

DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



Newsletter 33 – November-December 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 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 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

Final issue for 2017 Where has the year gone? If you are like me it seems to have passed in a blur. Our society has again had a successful year, with the “Share Your Story” event held each month being well attended. Great work by the committee in organizing such interesting and varied speakers to entertain and enlighten us in relation to Family History. It was wonderful to have Robyn and Paul Allan make their home available for “Share your Story” in September. This popular event will continue in 2018 with our first guest speaker already organized for February. Another highlight was having Danny O’Neill from Canberra give an informative session on ‘photographs and how to store them’. It is also pleasing to see people attending our Legacy Group and Think Tank Group each month.

Opening hours Family history rooms will close at **1pm on Saturday 9th December** and will re-open to the public again at **1pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018**.

Membership fees for 2018 will be due on the 1st January 2018 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.

Nancye Fletcher and her story of involvement with Dubbo Family History group was very popular with our readers. However the story said Nancye began her research work in 1978 when it was actually 1987, sorry about that error Nancye.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ceased microfilm distribution as from the 1st 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 1.5billion images available online. The digitization of remaining microfilms is expected to be completed by 2020.

Dubbo Family History is one of only two centres in Dubbo where you can now actually log into this website and check the millions of records already online. Access to this website is only on Computer 1 in the rooms. You must be a member of the society or else pay the \$10 casual user fee to access this and the myriad of on line family history sites available in our rooms.

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15th Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry A reminder that this congress will be held for the first time in Sydney next year. Early Bird registrations have now closed with over 350 people already registered. The congress will be held from **Friday 9-Monday 12th March 2018**. More information available on the website at www.congress2018.org.au

Glen Innes & District Historical Society invites you to their conference which will be held hot on the heels of the Australian Congress, over the weekend of **16th-18th March 2018**. Their theme will be "Many Cultures - Our History". They are planning an excellent line up of presenters and topics to expand the theme.

Sydney Living Museums are currently in the process of developing an exhibition with photo media artist Anne Zahalka for the Museum of Sydney and potential tour to NSW museums and galleries. We are asking for community contributions for this project and would greatly appreciate your help. The exhibition will showcase faces and stories of the community through the historic record of street photography. Between the 1930s and 1960s thousands of candid photographs were taken daily by photographers stationed around Sydney and greater NSW, capturing pedestrians who could then purchase their photograph from developers around the city. They are conducting a public call out, asking the community to open up their family albums and contribute their stories and scanned copies of their photographs for possible use in this exhibition. Would you be able to share this with your visitors and members? Please see [information here](#) on the website. You are urged to check out the information site, maybe you can supply a photo which could make it into the display.

Federation of Family Histories advises that the General Register Office (GRO) in the United Kingdom is piloting a service from 12 October 2017 to provide portable document format (PDF) copies of digitised historical birth and death records. The pilot will run for a minimum of 3 months to enable GRO to assess the demand for this service over a prolonged period. Applications for each PDF cost £6, must be made online, and include a GRO index reference. England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include: Births: 1837 –1916, Deaths: 1837 –1957.

Note: A PDF is not a certificate and has no "evidential" value, and therefore a certificate is required for official purposes, e.g. applying for a passport, driving licence or giving notice of marriage. You need to go to the General Registers website for more information

Can you help? You might be researching or have information on the following family. If you are you may be able to assist with the following enquiry. William Thomas GREEN & Rose Hannah FLACK married 1896 in Dubbo, son Frederick Charles Green (1915-1983). His daughter Rozlynn Green is hoping there may still be some relations living in Dubbo. Please send any information or contact Chris Starkey at starkeyc@optusnet.com.au

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Yass and District Historical Society Inc. will be hosting a conference at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong from **Friday 2nd March to Sunday 4th March 2018**. Looks as though we will have to set the whole of March next year aside for conferences! The venue for this conference is worth a visit without the added bonus of a family history conference. Get in early and book your spot. Please see the website www.yasshistory.org.au and follow the link on the homepage to *Whole Histories* for fuller details of the weekend and to download further brochures and registration forms.

Christmas Party Sunday 26th November Those of us who were unable to attend our society's annual Christmas party certainly missed out on a good night. Thank you to our committee and members who helped make this a success. Some of those attending are shown in our photos below.



As the final issue for 2017 the committee of Dubbo & District Family History would like to thank all the hard working volunteers who help our society to function, but like all groups we are always looking for more help! We have several projects ready to go but we need your help! Speak to one of the committee if you think you could give a hand.

See you all in the New Year and don't forget to renew your membership.....

