

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 always 'like' our Facebook page where Karlyn has lots of interesting snippets. *Don't forget to check out "Window on Women" series currently featured on Face book.*

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Society News

The society has had a busy start to 2019 with the launch of the Vincent's Studios Negative collection, the AGM and ongoing projects happening. At the AGM in March the following awards were made:

Life membership award was presented to **Eunice Sweeney** at the recent AGM. Eunice has been a member of our Society for almost 30 years and has contributed in so many ways over that time. She is part of the backbone of our Society, giving back and sharing in our common purpose and friendship and doing it in her own quiet way. She has been a rostered Research Assistant and a volunteer at many of our events, most recently helping with the sorting of the Vincent Studio Negatives. Thank you Eunice for your support of our society.

Member of the Year went to **Jo Murphy** who has been involved with the Society for many years and has contributed in ways too numerous to mention. Through 2017 and 2018 she organised and ran several Writing Courses for members which were well received and have produced great results. Those members taking part have found them to be empowering and inspiring, as Jo has provided them with skills and encouragement to achieve things they would not otherwise have achieved. There have been books written and books still to come but most importantly there have been shared experiences and support under Jo's guidance.

Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to **Pam Kelly** for her wonderful help to our Society by supporting the catering team. She has provided delicious, home-baked cakes for our various morning and afternoon teas, our stock-takes and special events. We thank her for her contribution to the success, happiness and well-being of our Society.



Linda Barnes & Eunice Sweeney



Lesley Abrahams, Jo Murphy & Linda Barnes



Linda Barnes, Lesley Abrahams & Pam Kelly

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference this year will be hosted by Kuring-gai Historical Society and will be held at Knox Grammar School in Wahroonga on Sydney's North Shore. The society is already sending out newsletters regarding this annual conference which will be held **11-13 October 2019**. If you would like to receive information regarding the Conference and the newsletters, go to <http://exploringthepast.khs.org.au>

We have just received advice that Early Bird Registrations for this conference are now open, so get in early and get the cheaper price to attend.

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RAHS or **Royal Australian Historical Society** puts out a magazine every three months, with the latest one received being the **March issue**. For those of us who grew up in the 50's and 60's there is an excellent article on women's fashions during those times, titled "*All about the bow, an in depth look at the fashion shown on the cover*" and the back of the magazine. We will all remember the very full skirts with contrasting cummerbund or huge bow! With of course matching shoes and handbag, often accompanied by matching gloves and hat. These articles are written by Laura Jane Aulsebrook and are well worth a read. The magazine is in the folder in our rooms.



Digger Magazine for March 2019 has something closer to home with a story about **Trooper 2954 Garnet Lindsay Mawbey** of the 7th Light Horse Regiment. Garnet was four years old when four members of his family were murdered in the 'Breelong Massacre' near Gilgandra on 19th July 1900. Even closer to our members, he is the father of **Shirley Trethowan** who is a volunteer with our society. Have a read through the story when you are next in our rooms, it is a sad but interesting story. It is written by Trevor Munro of Dubbo for the Digger Magazine and has photos supplied by Shirley.

In the same issue there is also an article relating to **Private 3021 Matthew Sowden**, 45th Bn. who enlisted at Dubbo but came from Gulargambone. This story tells of how, despite being in hospital injured himself, Sowden submitted to a blood transfusion, the blood being used on another Australian. This was the only successful transfusion that had been accomplished in the hospital during the war. Read the full report, which was submitted by Angie Little of Coonamble, in the Digger Magazine.

Vincent's Studios Photo Index and how to use it. With the launch of our Vincent's Studio collection, we are receiving many inquiries to search the index and look at the photographs on our system. The **index** to photographs is available free for all members and visitors to peruse on each of the computers in the main office. Click on the **Vincent's Studio Photos** symbol on the front screen. If you look at the index and find some names that you might want to check in the photographic collection, you will need to come into the rooms when one of our operators is available. Operators are available **every Tuesday between 1pm and 3.30pm**, and on the **first and third Friday** each month between **10am and 12.30pm**.

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You need to enter particulars of each image you wish to peruse on the **order form** available in our rooms, so they can be located on the system.

If you are satisfied to receive the photograph mentioned in the index, without first checking the actual photo, again you must complete the **order form** available in our rooms. **Each copy is \$5** which must be paid at the time of ordering.

The photos can be emailed to you, or downloaded to your USB or CD and then collected by you. If you wish the USB or CD to be posted there will be an additional \$10 fee for postage. You should bring in a sealed, unused, USB stick for the operator to download the photos onto. This is to avoid the possibility of our computer receiving a virus. You may take a photograph of the Vincent's Studio photo, but there will still be a **\$5 fee** for each shot to cover the administration cost of the system.

Dubbo Wool Carbonising Works Does anyone remember or have any information on these works which were operating in Dubbo in the 1930's and 40's, apparently in the West Dubbo area. One of our members is very keen to find out more information on these works which were very successful in their time. You might have someone in your family who worked there, or who may know where the works were actually located in Dubbo. If you are not sure what a 'carbonising works' does, it is the initial cleaning of the sheep wool after shearing. A lot of information relating to this process has been obtained from Trove but our member is looking for a more personal angle on the works. Please email Chris Lloyd at pezoporus@bigpond.com if you can help.

Hint for Research In our Family History Rooms there are a large number of resources available to users. One of these is what is called the "**Great Card Index**". This index comprises various notices, such as baby births, engagements, obituaries, memorial notices and others, which have been obtained from our local newspapers over many years, and continue to be updated. The system has recently been revamped by one of our wonderful volunteers, so make sure you check it out when looking for local information on your ancestors. The drawers containing the index can be found on your right after you sign in.

Training Sessions The next session will be held on **Monday 24th June 2019** at 11am. This will concern Wills, Probate and Administration Records, all of which are valuable in tracking down information in your family history. We have been fortunate to have the services of our member Doug Butcherine to run this session for us. The course is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. You must book in with Linda Barnes on 6887 8284 or email her at martinandlinda@gmail.com

Membership Please note that if you have not renewed your membership for 2019 **by the 30th June**, you will no longer receive the member's newsletter every two months.