

DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



Newsletter 38 – September-October 2018

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. *There are presently great items on Dubbo local history.*

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Society News

Christmas Party for our society will be held on **Sunday 25th November**, so make sure you have saved the date to come along and celebrate our year with other members. Full particulars will be coming out shortly.

Closing over Christmas the family history rooms will close for the Christmas/New year break at 4pm on Saturday 8th December. The rooms will be open again at 1pm on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Share Your Story for October will be held on **Friday 19th October** at **2pm** at the WPC Community Arts Centre in Wingewarra Street. For our October presentation, we have been fortunate to have well known Dubbo identity Jen Cowley agree to be our presenter. Jen is a well-known journalist and editor who has entertained us all with her stories. Make sure you come along and hear Jen share her story with the Family History Group. Remember you must RSVP by 16th October to Lyn Smith by for catering. Contact her at baretsmiths@bigpond.com or 'phone her on 68850107. There is a \$4 cost towards afternoon tea.



Society Newsletters are published every two months. If you do not print them up or save them on your computer, you can always check through back issues on our website. Newsletters from January 2016 to June 2018 are stored under the heading Newsletters on the front page of the web site.

Australian Rail Gauge Unification If you have any interest in trains and railways this article in the June 2018 issue of the Royal Australian Historical Society Journal will get your attention. We all remember travelling by train interstate when it was necessary to change trains at the borders because the states couldn't or wouldn't agree to a standard gauge rail. The 'Journal' can be found in the journals section in our rooms.

Thank You Morning Tea was hosted by Lesley Abrahams, our Project Officer, on the 3rd October for those hard working members who have been helping on the Vincent Studio Photographic project and the Dubbo Newspapers indexing. There are a number of other projects to be completed, as well as others that are awaiting commencement. Quite a few members have volunteered to work on the various projects, but we always need more!! A huge thank you to Lesley for the work she is doing running all these projects. Much of the work is done on Wednesday afternoons and many hands ensure that the jobs get done a little faster. It is always a light hearted and fun afternoon so if you have some time to spare, come down to the rooms at 1pm any Wednesday.



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UK Family Tree Journal for August is full of interesting articles such as:

Discover the history in Heraldry which is all about coats of arms in our families.

Taken a DNA test? What happens now? Lots of information on what to do with the information you obtained in your DNA test.

Exploring your ancestors occupational records – always interesting to find out what your early ancestors' did for a living.

Free UK Genealogy Did you know you can search over 400 million birth, death and marriages records for free on this website. Helpful information in this journal about how to use the website

www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk I had a look at this website which seems easy to navigate.

Techy Tips gives you hints on how to make the most of digital devices, websites, apps and gadgets for your family history research.

UK Family Tree Journal for September has helpful information as well.

DNA test another in this series.

Search Smarter Online Lots of good tips and tricks to use when searching the various websites online.

Helpful information on searching Ancestry and Findmypast which are both available for members to use in our rooms.

Dutch ancestors and how to look for them.

Census searching a good article on why you may not be able to find your ancestor in the census records.

Techy Tips this month is on how to transfer photos from your phone to your computer, something some of us struggle with.

Scottish Ancestry The parish of Gairloch and its surrounding district is situated in the North West Highlands of Scotland. Many residents from the late 1700s onwards emigrated – the majority to Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Today the area is visited by many people who want to find out more about their ancestors and to see the area in which they lived.

The local community newspaper, the *Gairloch & District Times is produced fortnightly, and is available online for a small annual subscription (currently 15 UKP for the year). The online edition includes photographs and graphics in full colour, and subscribers also have full access to our archive which includes all the editions of our paper, published continuously since March 1978. We are producing a series of articles, entitled *Links*. Each article will examine a clan name, a family, an incident, a building or an area. A sample edition of the paper (from June of this year) is available to browse on our website, outside the paywall. The Links feature and the paper would be of interest to people abroad who have connections with the North West Highlands through their ancestry. View the sample issue of the paper online at:

<http://www.gairlochtimes.co.uk>

A Review of the Notice of Intended Marriage is being canvassed by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department following the new marriage regulation in December 2017. The proposed changes will remove several items which will then no longer appear on any marriage certificate. Any family historian knows the value of the information obtained from a marriage certificate. Items to be removed are:

- (a) usual occupation,
- (b) usual place of residence of both parties,
- (c) father's name in full,
- (d) mother's maiden name in full.

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The department is asking for **submissions** in relation to this proposed change by the **28th October 2018**. *If you don't want to lose this valuable information, used by current researchers but also important to our future generations when chasing family history information, get your feedback in.* Your feedback to the following email address is necessary to prevent the removal of these requirements from the Notice of Intended Marriage and subsequently any Copy of a marriage certificate issued.

marriagecelebrantssection@ag.gov.au.

If you wish to look at the proposed new notice click on the following to view it. The form currently has provision for all of the items listed above on it. [Draft revised Notice of intended marriage \(NOIM\) \[PDF 400KB\]](#)

FindmyPast has announced a new partnership with DNA testing company Living DNA. The two British companies say they are creating a new DNA experience designed to help customers explore their British and Irish roots. The new service will combine 'cutting edge science with traditional family history research methods, allowing families to discover more about their past and present'. Read the full story at <https://familytr.ee/fmplivingdna> (UK Family Tree Journal, Oct.2018)

The RAF Museum has launched 'RAF Stories' a free digital resource accessible to everyone to submit, share and explore their family history and personal connections to the Royal Air Force. The project has been launched online at www.rafstories.org as part of the RAF's centenary celebrations for 2018. It includes video interviews and transcripts, photographs and stories. (UK Family Tree Journal, Oct.2018)

UK Family Tree Journal some of the items in the October issue are as follow.

DNA another in this series,

Family History Website Directory, 101 best genealogy websites,

Pinpoint your Ancestors' property,

Techy Tips for October covers apps, gadgets and others for the assistance of researchers. App of the month to use on your phone is a magnifying glass!

DNA was the topic for our **September** presentation with member **Ron Everett** giving us information on his search for Irish ancestors, and all about his venture into DNA genealogy to try to find more about them. Several other members have also tried DNA to further their family history research.



Ron sharing info with Anne



Doug, Bob



Michael, Eunice

Share Your Story – Make Sure You Don't Miss Jen Cowley at this October event, as it is the last one for the year.