...]
for election to Committee/President/Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary [please circle office applicable.

Name.....[membership number.....]
Signed.....

I second the nomination:
Name.....[membership number...]
Signed.....

I consent to nomination: ---Signed.....
date.....2014

Nominations must be **received** by the secretary by COB, **Monday 30th June 2014**

Election to the Committee of the Wodonga Family History Society Incorporated: If necessary, voting is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th July 2014.

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Proxy Voting Form

I [full name in block letters].....Membership number...
of [full address].....
being a financial member of the Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, hereby appoint:
[full name in block letters]..... Membership number...
of [full address].....
being a financial member of the said Wodonga Family History Soc Inc, or, failing him/her, the
Chairman of the meeting as my proxy, to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting
of the Society to be held on Tuesday 15th July 2014, and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this.....day of.....2014

A member entitled to attend and vote and is entitled to appoint a proxy and vote. A proxy **must** be a financial member of the society. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit. Completed Proxy forms should be **received** by the Secretary **before 5pm Monday 14th July 2014**

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