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What's Happening Next for our Society:

20th November – *Did you know* subject: "Roots Chat" will be conducted by Barbara Baxter.
Members Night: Show and tell photo night.

13th December - The last day that you can use the Research Room in the Library for 2018.

18th December – Christmas Party – details to be advised.



On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everybody who has helped during the year with functions; fund raisers; contributions to the newsletter; in the Research Room; setting up and packing away after meetings; supplying supper goodies and anything else that hasn't been mentioned.

Have a wonderful Christmas. The Committee look forward to connecting with you again in 2019.

15th January 2019 – to be advised

22nd January 2019 - The Research Room in the Library will reopen.

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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 Felldimber Community Centre, cnr Felldimber 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
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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

Well here we are again with another year almost gone. It has been a very busy year for our club.

Once again Janette has organised some very interesting and informative speakers. These included Jenny Higgins who spoke to us about "Digging into Trove" and Ann Copeland from Victoria State Library who showed us how we can access the information which is available. We also had a "brick wall" night and our members were able to offer a few alternative avenues for research. In November we are having a "show and tell" evening so bring along a photo and tell us the story behind it. As part of Wodonga's Senior Celebrations this year we invited members of the public to attend our October meeting. This was well received and we were delighted by the number of people who attended.

Our seminar was very successful with over 60 people attending. There were four speakers covering a range of topics which kept us all engrossed for the day. A big "thank you" to Janette, Wendy and Bob for all the work they put into organising it and to all the other people who helped on the day.

You will have read that the Council is going to build a new library next year. We don't have any details of what will be happening yet, but will keep you informed.

Our research room will be closed from Thursday 13th December and re-open Tuesday 22nd January 2019.

Our Bedella Award winners this year were Intermediate – Heather Touzel and Open – Glynn Brown. Sadly Glynn passed away just days after the results were announced. We were able to let him know he had won and, through his family, present the award. We also thank Betty McGrath and Chris Edgar for once again judging the entries. We encourage everyone to think about entering in 2019.

Our Christmas meeting/party will be on Tuesday 18th December so come along and join in the celebrations.

Thanks again to the committee and all club members who have helped and supported us during 2018. Your support keeps us in a good financial position and ensures the club will continue to be strong and resilient.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

Norma Burrows
President.

Meeting Notes

21st Aug – The meeting began with the presentation of the Wayne Bedella trophies. There were no entries in the Novice section.

The Intermediate section was won by Heather Touzel.

The Open section was won by Glynn Brown. Information was received a week before the meeting that it was unlikely Glynn would live until the August meeting. His trophy was taken to the hospital and given to his family. They gave it to him and he was aware that he had won the competition. He passed away the next morning.

Jenny Higgins from HAGSOC presented a talk on "Digging into Trove". She told us that the newspapers indexed and digitised run from 1954, with some later. People can view a list of coming titles.

She explained how to search to get the best results using Boolean logic. She also explained how searching for a phrase returns articles with the words in quotes occurring within five words of each other.

She demonstrated the use of 'publictag' to return exact matches. Jenny went through the symbols on Trove and explained what each meant. There are demonstration videos available on YouTube.

Handouts covering the above topics were distributed. Several questions were asked and answered clearly by Jenny.

Supper was served and people chatted about the session they had just attended.

18th Sep – AGM. After the elections of the new committee for the upcoming year Pat Hopkins spoke about the free Find A Grave website -

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Heather Touzel read her winning entry for the Intermediate section of the Bedella competition.

Wendy Cooksey read the winning entry for the Open section of the Bedella competition.

A brickwall session was conducted by Janette Griggs. One of the members presented a scenario for tracing a female ancestor in Wales. Many members provided clues to follow.

16th Oct - There were ten visitors as a result of an invitation via the Senior Celebrations programme. They were all given the society's flyer and an invitation to attend a workshop in our library on Friday 26th October from 10.30am to midday. Some indicated they will attend.

The meeting started with a "Did you Know" session on Lost Cousins, a website that connects people through the census records. This site started in 2004 with only the 1881 census of England and Wales available from which to input data. Now the 1881 Scotland; 1911 Ireland; 1881 Canada; 1880 and 1840 USA; 1921 Newfoundland; and 1841, 1881 and 1911 England and Wales are all available.

Once the information from a census record has been input it will stay on the site and should someone input the same data both parties will be notified. It is purported to be 100% accurate.

This was followed by Ann Copeland giving a comprehensive talk on the Victorian State Library's collection. The genealogy section has been moved and revamped. It used to be quite a noisy area, but is now calm and pleasant to work in and has an extensive book collection as well as other records and new computers. Ann showed pictures of the revamped library as well as showing the new entrances in Russell and La Trobe Streets.

She suggested a visit as a group would be worthwhile. Ann also mentioned that registering with the State Library gives access to British newspapers online for no cost.

The meeting ended with supper and members and visitors chatting.

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The dais in the dome

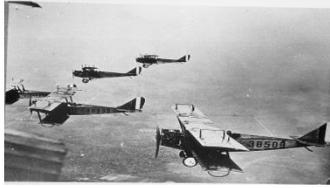


A staff member once sat in the dais in the centre of the La Trobe Reading Room, watching over any chattering public. The domed room – now revered as an iconic space of contemplation and inspiration – has a stern past. Its layout was modelled on a plan commonly used in penal establishments. Maintaining the silence was a serious matter indeed.

**FROM STATE LIBRARY, VICTORIA, NEWSLETTER
JULY 2018**

Further information is available on the State Library website.
It is certainly a different atmosphere from the libraries of today.

This issue of the newsletter coincides with 100yrs since WW1 ended. By the end of WW1 more than 18 million people had been killed worldwide.



Pat Hopkins has submitted this article.

THE WAR AND MY FAMILY

The headline above the photo that appeared in the West Australian 3 Dec 1916 reads “Five Sons And A Son-In Law Of W.E. And M.E. Cousens, Of Jarradale, Doing Their Little Bit” is quite an understatement.

Only one son, who was old enough to enlist, stayed at home.

The family had moved from the Rutherglen area in the 1890s. Their proud mother sent a copy of the newspaper clipping to her brother, John, so the news was put in the local paper.

The young men enlisted in WA, embarked from Fremantle between March and October 1916 and served on the Western Front. Reuben and Herbert served in the same regiment and William and his brother-in-law, George, sailed on the same ship. Two made the ‘supreme sacrifice’. Frank died of wounds on 7 August 1916 and is buried in the Puchvillers Military Cemetery. His brother, Reuben, was killed in action on 8 January, 1917. There is no grave – only his name on the memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. He was only 19.

William was awarded the Military Medal in 1918 for ‘conspicuous bravery in the field’. He returned home but died after falling off a horse on his way home from a family outing in 1920. Martin, also returned home, but suffered from anxiety. He was the Post Master at Beverley WA in January 1942 when he shot himself, apparently after hearing about the fall of Singapore. The “war to end all wars” had not achieved its aim. Herbert (Bert) died in 1965 aged 76 and Charles Judd, who did not see active service due to acute rheumatism, returned to WA 4 May 1917.



Christine Young has submitted this article.

World War 1 heroes

COLAC'S HONOUR ROLL



World War I, also known as the First World War or the Great War, was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918.

World War I ended first with the cessation of armed hostilities between the warring powers at the famed “11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month,” that is, 11 November, 1918. The official, or diplomatic, end of World War I came later at the Treaty of Versailles, 28 June 1919.

I don't recall anybody on my paternal side of the family ever speaking about the tragedy and loss that my paternal grandparents experienced during WW1. It wasn't until I started researching my paternal grandparents' brothers and sisters that I discovered their loss. So far I have found that 4 brothers and a brother in law fought in this war. Henry came home without being wounded; Reginald was wounded, recuperated, and then sent back to the war and came home.

Two brothers and a brother in law were killed in action. Clarence was in the army for 7 months; had been married for 6 months and died at Gallipoli in 1915 at the age of 22. He is buried at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli.

Albert 1 was wounded in 1915; developed blood poisoning and was sent to London to recuperate - this took 4 months. He was then sent to France to fight and died there 4 months later in 1916 at the age of 28. He is buried in Belgium. Albert 2 died in France in 1917 at the age of 21 and has no grave. He is listed on the Memorial Wall at Villers-Bretonneux.

I have been to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra with my children when they went on their high school camps. We toured the Memorial and saw the reproductions of the trenches and environments that the soldiers endured. I looked at the exhibitions with sadness for the conditions that the soldiers endured; respect for what they had sacrificed for our freedom but not with emotional attachment as I did not know of my family's involvement both in the war itself and back home.

Now that I have researched their involvement in WW1 I will make another journey to Canberra and look at the exhibitions in an entirely new way and I will visit their names on the Roll of Honour Wall.

If you wish to find someone that was killed in action for any conflict navigate to <https://www.awm.gov.au/> Click on Collections search; then People at the top of the screen; add the information that you have and click Search. I only had names and that was enough to find my soldiers.

NAME	<input type="text"/>
SERVICE NUMBER	<input type="text"/>
UNIT NAME	<input type="text"/>

Click the Roll of Honour hyperlink; find the person's name and click on the name and you will retrieve their Roll of Honour details. If you are lucky you may get a photo.

The names of the fallen are projected onto the exterior of the Hall of Memory over and over again. You are provided with this information when you view the details you have found.

My next dates for my three soldiers are: Clarence - Sun 27 Jan 2019 at 1.09am; Albert 1 - Friday 8 Feb 2019 at 12.48am; Albert 2 - Sunday 17 Feb 2019 at 11.18pm.



Lest we forget.

PROJECTS

We have had another year of highly productive work. The volunteers on Mondays, despite having time out for illness and holidays, are well on the way to create relevant local resources. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. A very big thank you to Julie Murray from the Wodonga City Council for suggesting we digitise and transcribe some of their early records as they contain details about the early residents and act as a reminder that not everything is on the Net or confined to births, deaths and marriages. I would like to welcome Mary to our team as she has offered to transcribe the Sheep Dip records. The transfer of liquor licenses through the local court is also a work in progress. I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas and trust you return full of enthusiasm to continue your wonderful work in 2019.



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DID YOU KNOW – An extract from a letter to the Editor warning of a potential potato crop failure.

THE FOOD CRISIS

Castletownroche, Dec. 30, 1845

DEAR SIR—I take leave to inform you that a meeting of the farmers of the union of Castletownroche and Ballyhooly is to be held in the chapel of Castletownroche, on the 6th of January next, at the hour of two o'clock, for the purpose of ascertaining the state of the potato crop in these parishes, with a view to forward a report thereof to the government, and for the information of all landlords having property in these locations ; also to discover the number of unemployed labourers in this district, and inquire what the farmers could do, aided by their landlords and by government, to avert the evils of certain scarcity of provisions and want of employment during the summer months. It is certain, from enquiries already made, that one-third of the potato crop in this district is black, and unfit for human food.

(From The Cork Examiner, 2 January, 1846)

This website - www.irelandoldnews.com/Cork - has snippets from the Cork Examiner and other papers free of charge. The letter can be read in full but there are some wonderful insights about the impact of the famine on the local population. Well worth a read.

From the Wodonga Sentinel of 23rd January 1942

IT HAPPENED FIFTY YEARS AGO

SHIRE COUNCILLORS' WANDERINGS

Just fifty years ago the Benalla Council sat until midnight. Two councillors commenced to ride home on horseback. Both were sleepy and tired. It had been a hot day and the night was hot. After going some distance, each on a black horse, they dismounted for a refresher. Then both re-mounted and each gave his horse its head, but unfortunately they changed horses in the dark. Later on "Smith" arrived at the home of "Jones", who arrived at the house of "Smith". This took a lot of explaining.



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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