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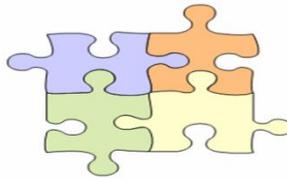


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What's Happening Next for our Society:

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – *Did you know subject:* [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) will be presented by Christine Young. Our guest speaker will be Diana Johnston who's subject will be "Uncovering Bonegilla".

**18<sup>th</sup> June** - *Did you know subject:* "Genealogical Courses Online" will be presented by Mary Fraser. Our guest speaker will be Louise Coakley who's subject will be "Introduction to DNA - Webinar". Louise works with DNA data and family trees to solve genealogical relationship puzzles.



**16<sup>th</sup> July** – *Did you know subject:* [www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

The presenter is to be announced at a later date.

Our guest speaker will be Sarah Ryan who's subject will be "Geo Referencing with Maps".



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# Newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Society Inc.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> April & 30 <sup>th</sup> June]	\$10.00 + joining fee

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

## Committee members

<b>President</b>	Norma Burrows	phone: 02 6024 1591
<b>Vice President</b>	vacant	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Jarvis	
<b>Secretary &amp; Public Officer</b>	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](mailto:secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org), call Wendy on 02 6056 3220 or post to PO Box 289, Wodonga, 3689.

Members are always welcome to attend the committee meetings. The committee meetings are held at 5 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Rainbow Room at the Felltimber Community Centre in West Wodonga [Cnr of Melrose Drive and Felltimber Creek Road]. This is the same room and evening as our general meetings. Come along and find out more about how your society runs.

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### **President's Report**

As Norma is away visiting family there will not be a President's report this quarter.

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### **Meeting Notes**

**19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – The meeting began with a short presentation by Janette on the website [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com) which covers British records. Janette walked us through the site explaining that it is quite easy to navigate. It has a very helpful FAQ section. It is free to search the database, but there is a charge to obtain a photo of a grave or a transcription or copy of a record. Janette suggested going and exploring the site.

This was followed by a very interesting presentation by Border Mail Journalist Janet Howie.

She first told us about herself and how she worked in radio and on a variety of newspapers both in Australia and overseas before coming to this area. If she has a problem starting a story, she might begin the story in the middle, and work out the start as the story evolves. She explained how to create an opening sentence that grabs the reader's attention and makes them want to read more. She also advised us to try to get the spirit of the people you are writing about rather than just words and names and dates.

She also said that writing a story in strict chronological order is not a good idea. She stressed the importance of having someone you trust to read your story as fresh eyes will reveal where it can perhaps be enhanced or where a grammatical or spelling error has occurred. She presented the society with a book of Yarrowonga women and their stories.

The members then chatted over a cuppa and a new member was signed up.

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Norma presented a session on school registers found at the PROV. For some of the records you need a full name to locate the record you are seeking. Searches are by key word, e.g. teacher.

There are 1,000 titled schools but they are not indexed, so you need a little time to explore them.

PROV mainly holds the records of schools that are closed and they are from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

When you locate the record you want, you will be presented with the date, series and agency, as well as the VPRS number which you will need to take note of as you will need to quote it when you submit your order.

Our library holds three volumes of "Visualisation and Realisation" which contains details of all state schools in Victoria. Mark Grealy from Archival Access Victoria has digitised a number of Victorian school records, some of which are on his website.

The room was then set up in a circle for Anita Payne's session on convicts. Anita mentioned a site called LINCTAS that lists convicts and shows their digitised records. She also mentioned a Claim a Convict site where you can insert your convict's details and maybe make contact with someone who is researching the same person. A useful record to consult when researching convicts is the surgeon's journal to glean more useful information.

If you have done your DNA and put it on Ancestry.com, you can sign up to THRULINES which enables further contacts to be found. You need an Ancestry subscription to use this feature. The members and Anita engaged in discussions about convicts.

The meeting ended at 9.30 and members had a cuppa and chat afterwards.

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Sue Jarvis Presented a short session on the website <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> a Scottish government website that houses a wide variety of genealogical data from Scotland, such as births, marriages and deaths, wills, census records, valuation rolls, church registers and many more. Sue logged onto the site to show how it can be navigated using examples to show the results that can be obtained. The index is free, but if you wish to view a digitised copy of a record, there is a credits system. For example a valuation roll view costs two credits, a census return six credits and a will ten credits. One credit costs 25p which is around 45cents Australian. Credits are valid for two years. The digitised records you view remain on the site and are accessible by you.

This was followed by a presentation from Jan Parker of Yarrawonga on getting back to basics. Jan stressed that it is essential to have a proper filing system to avoid purchasing a record more than once. Jan said it is vital to go back to your original certificates every five years to review them and ensure you have properly recorded all the information. There could be a link now that was not evident previously.

There was some discussion on cemeteries and Jan recommended [www.australiancemeteries.com.au](http://www.australiancemeteries.com.au)

Jan advised members to return to the site every so often as information is being added all the time. This site provides contact details for the cemetery trust for each cemetery.

Carol Junkins is photographing headstones in cemeteries and uploading them to <http://www.ozgenonline.com/>

There are lists on the site of the cemeteries she has photographed. You can email her and she is happy to send you a copy of a headstone photo.

Jan mentioned a couple of websites that could be useful:

<http://www.gmct.com.au/> (The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust) and

<https://smct.org.au/> (Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust).

Jan also mentioned that all graves in Victoria are in perpetuity and that there are no private crematoriums in Victoria.

Janette thanked Jan and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

The meeting ended at 9.30, supper was served and members chatted before going home.

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## 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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## The Wayne Bedella Award

This award is dedicated to the late Wayne Bedella, a longtime member of the Wodonga Family History Society [WFHS].

It is divided into three sections: Novice, Intermediate and Open and commenced in 2002. It is held annually and is intended to encourage family historians to write about their family history.

The Novice section is for members who have not won any award for their writing. Stories should be between 300 and 600 words [about 1 page] and entries can include photographs, pictures or other types of graphics. Entries should be received by the end of May each year.

Visit <http://wodongafamilyhistory.org/awards/wayne-bedella-award/> for more information and further details.

When entries are submitted to WFHS they are kept in the Research Room for all members to read.

I decided to read some of the entries in the Novice section to understand the subjects that members have written about.

You do not have to write about people however the story should relate to your family in some way.

There are so many subjects to choose from.

I found lots of different stories:

- One about a family quilt and the meaning of the colours used in the quilt – Ref: FAM 055;
- A story about the canal boats that plied the waterways of the British midlands and their connection to a family over a number of generations - FAM 055;
- A story about travelling to school by horse and buggy: you could explain what happened along the way; what you saw along the way; the effects of the weather on your journey – FAM 056;
- A story about what a nickname meant – FAM 056;
- A story about life on the gold diggings – FAM 056A;
- A story about life on an immigrant ship – FAM 060;
- A story about "Ralph the Wireless" and the families that he lived with – FAM 063A.

You could write about memories that are triggered by photos. I should write about the meaning of an award that was presented to my parents many years ago and about my grandfather's hand lawnmower. There are so many stories that can be written. Maybe you have already written some stories, as I have. Submit one for the Award. It doesn't matter if you don't win the Award but it does matter that you have written the story. Once you have started you may be enthused to write more stories.

I encourage everyone to write a short story about any subject so that these stories can be read, loved and cherished by your family.

I found these words in the Feb 2019 edition of the Murrumbidgee Ancestor which is the Journal of the Wagga Wagga and District Family History Society Inc.

We are the chosen. In every family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Anon.

Other interesting stories in this journal were about: finding gravestones; an Austin A40 car; a 1940's cookbook and their relationship to family members.

Christine Young

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Some clues that can be used for your research are:

Inscriptions in family bibles - there may be names and/or dates that can be useful in your search;

The name of a property or home. Where did the name come from? Is it connected to where your ancestor came from?

St Catherine's Index

The England and Wales Civil Registration Indexes

British Census Records

LDS Genealogy Search

In one Wayne Bedella entry there were 9 different websites mentioned - FAM 058a.

You may find them useful.

This story also detailed a brick wall that was broken. The writer had been searching for a relative whose surname was thought to be DICKSON. Nothing could be found and the search was stopped. After a couple of years it was then discovered that the surname was in fact DICKSEE but this name could not be found before 1845.

The answer was that the family member had been press ganged into the British Navy.

He absconded and changed his name from COX to DICKSEE.

The writer found this information in the IGI records.

No wonder family history can be so frustrating!!

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### Schools by Wendy Cooksey

As you get into your research, you start to want to add a little more to your records. School records can help with this. Early education was generally connected to the churches. In the 1600s in America the Puritans and Congregationalists controlled education, but by the 1800s this had largely been replaced by an elementary education system that was available to all. However for many years only the wealthy could access it.

Between 1702 and 1719 Britain passed the Penal laws in Ireland that prohibited the Irish from, among other things, educating their children in any way. The law stated that: **“no person of the popish religion shall publicly or in private houses teach school, or instruct youth in learning within this realm”**. Priests and some educated Irishmen started schools in inaccessible places, such as caves and under hedges, to ensure the children received some form of education. These schools were known as “Hedge Schools”. When school was ‘in’ someone would keep watch for the British soldiers who were intent on prosecuting the teachers.

In times gone by children would often be absent from school to assist with the crops or help Mum with a new baby. When carnivals came to town there would be a high absentee rate among students as many would take the opportunity to earn money to supplement the family's income.

School enrolment lists tell when your ancestor and his/her siblings started school. Usually an address and the parent/guardian's name will be included. From these records you can find out when the child left school, and, if the person recording the information was thorough, you will see whether the child left to attend a different school or take up employment.

The Education Department in your area of research may be able to assist in locating the records for the school/s attended by your ancestor. They may have been lodged with the relevant Public Record Office. Some records will be found with local Historic Societies. You will need to do some detective work to find the ones relevant to your research, and it is always worth checking online for any indexes that may have been created.



Our Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Wodonga on 24<sup>th</sup> March was a great success. We cleared over \$600 which was good money for a few hours work.

Well done to all the volunteers who were flat out keeping up with demand on a few occasions during the day.



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## PROJECTS

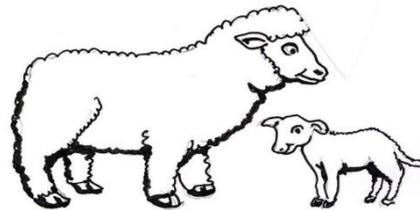
Work continues on transcribing the Wodonga Shire books; the 1951 Yack rates are currently being recorded.

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I believe the Albury Woollen Mill was established in 1925. Around 1932 a subsidiary mill was established in Wodonga due to "the crippling legislation of the Lang administration" [ref: TROVE - Barrier Miner [Broken Hill, NSW: 1888 - 1954] Page 1 Tues 24 May 1932

Here are some surnames that are associated with the wool industry that I found in the latest Albury, Wodonga & Corowa phone book:

- Dyer** [related name is **Dexter**];
- Kimber** [this comes from the old English word kemb meaning comb];
- Lamb; Lambden; Lambert; Lambeth; Lambourn;**
- Packer** [representing a wool packer];
- Shepherd; Sheppard; Shearer; Spinner;**
- Taylor** [related name is **Tailor**];
- Weaver** [derivations of this name are - Webb; Weber and Webster]; **Woolcock;**
- Wooley; Woolford; Woolnough**



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People on the Norfolk Rootsweb mailing list have noticed that some records they could previously access on FamilySearch are now unavailable. This relates to licensing agreements.

The following is Family Search's response:

"We understand your concerns. One thing you and others can do is to go to Feedback at the bottom of the page on FamilySearch.org and click Suggestion to give a suggestion such as putting a notice on FamilySearch when records become unavailable to view.

Determining whether historical records have access restrictions Information: Part of FamilySearch's mission is to make historical records available to help people discover their family history. To provide you with access to these records, we partner with record custodians worldwide to digitize, index, and make records available to you freely online.

In our agreements with record custodians, we try to get the broadest possible access for our users. However, the ultimate rights governing what access we can provide are granted by the record custodian and the laws of each country that govern access to records.

FamilySearch's strict adherence to these rights and laws protects the records and the information found in the records, builds trust, and enables us to continue making more records available over time.

The video Access to Records is a helpful resource for understanding why some records are not available to all users.

As you search for records, you can determine whether it has access restrictions.

Steps:

1. Search for a historical record.
2. In the search results, a camera icon on the far right will tell you if an image is associated with this record.
3. Click the camera icon. If the image is restricted or available only on a partner site, a message explains the situation. For a list of the various messages you may see and what they mean, see Image status messages on images of historical record (481226).
4. If you encounter a restricted record, you may be able to get access by doing one of these things:
  - \* Go to a local family history center or the Family History Library, and use a computer there. Many restricted images are available for viewing within a FamilySearch facility.
  - \* Try accessing the record from the partner site or the site of the record owner. (Fees may apply.)



## **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.



Members are reminded that subs are due at the end of *July*. They remain at \$25 per year.

The *AGM* is held in September.



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