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What's Happening Next for our Society:

19th February – *Did you know subject:* “www.deceasedonline.com ” will be presented by Janette Griggs.
Our guest speaker will be John Chanter who's subject will be “Planning and Writing Stories”. This should be a great help with preparing your story for the Bedella and/or Townsend Trophy.



19th March - *Did you know subject:* “www.prov.vic.gov.au-schools registers” will be presented by Norma Burrows.
Our guest speaker will be Anita Payne who is a genealogist and her subject will be “They may be convicts”.



16th April – *Did you know subject:* www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk will be presented by Sue Jarvis.
Our guest speaker will be Jan Parker who's subject will be “Back to Basics with Genealogy”.

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The Research Room is situated in the premises of the Wodonga Library in Hovell Street, Wodonga VIC. The opening hours for research are Tuesday & Wednesday from 11am to 3pm and Thursday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

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

Researchers please note that you cannot access the Research Room records until you have signed the attendance book in the Research Room.

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 \$25.00.*

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:	New Members Joining Fee	\$ 10.00
	Annual Membership	\$25.00
	Part Year Membership	
	[join between 1 st April & 30 th June]	\$10.00 + joining fee

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

Committee members

President	Norma Burrows	phone: 02 6024 1591
Vice President	Bob Cousins	leaving during February
Treasurer	Sue Jarvis	
Secretary & Public Officer	Wendy Cooksey	phone: 02 6056 3220

Barbara Baxter	Lynda Cuper	Mary Fraser	Janette Griggs
Pat Hopkins	Lyn Larkin	Christine Young	

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.

President's Report

Christmas has come and gone and there is certainly no doubt that we are in the summer season. I hope you are all taking care in this extreme weather. I do remember, when I was a child, the first days of returning to school in the New Year were always very hot. The run of high temperatures we are experiencing seems to be going on for much longer than any other time I can recall.

A pleasant evening was had by all who attended our Christmas gathering. Janette tested our knowledge with trivia questions and Lynda and Dawn put together a very enjoyable meal. Thanks to all who helped.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of this year's programme. Janette has put together a wide variety of topics which we hope you will enjoy. Also attached is a survey for you to complete. The replies will be used to help us assess how we can cater to all our members needs in the future. Please complete and return by the due date.

Our Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle will be held on 24th March. Volunteers will be needed on that day and we would appreciate your help. Barbara Baxter is our Fundraising Co-ordinator and she will be pleased to hear from anyone who can spare an hour or two on that day.

This year we will be holding both the Bedella and Townsend Awards and look forward to your entries. All details of requirements are on our website or check in at the library for more information. We look forward to seeing your stories. All previous entries are in our library for you to read.

We have had a couple of meetings with Wodonga Council staff regarding the rebuilding of the library but at this stage we have not been advised of any definite date for re-locating. We will let you know as soon as we have any more news.

I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Norma Burrows

President

Meeting Notes

20th Nov – The meeting started at 7.30 with Norma covering the housekeeping and asking for names for the Christmas party to assist with the catering. Barb Baxter presented a short session on Rootschat. She showed how straightforward it is to navigate the site and the type of information and assistance that can be obtained. She finds the Rootschat members very willing to give helpful advice and even look up information at times.

Barb was followed by members showing photos they had brought along and telling the stories behind the photos. Several interesting photos and stories were produced

The meeting concluded with a cuppa and a chat.

18th Dec – This was the Christmas function to thank members for their participation in the meetings and events throughout the year. Janette conducted a Trivia event which was closely contested.

15th Jan - The meeting started with a "Did you Know" session on Australian BDM's "the latest" presented by Janette Griggs. She advised of the differences in costs and availability of records from state to state. For example:

Western Australia [WA]

Compulsory registration began in WA in 1841. For certificates before this the JS Battye library [part of the State Library of WA] holds some old church records: <https://slwa.wa.gov.au/explore-discover/wa-heritage/js-battye-library-west-australian-history> or you can contact the State Library via post or phone

State Library of Western Australia
25 Francis Street
Perth Cultural Centre
Perth WA 6000
08 9427 3111

The Dept of Justice holds the following date ranges:

Births: before 100 years; Deaths: 1841 – 1983; Marriages: before 75 years

The Dept of Justice also has an online index which allows searching the following date ranges:

Births: 1841 – 1932; Deaths: 1841 – 1971; Marriages: 1841 – 1936

Application forms can be found on the WA website:

<https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au>

or you can contact the Dept via post or phone

Department of Justice
PO Box 7720
Cloisters Square
PERTH WA 6850
1300 30 5021

This was followed by a "Show and Tell" session with the theme of showing an item that is not generally seen nowadays.

Several items were produced and included an audio of an interview with John Howard at the Blazing Stump Hotel before he became Prime Minister; a fob watch case; an enamel plate that has the alphabet around the edge and a clock face on the bowl. It was bought at an Op Shop for \$5 as a curiosity. There was also a family surname chart with descriptions of famous people who carried that surname.

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More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

South Australia [SA]

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages began in SA from June 1st 1842.

The South Aust Govt holds the following date ranges:

Births: before 100 years; Deaths: before 30 years; Marriages: before 75 years

Application can be made via

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births,-deaths-and-marriages> or you can contact the SA Govt via post or phone

Birth, Death and Marriages
GPO Box 1719
Adelaide SA 5001
13 1882

The Genealogy Society of SA has an online index which covers the following dates:

Births: 1842 – 1928; Deaths: 1842 – 1967; Marriage: 1842 – 1937

<https://www.genealogysa.org.au/> or you can contact the Society via post or phone

201 Unley Rd, Unley SA 5061
08 8272 4222

Anyone can purchase a Birth, Death or Marriage certificate from the SA Govt for \$49.75.

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].

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This article is submitted by Dorothy Schmidt.

I had read the email from Wendy stating that there was to be a "Brick Walls Session" at the September meeting. Being rather stumped on a particular person, I decided to take along my problem. However, I was not really sure whether I should be entitled to call it a brick wall, as although I had spent considerable time on it; my research had been a little haphazard. So I kept quiet, until it was apparent that no one else had brought along a brick wall and then decided to ask my "question".

My 2x great grandmother Augusta Amelia Phillips had been married in May 1841 to my 2x great grandfather William Deakin in the Parish of Llanover in the county of Monmouth, Wales. The 1841 census showed William, 23 years, and Augusta, 17 years, living in Blaenavon, Wales. Their first child, Ralph Thomas, was born in 1842, but died in 1843.

The second child, Thomas Henry Deakin, my great grandfather, was born in April 1845.

The 1851 census showed William living without Augusta back with his father and other family members in his father's house. (At this stage I have not found Thomas Henry on the 1851 census, but that is a work in progress.)

William Deakin and his son Thomas Henry migrated to Australia in 1852.

My puzzle was that even though various other online family trees listed Augusta Amelia as dying prior to the 1851 census, there appeared to be no evidence for this. I could not find a death for Augusta Amelia Deakin in this time period no matter how I changed the search or where I looked. Perhaps she was not dead at all and had either been admitted to a psychiatric institution, or even left William.

How glad I was to have taken my question to the meeting! The members had all sorts of helpful suggestions, one being that William should have his marital status listed on the 1851 census. Why hadn't I seen that? When arriving home, I had a look, and sure enough it stated under the column headed *Condition* – widower.

I planned to go on with the search using other suggestions in the morning. However when starting my computer up, there was an email from another member who had found a most important newspaper article!

It seems William was not quite honest with the census.

It was from the Monmouthshire Merlin 4th April 1846 and stated:

I, William Deakin, of Blaenafon in the County of Monmouth, Gaffer, do hereby give notice that my wife, Augusta Amelia, having left my house, I will no longer continue liable for the payment of any debt she may contract without my special authority. Dated this first day of April 1846

How exciting! I had actually looked at the newspapers, but my searching had concentrated on looking for a death.

Another suggestion from the members was to search for just the names Augusta Amelia without a surname, as it was not a common combination. So, this I did and now believe I have found her "married" to another man and with another son. I am fairly confident that this is her, as the son's name was James Thomas Phillips Anthony. As Phillips was her maiden name and various other details seem to fit, this seems likely.

I shall keep working on it and would like to sincerely thank Howard, Janette and all members who assisted with this brick wall!
Dorothy Schmidt

PROJECTS

Project work will recommence on 4th February.

More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

Tasmania

Compulsory registration began in December 1838.

The Dept of Justice holds the following date ranges:

Births: before 100 years; Deaths: before 25 years; Marriages: before 75 years

Application forms can be found on the Tas website: -

<https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/home> or you can contact the Dept via post or phone

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

30 Gordons Hill Road

ROSNY PARK TAS 7018

1300 13 5513

They do not currently have an online search facility. However, Libraries Tasmania does have an online search facility and many documents can be downloaded for free -

<https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/default.aspx>

The Head Office for Libraries Tasmania is 91 Murray Street, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000. A telephone number was not provided on the website.

Anyone can purchase a Birth, Death or Marriage certificate for \$53.98.

As the President's report states, a copy of the 2019 programme is attached to this newsletter. It is a pdf document produced in Adobe Acrobat Reader. If the font is too small then you can increase it to read it more easily.

You can also navigate to our website: <http://wodongafamilyhistory.org/> which will open on the Home screen. Scroll down to find the programme of events for this year.

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More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

### Victoria

Recording of births, marriages and deaths in Victoria began from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1853.

**The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria** holds an online index covering the following date ranges:

**Births: 1853 – 1918; Deaths: 1853 – 1988; Marriages: 1853 – 1958**

<https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au> or you can contact the Registry via post or phone

### Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria

Ground floor/595 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000

1300 36 9367

Historical scanned images of certificates for a cost of \$24.50 pay online and download before 30 days to see the image.

You can buy paper certificates for the cost of \$33.

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Our Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle will be held on 24th March. As advised in the President's Report volunteers will be needed on that day and we would appreciate your help.

Barbara Baxter is our Fundraising Co-ordinator and she will be pleased to hear from anyone who can spare an hour or two on that day. Barbara can be contacted via barbara3688@hotmail.com or by phone on 0438 01 7843. Alternatively you could leave a message in the Research Room at the Wodonga Library or speak to her at our February meeting.



More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

New South Wales

You can apply for a certificate online from the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages via <https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/> or you can contact the Registry via post or phone
NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30
SYDNEY NSW 2001
13 7788

An online search facility is available for the following date ranges:

Births: before 100 years; Deaths: before 30 years; Marriages: before 50 years

The cost of a normal certificate is \$58.

The registry can provide a family history certificate for \$47, if applied for by post, or \$34 online.

If you find that the cost of the certificates from NSW seems high then you may wish to use a transcription agent.

The following contacts are provided:

○ **Marilyn Rowan**

Phone: 02 4658 1206 | Fax: 02 4658 1296

Email: marilyn@nswtranscriptions.com.au or visit nswtranscriptions.com.au

The charge will be \$19.

○ **Joy Murrin**

Phone: 02 9585 1187 | Fax: 02 9585 1486

Email: joy@joymurrin.com.au or visit joymurrin.com.au

The charge will be \$19.

○ **Laurie Turtle**

Phone: 02 4573 1559 | Fax: 02 4573 0536

Email: lturtle@iprimus.com.au or visit home.iprimus.com.au/lturtle

The charge will be \$20.



Also, as mentioned in the President's report, this year we have both the Bedella and Townsend Award writing projects.

You can navigate to our website for more information: <http://wodongafamilyhistory.org/>

You can find the history, previous winners and rules under the **Society Awards** hyperlink. Entries should be submitted to the Secretary, in a folder, by the end of May, with the winner being announced at the August meeting.



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More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

Northern Territory [NT]

All Northern Territory births, deaths and marriages required registration from 24 August 1870.

You can access any of the following records:

Births: more than 100 years ago; Deaths: more than 30 years ago;

Marriages: more than 75 years ago

<https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm/apply-for-birth-death-or-marriage-certificate> or you

can contact the NT Govt via post or phone

GPO Box 3021, Darwin NT 0801

08 8999 6119

The cost of a standard certificate is \$46.



There is a book named "People Places & Things of the North East" by Graham Jones which can be borrowed from the Research Room. It is about towns in the north east of Victoria. There are lots of short articles in the book that may help with your family history research. Below are some snippets from the book and then further information can be found online. Some of the names may be relevant to you.

Chiltern

- Chiltern was 1st called Black Dog Creek because, it is said, overlander Joseph HAWDON [one of the 1st overlanders to take cattle through the North East of Victoria] shot a black dingo in 1836 near the creek that is now called Black Dog Creek. Joseph Hawdon was born at Wackerfield, Durham in England in 1813. He migrated to Australia in 1834.
- The main street of Chiltern is named after John CONNESS who was the first man to find gold in the Chiltern area. He found gold in Indigo in 1858.
- The Telegraph Hotel was built in 1859 by Benjamin BARTLEY and came into the possession of the SMYTHE family in 1892.

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Rutherglen

- James GULLIFER was one of the 1st stockmen in North East Victoria. He settled south of the town where the Rocky Waterhole Creek and the Black Dog Creek met with a 12,000 acre holding which was named Lilliput.
- He was born in Bristol, England around 1816. He decided at the age of 17, that he wanted to start a new life in Australia. He deliberately stole twice, knowing that it would gain him a seven year deportation sentence and free travel to Australia and then he would become a free man.
- In 1846 he met and married Agnes MEIGHAN from Wangaratta. They had at least 14 children; three of them are buried at the rear of the original homestead.
- Lindsay BROWN was a pioneer wine grower in Rutherglen. He laid the foundation stone of the Rutherglen Town Hall.
- In 1860 John GRAHAM [emigrated from Scotland via Canada] bought property at the first land auction on the Oxley Plains. He introduced the steam plough to the area to better prepare the soil for planting vines.

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Wahgunyah

- John FOORD arrived in the area in 1839 with his brother in law Joseph BOULD and a friend John CRISP. Bould eventually went to Boorahaman and Crisp to Wangaratta.
- John Foord had Wahgunyah surveyed as a private town. He built a flour mill, a Bond store [a warehouse where goods can be stored securely] and he owned a riverboat.
- Sanger Street formed the boundary between his land and that of John SANGER.
- John Foord died in 1883 and is buried in a private cemetery south of Wahgunyah.

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More Australian BDM's "the latest" information:

Aust Capital Territory [ACT]

Access Canberra is responsible for the registration of births, deaths and marriages that occur in the ACT. Records are from 1930 to present.

- Prior to 1930 records were registered in the [New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages](#).
- Less restricted access to certificates is granted where:
Historical indexes for deaths that occurred more than 30 years ago and marriages that occurred more than 75 years ago can be found on the Access Canberra website at [Historic death index](#) and [Historic marriage index](#)

You can also contact Access Canberra via post or phone
 Access Canberra
 Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
 GPO Box 158
 Canberra ACT 2601
 13 2281



Queensland

The Queensland Govt holds the following date ranges commencing in 1829:
Births: before 100 years; Deaths: before 30 years; Marriages: before 75 years

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces> or you can contact the Registry via post or phone

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
 Level 32/180 Ann St, Brisbane City QLD 4000
 13 7468

An online index facility is available to search the above timelines.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research>

An historical certificate can be purchased for \$30 and an historical image can be purchased for \$22.



RECORDS FOR SALE

If you wish to view/purchase the records that the WFHS hold on CD or DVD you can navigate to our website: <http://wodongafamilyhistory.org/> and click the Sales hyperlink.

All CD's cost \$20 each and all DVD's cost \$25 each.

There is a packaging and posting [p&p] charge:

- \$5 for 1 or 2 CD's and/or DVD's;
- \$10 for 3 or 4 CD's and/or DVD's, unless otherwise stated.

Please note: all CD's and DVD's are Word and Excel compatible.

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