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What's Happening Next for our Society:

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – *Did you know* subject: <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/> will be presented by Barbara Baxter.  
Tonight will be a members "Show and Tell" evening. Bring your most precious book and tells us about it.



**12<sup>th</sup> December [Thursday]** - The last day that you can use the Research Room in the Library for 2019.

**17<sup>th</sup> December** – Our Christmas party starts at 6.30 pm. Food is provided but you need to byo drinks. Partners are most welcome. There will be a trivia quiz. Please let Wendy or Norma know if you are attending, for catering purposes, by 10<sup>th</sup> December.



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 2020.

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 [Tuesday]** - The Research Room in the Library will reopen.

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2020** – *Did you know* subject: To be announced at a later date.  
Tonight's meeting will be a Members Show and Tell event. Bring an old article perhaps something not seen these days and see if the audience knows what it is or how to use it!!

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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.

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| Subscriptions: | New Members Joining Fee  | \$ 10.00              |
|                | Annual Membership  | \$25.00               |
|                | Part Year Membership<br>[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.**

**The AGM is held in September each year.**

### Committee members

|                                       |                |                     |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>President</b>                      | Norma Burrows  | phone: 02 6024 1591 |
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|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Pat Hopkins | Ann Kerin       | Lyn Larkin      | Alice Lindsay |
| Pam Nulty   | Carolyn Renfrey | 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**

AFL football was finished for another year; it was a beautiful spring Saturday – the perfect day for a Sausage Sizzle. We had a very successful day on 5<sup>th</sup> October, raising \$1000. Thanks to all those who helped on the day and congratulations to Pam and Alison for their great effort.

**Library - We now have a definite date for the move to High Street. The Wodonga Library will close on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov and reopen at 194 High Street on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. The Research Room will not be available during those dates.**

Lyn and her helpers have started planning and packing our books, etc. so we will be ready for the move.

Christmas get-together – This will be held on our normal meeting night beginning at 6.30 pm. Food will be supplied but bring your own drinks. During the evening our knowledge will be tested by trivia questions put together by Janette.

At our Annual General Meeting in September it was reported that we are continuing to be in a healthy financial position and have welcomed new members during the year.

Our Programme Co-ordinator, Janette, put together a great range of speakers and our members have benefitted from the information they shared.

We are very pleased to welcome three new members to our committee – Carolyn Renfrey, Pam Nulty and Ann Kerin.

In early September some members enjoyed a successful day browsing the Regional Archives at Charles Sturt University campus in Wagga Wagga.

Janette is now putting together the 2020 Programme and she would appreciate any ideas as to any special areas of research you would like covered. We value your input and look forward to hearing from you.

I hope to see you at our meetings and in the research room soon.

Norma Burrows, President

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## **Meeting Notes:**

**20<sup>th</sup> August** – In Norma's absence Wendy went through the housekeeping. She mentioned the upcoming elections and the fact we need more people on Committee. We also need someone to take charge of supper. Maureen Cuskelly and Heather Touzel later offered to undertake the supper task between them.

Felltimber Community Centre is applying for a grant and need a person to act as Community Connector. Ann Kerin will speak to Amanda re being the Community Connector.

Wendy showed what information can be obtained from the Genuki, the UK and Irish website that contains a wealth of information on places in the UK and Ireland. It is run by volunteers but they do not do research as they spend their time maintaining and updating the site.

Janette presented the awards for the Townsend and Bedella awards.

- Carolyn Renfrey was awarded a certificate of recognition for her Novice entry in the Wayne Bedella Award. There were no Intermediate entries this year.
- Heather Touzel won the Open section of the Wayne Bedella Award.
- Maureen Cuskelly was highly commended for the Townsend award.

Charles Fransen used the internet to show what is available through Trove on the Government Gazettes. Up to 2000 of the Gazettes are on Trove. After that they are on the government sites. The one for NSW is [www.gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au)

Charles advised that when you identify a document you want to check out, right click and open a new tab. This way you can go back to the list easily. He also showed the Historic Land Records Viewer <https://hlrv.nswlrs.com.au/> which has maps, many with names of occupants.

Afterwards members chatted over a cuppa.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sep** – AGM: After the elections of the new committee for the upcoming year Carole McCulloch gave a presentation on Digital Storytelling involving creating a video using various media such as digital voice recordings and music to enhance the video. Carole runs a self-paced online course. She also advised she would be presenting a free workshop at the Baranduda Community Centre. She distributed a handout with details of her course and blog posts.

Wendy conducted a brick wall session with three members presenting their research problems. Members contributed constructively with advice as to which avenues people could take to help smash the brick walls.

**15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – The *Did You Know?* session was conducted by Pat Hopkins which helps you trace your family history in Australia and elsewhere [www.coraweb.com.au](http://www.coraweb.com.au)  
The guest speaker was Robert Hamilton and his subject was “*Freemason Records for Genealogists*”

Rob specialises in all things Masonic, having been born into a family steeped in Freemasonry. He joined the order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria 48 years ago and currently holds the Masonic rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer. He is a member of several Masonic study circles and The Victorian Lodge of Research, from which he holds a certificate of Masonic studies. He is also a Freemason in the English Constitution and has written numerous papers on Masonic and related topics.

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**PROJECTS:**

On Mondays we continue to transcribe the Yackandandah rates and Wodonga Council books. Our activities have been interrupted to some extent by the need to check our digitised resources before we move to High Street. We are unable to take our computers so a new system has been created to allow us access and use the Library computers but keep our information accessible for our members. All should be back to normal once the move is made.

Two possible project ideas for the future may come from two workshops I attended. In August, Mary Fraser and I attended a talk at the GSV on ‘eBooks in Family History’ presented by Glen Wall. It was an opportunity to see how our family stories can be produced using the computer and the internet. In the past we have written our story and perhaps published a book but Glen’s idea is to download an app that allows you to write your story in fewer words and have links to explain or embellish the information with photographs, maps, videos, etc.

If we are writing for future generations then, he suggests, we should use the techniques that appeal to them.

The Wodonga Library offered a workshop that used our iphones and ipads (or androids) to record our stories using photos and videos. The workshops were designed with family historians in mind so it was disappointing that only three members were able to attend. The results were similar to a PowerPoint display but as a video and could be uploaded to a television screen.

The Wodonga Cemetery Trust held cemetery walks during Seniors Week to show people around and gain a little knowledge of the cemetery’s past and future. The Cemetery records and photographs are a valuable part of our collection so I was pleased to attend to see the improvements the Trust has made over recent years. Well worth a visit as it is a very peaceful part of Wodonga and the headstones tell us so much about the past. I was surprised to hear that all the attendees at my session were new to Wodonga.

One grave of interest was Alice Maud Mary Dawe's in the Catholic Section – her husband William is in the Anglican Section.  
Did you know that Alice was Ned Kelly's half-sister!

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Pat Hopkins has provided the following report re the Wagga visit to CSU Regional Archives

In April last year our guest speaker was Jillian Kohlhagen from the CSU Regional NSW Archives from Wagga so seven members accepted her invitation to visit the Archives on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. (The Archives are open during the week but only on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 3pm.) We were fortunate to have three staff to answer our queries -Wayne Doubleday (Manager), Paul O'Donnell (Reference Archivist) and Jillian.

A tour of the building was provided to see the extent of the collection before we were provided with the items we were interested in. Not everyone was successful in obtaining information but just being there and seeing what they have relating to the southern part of NSW was certainly worth the visit.

It is a good idea if you are considering a visit to ask what they have available on your particular area so it can be readily available when you want it. I was fortunate as I knew that the Anglican records for the Wangaratta diocese were stored there so I had a wonderful time looking at the baptisms for St Stephen's in Rutherglen and Wahgunyah. The Anglican records for Corowa and further west are also there.

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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 following article is submitted by Carolyn Renfrey:

I found this hint on the Australian Genealogy Facebook page re finding exact dates on the NSW births, deaths and marriages website and thought it was worth sharing:

When you search the database [bdm.nsw.gov.au] for dates of events, a year is provided. It is possible to then narrow the search fields to a six month period in the year, then three months, etc. until you only have a couple of days in the search period where the entry appears.

In the example below, searching the year provides the first result, using the first six months of the year provides no result but the entry again appears with the search criteria narrowed down to two days.

This process provides the registered birth, marriage or date of death without paying for a full certificate.

I found it useful in disproving family statements concerning the absence of "shotgun" weddings in a particular branch of my family.

Little did they know that modern technology would reveal their secrets, in this case, 136 years later!

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Listed below are more books to demonstrate the wealth of knowledge that is contained in our book collection. They are displayed in the Research Room in the following categories, and can be borrowed: AUS [Australia which does include some books relating to Aborigines and Military]; BRT [British Isles which does include some books relating to Irish, Military and Scotland]; CEM [Cemeteries]; CNV [Convicts]; FAM [Family Histories]; GEN [General]; SHP [Shipping & Immigration].

There are also a series of books under the category REF [Reference which includes some maps and posters] that cannot be borrowed but can be used in the Research Room.

**Postcode:** Our postcode range is 2444 001 to 2899 for NSW and 3000 to 3898 for VIC. A sample of the books in the 2640 postcode is below.

This encompasses many books regarding Albury, its clubs, institutions, churches, the pioneer cemetery and its people [2640 001- 024].

- Thurgoona: the subjects include St John's Orphanage; the history of Thurgoona [2640 001 and 2640 002];
- the history of Haberfield's involvement in the dairy industry [2640 003]
- a history of the SS&A Club [2640 004]
- a history of St Patrick's Church [2640 006]; the growth of the Methodist Church [2640 020]
- many books about Albury, including the District Census of 1891, pioneers of Albury, Albury during WWII and Albury/Wodonga [2640 005, 007, 010, 017, 018, 019, 021, 022, 023 and 024]
- a history of the Albury Racing Club [2640 011]
- information about the Albury and District Historical Society [2640 012]
- information about schools [2640 013 and 014]
- a history of the Albury Pioneer Cemetery [2640 016]

The books in the 2640 category have pictures and lots and lots of names.

Christine Young

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## Research

Below is a link to a list of people legally executed in Australia. It gives the name, crime and date. It is not in alphabetical order but if you use ctrlF (for Control Find) you can search via a name. The list is not complete, but yet another tool for you to use. It could show someone you are missing.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_people\\_legally\\_executed\\_in\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_legally_executed_in_Australia)

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An essay on "The keeping of church registers in Austria" is now available in English and can be downloaded for free.

[http://www.felixgundacker.at/felix/downloads/church\\_registers.shtml](http://www.felixgundacker.at/felix/downloads/church_registers.shtml)  
[Translated by Gabi Rudinger, Freelance Translator](#)

The essay [20 pages] deals with the evolution of church register keeping starting prior to the Council of Trent (1545-1563), it presents ordinances and regulations issued by Maria Theresia and Joseph II which have partly never been published before, and leads up to later important developments. The explanations are supplemented with quotes of patents and ordinances.

At the end is a chronology that you may want to print and keep as a reference for this region.

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Wendy has advised that the cost of obtaining a will from the English Probate Registry has been reduced to £1.50. The full details are on <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>

There are also links to Scotland and Northern Ireland on this site as the process in those places are different.

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The central database for UK burials and cremations is

<http://www.deceasedonline.com/>

You can search the registers by Country, Region, County, Burial Authority or Crematorium free of charge.

If you register as a Deceased Online user you will have access to:

- Computerised cremation and burial records
- Digital scans of cremation and burial registers
- Photographs of graves and memorials
- Cemetery maps showing grave locations
- Other occupants in the same grave

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If you have ancestors in Nathalia these websites could be very useful:

Nathalia Public Cemetery [www.nathaliacemetery.org](http://www.nathaliacemetery.org)

Nathalia Cemetery Trust Mapping Portal

<http://search.cemsearch.com.au:8008/mapguide/Nathalia/Public/index.php>

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This website details a project to put online 13 million documents from the Nazi concentration camps - <https://arolsen-archives.org/en/news/more-than-13-million-documents/>

It is searchable and digitised images of the relevant documents are displayed. If the link doesn't work then copy and paste.

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The Victorian Public Register Index

<https://www.archivalaccessvictoria.com/pupil-register-index>

This Index has over 30,000 names of pupils who attended Victorian primary schools over the past 150 years and currently contains data from over 75 schools across the state.

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### **Genealogy Facebook sites**

Listed below are some Facebook sites that may help your research:

- Albury & District Historical Society  
<https://www.facebook.com/Albury.DHS/>
- Archival Access Victoria  
<https://www.facebook.com/ArchivalAccessVictoria/>
  - AAV is your link to the millions of records available at the Public Record Office of Victoria
- Colonial Ties – Convicts of Australia <https://www.facebook.com/ausfcd/>
  - Colonial Ties is designed to involve as many people as possible in preserving the history of Australia's convicts [both male and female] as well as colonial settlers.
- Disappearing Albury Wodonga <https://www.facebook.com/Disappearing-Albury-Wodonga-Region-135972593215060/>

- A digital diary of Albury, Wodonga and surrounding area memories, comments and pictures of which you are encouraged to contribute towards and build up.
- Life Stories Workshop <https://www.facebook.com/LifeStoriesWorkshop/>
  - Helping you write autobiography, memoir, fiction, nonfiction
- Roots Chat <https://www.facebook.com/rootschat/>
  - This is one of the UK's largest community messaging forum for everyone interested in researching their family history roots or local history
- Teapot Genealogy <https://www.facebook.com/teapot.genealogy/>
  - Family history research and resources specializing in indexing original documents at State Records NSW
- Using DNA for Genealogy <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UsingDNAforGenealogyAustraliaNewZealand/>
  - Anything & everything to do with using DNA as a tool in your family history & genealogical research - with an AUSTRALIAN & NZ focus.

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**FROM THE PAST**

Trove is a wonderful source of information about the life and times of our ancestors but sometimes you have to be impressed by how the news was reported.

Among the recent deaths recorded in the Sydney Monthly Overland Mail 23 Jun 1866 were:

"A coloured man named Alfred Perry – a confine in Maitland gaol – died in that prison, of a complication of diseases, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May; a young man named Felix Moss was accidentally shot at George’s River, whilst out fowling, on Sunday last, the 27<sup>th</sup> instant"; "Joseph", a native of one of the South Sea Islands, died at Parramatta from dysentery (accelerated by exposure) a few days since; a man named John White, aged 50 years, died very suddenly of apoplexy at Bellevue, on the Paterson, on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, whilst he was singing a song....."

Advertisements can give us a glimpse into the past too. These ads were found in a New Brunswick paper.

W A N T E D immediately,  
*A smart active L A D,*  
 About eight or ten years of age, as an  
 apprentice to learn the trade of a CHIM-  
 NEY-SWEEPER. For particulars ap-  
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 October 12, 1787.

TO BE SOLD;  
 CHEAP for CASH,  
 By ZEPH. KINGSLEY,  
 Muscovado and loaf Sugar,  
 Coffee, Tea, Rum, Salt, Flour,  
 Hard Soap, Gun Powder,  
 Shot, Flints, Cod lines,  
 Best Seine Twine,  
 Shoes, Hats,—and a general assortment of  
 LINENS, WOOLLENS, &c. &c.  
 September 12th, 1789.

Above info provided by Pat

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Sadly one of our members has passed away - Veronica McDougall. Our sympathies go out to her family.

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A leather case was handed to the Wodonga Family History group from the Uniting Care Op Shop. It was full of family history information. The owner was able to be identified and the leather case returned to the relieved owner. The owner was very pleased to have it returned as she had given it away by mistake.

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## **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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A list of books for sale [59 in all], at \$5 per book, has now been added to the website. On the home screen hover your mouse over the Sales hyperlink and there will be a sub heading for WFHS Books for Sale.



One of the books that WFHS has for sale is called "They Came to Australia" which is an anthology of writings by visitors to Australia to help the reader gain an understanding of the changing attitudes of people to Australia.

One of the visitors was Mark Twain whose essay is called "Cup Fever" which he wrote in 1895.

It is Melbourne Cup Day on 5<sup>th</sup> November so this is what he wrote about the day. His essay, in part, reads: The Melbourne Cup is the Australasian National Day. It would be difficult to overstate its importance. It overshadows all other holidays and specialised days...

I might almost say it blots them out. Each of them gets attention, but not everybody's; each of them evokes interest, but not everybody's; each of them arouses enthusiasm, but not everybody's; in each case a part of the attention, interest and enthusiasm is a matter of habit and custom, and another part of it is official and perfunctory. Cup Day, and Cup Day only, commands an attention, an interest, and an enthusiasm which are universal-and spontaneous, not perfunctory. Cup Day is supreme-it has no rival.

I can call to mind no specialised annual day, in any country, whose approach fires the whole land with a conflagration of conversation and preparation and anticipation and jubilation.

If you wish to write your family history and create a piece of writing that can be shared by anyone who is interested, here are some tips that may assist you with this process:

- **Decide what you want to write about**

Create an outline which will give you a guide throughout the writing process, especially, if you want to include multiple persons and/or a long period of time.

- **You can make changes at any time**

You can rewrite as many times as you want to. It doesn't need to be perfect the first time round.

- **Find your own style of writing and the story you wish to create**

Depending on what you want the writing to look like there are a number of different styles that may suit you.

The style known as descendency is where you start in the past with one person, or a married couple, and you move forward through time to include their children, grandchildren and families.

You could choose to follow a direct line, similar to a pedigree chart, from one person or married couple through time to a person or couple in the future.

- **Collect your resource materials**

Collect all your research materials such as Census Records, Birth, Death and Marriage certificates, Immigration records, Information from Rate Books, Service records, DNA data, etc so you can easily access them when you are writing your story.

- **Try and create a backdrop to the story**

You could use a timeline to write a history of regional and world events to bring to life the decisions, moves and choices your ancestors made.

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