

# DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



## Newsletter 28 – January-February 2017

Location: Ground floor – Two storey Community Arts Building Western Plains Gallery, Cnr. Gipps and Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo.

Opening hours: Tuesday 1.00-4pm, Thursday 2.00-6.00pm, Friday 10.00-1.00pm, Saturday 10.00-4.00pm

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**Management Committee** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am in DDFHS Library. Members are welcome to attend these meetings, or simply contact any of the committee listed above if you have anything you would like discussed at the meeting.

**Newsletter Information** The Newsletter is sent every 8-10 weeks with the next one due out in early April 2017. **Please share** any interesting information, news of an interesting website, or maybe a breakthrough with your family history, with other members. Contact Kathy Ph.68825533 or email [kathyfurney47@gmail.com](mailto:kathyfurney47@gmail.com) if you have anything that can be shared. We would love to print your item as it is exciting to hear about our members' research. Thank you to those people who have passed on information to me for publication.

**Website and Facebook** Make sure you check out the website and Facebook for our society. Regular updates, with information for our members, are being made to both, and don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page.

## Society News

**Membership fees for 2017 were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017** The Annual fee for current single membership remains at \$40.00, while joint membership fee is \$45.00 and family membership \$48.00. You can post your renewal to PO Box 868, Dubbo or you can still pay in person at the DDFH rooms if you so desire. For those who prefer to pay online, banking particulars for paying are as follow:

Bank – Westpac, BSB 032 646, account no 581832

Please ensure you enter **YOUR NAME and Membership Number** (if known) in the appropriate box. If required, receipts and membership cards can be picked up in the DDFHS Library.

**Dubbo Regional Library** will be holding a 'free' presentation on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, commencing at 2pm. Join Yvette Aubusson-Foley for her impression of the life of **Jean Emile Serisier**, who was one of the founders of Dubbo. You must book for this event, so contact the library on 6801 4510 to ensure a seat.

**Western Plains Cultural Centre** currently has on display a wonderful collection titled 'The Belgians'. These are historical photographs featuring many Dubbo men who fought on the Flanders battlefield from 1917. You need to get down there quickly as the display finishes next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Share Your Story** The first Share Your Story for 2017 will be on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**, commencing at **2pm**. Our presenter will be **Linda Barnes** who is the librarian with our society. Linda has spent many hours researching her family history as well as looking after the extensive library of books we have in our rooms. You are sure to learn a lot by coming along to this presentation. Remember you **must book** to attend, so RSVP by Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February to June Wilson at [juniwil@clearmail.com](mailto:juniwil@clearmail.com) or phone 6882 5366. The presentation will be followed by a light afternoon tea for which there is a cost of \$3.

**Galong Conference** (not far from Young) at St Clement's Retreat Conference Centre, Friday 7 to Sunday 9 April 2017

Theme is "Whole Histories - Keeping the Stories alive".

Cost \$435.00 includes 2 nights' accommodation. All meals including 3 course dinner and drinks in Galong House. Check website [www.yasshistory.org.au](http://www.yasshistory.org.au) for more information . The property of this retreat was settled in the late 1820's by transported Irish convict Edward 'Ned' Ryan.

**'Legacy' users group** will continue in 2017, with the group meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm in the family history rooms. If you would like to take part contact Jennifer Bruce on 6882 9050 to register for the next gathering, but remember this group is **only open to members** of Dubbo and District Family History Society. Please note the first meeting in 2017 will be on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Think Tank Group** Lost Someone? Can't find them anywhere? The Think Tank Group meets to discuss research with like-minded people. They discuss how to use the various websites for family research, and how to utilise the fantastic resources available in our rooms. Our core group would love to have other people join them in the morning gathering. The group meets in the family history rooms on the ***first Wednesday of each month at 10.00am***. The next gathering for 2017 will be on the **1<sup>st</sup> March**, followed by the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. You ***must be a member*** of the society to take part in this group, so if you are not already a member why not join up and take part. For more information contact Jo Murphy on 6882 9426 or June Wilson on 68825366, email [juniwil@clearmail.com.au](mailto:juniwil@clearmail.com.au)

**Save the Date for 2017** The Orange Family History Group is delighted to announce that they have been selected to host the **2017 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference** with the theme of: *Your family story: telling recording and preserving*. The conference will be held over three days **22-24 September** in the city's cultural precinct. They will be providing regular updates on their website or follow them on face book. What a golden opportunity for anyone from Dubbo to attend a conference relating to family history. People are already booking accommodation to attend this conference, so if you are interested in attending, make sure you get in early. It is suggested you check their website ([www.nswactfhsorg/conference/index.html](http://www.nswactfhsorg/conference/index.html)) for more information on the conference, particularly information on "early bird" registration specials.

**Local Members research** by Shirley Trethowan. This is a prime example of taking off on a tangent - A few weeks ago I found an article on that wonderful sight Trove about a "Native of Dubbo" who brought two old photos and story into the Dubbo Liberal in 1935. The story was about a Mr and Mrs. Fred Smith (fruiterer) and their daughter Gertrude, with the photos being in front of their shop in Macquarie Street. Unfortunately the photos were not printed. The story was a bit muddled however as Mrs. Smith was my Grandfather's sister, I knew a bit about them. It was enough to whet my curiosity to find out just where the shop had been. Apparently the shop was "somewhere" near Moriarty's Bakery according to this article. Mr D Stevenson sold his bakery at 406 Macquarie St. to a Mr S Moriarty in 1932. (Found through Trove)

Off to the Council I went, but despite the efforts of the very helpful staff my efforts were to no avail. Today 406 Macquarie Street is way down past the Macquarie Bowling club, no shops there before 1935, but maybe there were lot numbers in those days? My next stop was to Helen McLean whose family have been in Dubbo for many years. Her mother was a Stevenson, and Helen could remember where the old shop had been, hooray for Helen!! It had been next to the laneway between the now Dental Clinic and Peter Lords Stock and Station Agents near the corner of Macquarie and Bultje Streets. I have established the Smiths were here between 1878 and 1882, with four children born here. There are some 'photos' of the old Macquarie Street to be found but they seem to be mainly from Bultje Street north, if only I could find one from Bultje Street looking south. (*Thank you to Shirley Trethowan for sharing her quest for family history details – can anyone help her in her search?*)

**Can You Help** MASON Thomas born 1850 Manilla, parents Matthew MASON and Maria MATHEWS; m.(1) 1872 Walcha Rosanna OWENS (12 children); m.(2) 1918 Moree Mary Ann DENHAM (no children); d.3.7.1919 Moree. Maria Mathews was a Kamilaroi woman (aboriginal tribe).

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**Government Gazettes** Did you know that the New South Wales Government Gazettes are now on Trove. Our society also has these Gazettes on discs in the family history rooms, so if you are searching for someone in these you can either go to Trove or use the discs.

**Old Bourke Railway** Line features in the October 2016 issue of the Australian Family Tree Magazine. Although it is only a short story there is a photograph and interesting information, particularly if you had ever gone by train to Bourke when the passenger service was open. The newspaper items on the adjacent page also make interesting reading.

**Digger Magazine** Does anyone know the whereabouts of the latest filed issues of this magazine? The folder with publications from January 2017 has gone missing, so if you have taken it to read the interesting stories in there it would be appreciated if you could bring the folder back to the family history rooms. Two more issues have been received and are awaiting filing in the folder.

**Finders Cafe Newsletter - November 2016** This website may be of interest to some of our members <http://finderscafeptyltd.cmail20.com/t/d-e-drmykd-tuiktjdu-yd/> Finders Cafe is Australian designed and owned and was launched in March 2015. It is a user content driven, social history website. The global social history project may be used for Free. There is now a place where everyone can upload an image and link it with family relationships; to connect people around the world, to find their own histories. They will be taking part in the annual conference at Orange in September, so check them out. By us collectively sharing an image, you may find an image...

**Popular RootsTech 2017 Announces Free Online Broadcast Schedule** the massive family history and technology conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 8-11, 2017, announced its free live online streaming schedule for 17 of its popular sessions. The live broadcasts online give those unable to attend in-person worldwide a sampling of the show's content. Interested viewers will be able to watch the select broadcasts live at RootsTech.org (<http://www.rootstech.org/>) In 2016, over 150,000 viewers watched the conference sessions streamed live online. Even more are expected in 2017. No registration is required to view the live streams. All times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST). The stream will automatically refresh at the beginning of each session (otherwise use the Refresh button on your browser).