

DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



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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 2nd 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 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 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 Check out the website and Facebook regularly as there is often useful information on them. Regular updates, with information for our members, are being made to both, and don't forget to 'like' our Facebook page where Karlyn has lots of interesting snippets.

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Society News

Share Your Story for June will be held on **Friday 15th June** at **2pm** at the WPCC Community Arts Centre in Wingewarra Street. This month we will have local resident and long-time real estate agent **Bob Berry** as our guest speaker. Remember you must RSVP to June Wilson by 12th June for catering. Contact her at juniwil1943@gmail.com or 'phone her on 68825366 or 0417 690 495. There is a \$4 cost towards afternoon tea.

Congratulations to committee member **Karlynn Robinson** on the launch of her book "Dubbo Pioneer Cemetery" at the Share Your Story in May. The book is selling quickly, particularly after good coverage in both the Dubbo Liberal and the Photo News. If you would like a copy it can be purchased from the family history rooms at a cost of \$40.

Conference The NSW ACT Assoc. of Family History societies will hold its annual conference at Batemans Bay from the **14th to 16th September 2018**. Go to www.sailingintohistory.org.au for full information on the conference. Early bird registration is already available.

WW1 deaths in Liverpool Army Camp Pam Browne of the *Moorebank Heritage Group* is looking for information relating to deaths in the army camp at Liverpool Field Training Area NSW, during WWI. If you know of a recruit who died before embarkation, please contact Pam at psbrowne@hotmail.com. The conditions at the camp were basic and it was a hotspot for diseases such as cerebral meningitis, measles and pneumonia. Some of the recruits sadly died as early as the second week of their enlistment and others before they had been allotted a service number. As medical and hospital resources at the camp were limited, some sick and injured servicemen were transferred to other hospitals such as the Garrison Hospital at Victoria Barracks or Randwick. Others were placed on sick leave and sent home to be cared by family or friends while others were admitted to their local hospital in regional areas; many subsequently dying under these circumstances. Other causes of death which have been identified include drowning, suicide, heart attack, sunstroke, shot, accidental (run over by a train, bomb blast, fall etc.) Collectively these servicemen have never been officially acknowledged. This project aims to raise the awareness of these men who were heroes nevertheless.

Lost Irish Records The **April** issue of **UK Family Tree** magazine has exciting news for those people trying to trace ancestors in early Ireland. A project called Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury will make millions of lost historical and genealogical facts available to the public. A new website at www.beyond2022.ie with all this information will be going live in December this year. Read through the article for full particulars of this project.

International Bomber Command Centre Archives We all know someone who knows someone who has had a family member who was a flyer in WW2. An article in the **April UK Family Tree** magazine gives information on a memorial erected to those people involved in the International Bomber Command including flyers, ground crew, nurses and administrative staff. Over 57,000 names are inscribed on the memorial walls. Have a read through the article or obtain more information is available at their website www.internationalbcc.co.uk

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Researching French records Again, in the **April UK Family Tree** magazine there is a worthwhile article by Keith Hayward on this subject. He gives some simple steps to help you come to grips with the records of France.

Can You Help? Owen Fitzsimmons from Mudgee is seeking to contact any relatives of George Taylor who came to Dubbo in 1862 as a solicitor. Owen is looking to contact any descendants who may still be living in Dubbo. He can be contacted on 02 63959173 or email owencarolfitzsimmons@gmail.com

British Isles archives We may think that we are getting huge amounts of information for our family history research on the internet. However keep in mind that the records available on line are only the tip of the iceberg of records held by the multitude of archives across the world. In fact the United Kingdom National Archives advises that only 5% of the collection held by them has been digitised and made available on either their own or partner websites. The online catalogues however make it easier to track down undigitised records. As well as national archives of United Kingdom there are also National records of Scotland and Ireland. For full information in relation to this subject read the article in the **May UK Family Tree** magazine.

NSW State Archives Records have a huge array of history on their website, but again this is only the tip of the iceberg. If you are looking for information on your family have a look at the website. Similarly there is the National Library of Australia website and the State Library of New South Wales website, both containing large amounts of information. Take the time to check them out.

The Irish Poor is another article in the **May UK Family Tree** magazine which makes interesting reading, particularly if you have Irish ancestry.