

# DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



## Newsletter 31 – July-August 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 usually sent every 8-10 weeks with the next one due out in early October 2017. **Please share** any interesting information, news of an interesting website or maybe a breakthrough with your family history, with other members. Contact Kathy on Ph.68825533/0427 971 232, 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.

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**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**

**Congratulations** to **Lyn Smith** who was awarded '*Member of the Year*' at our Annual General Meeting. Not only is Lyn a regular librarian and publicity officer, she is also busy behind the scenes with many of the projects the society is currently undertaking. Other members to receive acknowledgement at the AGM were **Di Roberts** and **Paul Woodford** who received '*Certificates of Recognition*' for their contributions. In addition to these awards, two members who have been working quietly for the society for many years were awarded *Life Membership*. Congratulations and thank you to **Pam Harvey** and **Jennifer Bruce** for their continuing ongoing work for the society.

**Share Your Story** The next Share Your Story for 2017 will be on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** commencing at **2pm**. Our presenter will be **Steve Hodder** who will entertain you with the story of his book relating to history research. Remember you **must book** to attend, so RSVP by Tuesday, **15<sup>th</sup> August** to June Wilson. The presentation will be followed by a light afternoon tea for which there is a cost of \$3.

**Save the Date for 2017** Less than two months to the **2017 NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference** which will be hosted at **Orange** by the Orange Family History Group. The theme will be: ***Your family story: telling recording and preserving***. The conference will be held over three days **22-24 September** in the city's cultural precinct. What a golden opportunity for anyone from Dubbo to attend a conference relating to family history. Spots are filling up fast so if you are interested in attending, make sure you get in now. Have a look at the Orange Family History website or the NSWACTFHS website.

**Biographical Database of Australia (BDA)** This website has recently been installed on computer 5 in our Family History Rooms. It contains transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were in born in Australia, starting from the earliest times. Some of the new details on the site are, soldiers stationed in Australia 1788-1829, all Australian university graduates 1856-1900 plus convict, muster, census, baptism, marriage and burial records for NSW 1788-1828+, Norfolk Island and Tasmania 1802-1811, First Fleet 1788. There are many, many other early records which are too numerous to mention here. Come into the rooms and have a look for yourself. The website has **only been installed on Computer 5**; just follow the simple directions next to the computer to log into the site.

**Central Coast Family History Society** at East Gosford will be hosting a seminar by the Royal Australian Historical Society on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This will commence at 9.00am finishing at 3.30pm with a \$20.00 fee including morning tea and a light lunch.

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As this day is part of a Precinct Open Day there will be a 90 minute break for lunch to allow you to seek out information from Precinct partners such as Central Coast Potters, Spinners and Weavers and The Makers Studio. There will be handmade items to peruse and purchase on the day.

Topics to be covered are:

Session 1: Carol Liston - *Convicts from another angle*. One of the highlights will be a discussion about the convict petitions that are held at The National Archives UK.

Session 2: Christine Yeats - *Soldier Settlement in NSW*. This session will look at the history behind the creation of the scheme and will consider its effectiveness. There will be a number of case studies.

Session 3: Carol Liston and Christine Yeats - *Research Trails*. This session will look at (a) the RAHS "Governors' Ladies" Project; (b) making the best use of Trove (Government Gazettes and Newspapers) and (c) the Biographical Database of Australia. Bookings and payment must be made through the RAHS website [www.centralcoastfhs.org.au](http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au)

**Dixon Family Reunion** Advice has been received of this family reunion for the descendants of **Frederick Horatio and Jane (nee Eckford) Dixon**. The reunion will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Maitland, NSW to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fred arriving in Australia. Some associated families are: Baker, Black, Capp, Clift, Coward, Eckford, Gallen, Hills, Mitchel, Muirhead, Paterson, Suters, Tait, Volmer and Walters. If you would like further information go to: [fhdixonreunion.weebly.com](http://fhdixonreunion.weebly.com) or [www.facebook.com/groups/FHDIXON](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FHDIXON) You may also contact Allan Shephard on 0419 601 226 or email [alshep724@gmail.com](mailto:alshep724@gmail.com)

**Family Tree UK May 2017 Issue** has several articles that would interest some of our members, they include the following:

(1) ***Tracing the Occupation of Your Irish Ancestor***

(2) ***Convict ships to Bermuda*** We mainly think of convicts in England being transported to places like America and Australia, but many were sent to Bermuda.

(3) ***DNA for your Family Tree.***

**Unlock the Past Cruises** Ever thought of taking a cruise and attending a family history conference at the same time? I have it on good authority that this is a great way to combine both. This company will have an exhibition at the Orange Conference in September this year, so check them out while you are at the conference, or check out their website [www.unlockthepastcruises.com](http://www.unlockthepastcruises.com)

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**Armidale Family History Group** is holding a 2017 Annual Seminar on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Contact Margaret 0408 415 462 or Diane 02 67714681 for information on this one day seminar.

**TreeView Grow Your Family Tree** Software program is now available to purchase. Apart from the fact that you can use TreeView on your desktop or laptop, you can also use it online, or take it with you on your mobile device using the TreeView app. The other big plus for TreeView is that it can be used on either a PC or Mac, perfect for the family that has both types of computers in the one household. Check out the website at [www.treeview.co.uk](http://www.treeview.co.uk) for full information.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** has advised that they will cease microfilm distribution as from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. This is the result of significant progress made by FamilySearch's microfilm digitization and thus the obsolescence of microfilm technology. They have now digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection with over 1.5 billion images available online. The digitization of remaining microfilms is expected to be completed by 2020.

Digital images of historical records can be accessed in three places on [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) under Search. [Records](#) include historical records indexed by name or organized with an image browse. [Books](#) include digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries. The [Catalog](#) includes a description of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, etc.) in the FamilySearch collection, including millions of online images not yet available in Records or Books. For navigation help, see [Finding Digital Images on FamilySearch.org](#)

**Tracing the occupation of Scottish Ancestors** The July issue of **UK Family Tree** magazine has an informative article on this subject. If you are researching Scottish ancestry this would be helpful to you, particularly information on the various websites available to help you. [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) is one of the many good websites for anyone researching Scotland.

**Irish Land Records** The same issue has helpful information on how to use Irish land records to trace your early ancestors.

**Discover Ancestors on the Move** is another article worth reading in the same issue.

**15<sup>th</sup> Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry** will be held for the first time in Sydney. Early Bird registrations are already open for this event which will be held from **Friday 9-Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. More information available on the website at [www.congress2018.org.au](http://www.congress2018.org.au)

**Ryerson Index to Death Notices and Obituaries in Australian Newspapers** The June issue of 'Descent' magazine gives an update on new features that have been added to this website [www.ryersonindex.org](http://www.ryersonindex.org)