

# DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



## Newsletter 25 – July-August 2016

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 August 2016. **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.

**Website and Facebook** Don't forget to 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.

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## **Society News**

**Heraldry Workshop** Following her very interesting talk on Heraldry at our “Share your Story” in June, presenter Lesley Abrahams has been approached to give a workshop on this topic. For those not too sure Heraldry is tracing your family history through a coat of arms or crest.

Lesley has kindly consented to run a workshop on this subject for us on **Wednesday 24th August 2016 from 10am to 12noon**. This workshop will be for MEMBERS ONLY, so if you are interested and are not already a member of Dubbo & District Family History Society, you should join up immediately. There is a sliding scale fee for membership, so if you join now you will only pay \$27 which will cover you until the 31st December 2016. **Contact Lesley on [ljabrahams@bigpond.com](mailto:ljabrahams@bigpond.com) to reserve a seat at this workshop.**

**Share Your Story** Our presenter for our **August** event on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August**, will be member **Michael Graham**. Michael and his cousin have written a book of their family history called “From Dundee to Dilladerry – John Graham’s Story”. Michael will share with us the story of their research and how they went about writing and publishing their book. We hope to have a copy of his book on our shelves in the next few weeks. Remember you **must book** to attend this presentation. RSVP by the 16<sup>th</sup> August to June Wilson at [juniwil@clearmail.com](mailto:juniwil@clearmail.com) or phone 6882 5366. The presentation will be followed by a light morning tea for which there is a cost of \$3.

**Royal Australian Historical Society Conference 2016** Keep this conference in mind, there is always lots of great information available. This year the RAHS will hold its conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at Centro CBD, Wollongong. There will be pre conference get together on Friday night, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. More information will become available in the near future.

**‘Legacy’ users group** is proving popular with those members taking part. 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. This system is popular everywhere, as I came across a good article in the latest newsletter from Liverpool Genealogy Society (Links ‘N’ Chains, June 2016 issue). There are three pages of Tips and How to Use information which has been reprinted from The Millennia Corporation – Legacy Family Tree <https://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Learn2UseLegacy.asp>

**How to improve our society** The society is always looking for ways to improve its facilities and the services available to our members. This is why there is a suggestions box in the family history rooms. We are looking for ideas and suggestions from our members. If you have something in mind why not write it down and put it in the suggestion box, or if you would prefer, contact one of the committee members and discuss your suggestion.

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**Think Tank Group** The remaining meeting dates for our Think Tank Group for 2016 are 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December. For more information contact Jo Murphy on 6882 9426 or June Wilson on 68825366, email [juniwil@clearmail.com.au](mailto:juniwil@clearmail.com.au) but remember this group is **only available** to our members.

**For successful Family History Research use the resources available in the Family History Library** There is *no charge to members* for using international sites like Ancestry and Find My Past that includes the digitised British newspapers. The books in our library contain many treasures and the journals hold hidden gems – yours for the finding.

Come along to our Think Tank on the first Wednesday of the month. This is a good way to seek advice from other more experienced researchers.

**Volunteer** for some of our projects – it is very social and friendly and you are helping improve the resources of our library at the same time. As well you will find yourself learning by working with other like-minded people.

**Volunteer** as a librarian, it is amazing how much you actually know when you assisting others with their research and it is amazing what you learn from other librarians and people using the library.

**Keep your membership up to date.**

**Rabbits in Australia** I am sure we all remember stories of the rabbit plague in Australia. I recall going out with my father “ripping” rabbit warrens, as well eating more rabbit than I care to remember. In the *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society*, June 2016 issue there is a submission by Warwick Eather and Drew Cottle on the rabbit industry in south east Australia from 1870 to 1950. We thought rabbits were pests and vermin but many people made a good living out of trapping them. This is just one of many articles in this publication, check it out in the family history journals section.

**Teaching in Australia** Were you a school teacher in the early 1960’s, well there is a fantastic story about being a small town teacher at The Mullion, which if you do not know where it is, is located between Yass and Wee Jasper. This story was submitted to the *Yass & District Historical Society* newsletter (Boongaroon) by Keith Amos. It can be found in the June issue and will be continued in the following issue.

**Joseph Hewitt - Ex soldier of Queens Army** If you have been researching the name Hewitt from Ireland at all, you will find interesting articles in the last two issues of the *Hurstville Genealogist* newsletter (Nos.185 and 186). When reading through these articles there are descendants of Joseph Hewitt who lived and died in Dubbo. From his arrival in Australia in 1836 Hewitt moved around the state, with postings at Parramatta, Berrima, Canberra, Ophir, Wellington and Dubbo. His wife Anne died at Benalong and has a headstone in the Dubbo cemetery. The descendants even held a reunion in Dubbo in October 2013. *(These articles were submitted to Hurstville Genealogist by Jennifer Grant with thanks to many contributors)*

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**Sharing documents and photos** Have you ever wondered about the legalities of copying photos and documents, whether there is a copyright or ownership issue involved? There is an informative article by Judy G. Russell on just this at the following website. Check it out, but please note that you have to “ctrl + click” to open the page.  
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/2016/07/20/no-right-to-sharing/>

**Find My Past** This website has just added many Irish records such as Electoral Registers 1885-1886 and Ireland Poverty Relief Funds 1821-1874.

**Digger** The latest issue of this magazine, which is published by the Families and Friends of the First AIF Inc, has just been received in our rooms. If you have any interest in soldiers who were part of this conflict, you will find this interesting reading.

**UK Family History Magazine** In the June 2016 issue of this magazine there is an article on dealing with brick walls in your family history research. Have a read of it when you are next in the family history rooms and, *Remember, a genealogical brick wall is simply a research problem that has yet to be overcome.*

**Share Your Story** Because of the popularity of these events, and the wonderful information supplied by our presenters, it has been decided to keep copies of everyone’s presentation. A folder has been prepared and is available for any members to peruse when they are in the family history rooms.

***Sorry for the short issue of our magazine, but I have been away and haven’t had much opportunity to gather information. That is why I need everyone’s help, please if you have any information, story or tips for help in family history research please pass it onto me, so that it can be shared with our members.***