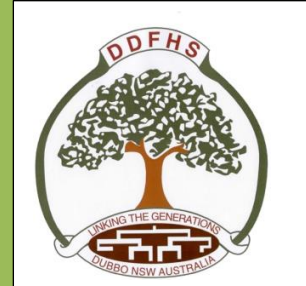


# DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



## Newsletter 48– May-June 2020

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](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.

**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' and 'share' our Facebook page where Karlyn has lots of interesting snippets.

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## **Society News**

**COVID-19 virus outbreak** is impacting on everyone in a huge way. Our society is no different with events such as Share Your Story, our Annual General Meeting and working bees having to be cancelled. Our rooms are also closed until further notice. Let's hope the situation improves soon and we can all get back to a relatively normal life.

### ***From our president Linda Ideas to stop you going stir crazy while times are mad.***

With our rooms being closed I am already having withdrawal symptoms – I've even started house cleaning! While emails and phone calls are important so we stay in touch and while they will help fill some gaps, now is the time to focus on some of the things that you may have put on the back-burner. Here are some ideas that you may find helpful.

1. Remember all those photographs you were going to sort/scan/ organise? Perhaps now is the time.
2. Have you been planning to write your life-story? How often have you thought that it would have been great if your grandparents had left you some clues? Make your grandchildren happy and start jotting down some memories. It may help to use headings such as 'Birthdays', 'Christmas', 'Holidays', 'A New Baby' or the like to get you started. Perhaps you could create a timeline of your life.
3. Revisit your family trees. Have you made recent discoveries that you haven't yet documented? Are there new resources available that might fill in some gaps or even answer those mysteries? Do you need to do some serious reorganizing so that your hard work will be more easily understood by those who come after you?
4. And finally, a tip to get more out of your online searches. You can create more accurate searches by specifying that the terms you search are near each other and not just anywhere on a page. To do this in Google you use AROUND(3) (or any number you choose) between the terms you have entered eg "George Parsons" AROUND(3) Inverell.  
'Trove' uses a slightly different method. Use the ~ (tilde) symbol (it is near the top left-hand side of my keyboard) to set the distance between your keywords. For example: "George Parsons"~3 will match items with 'George' and 'Parsons' within 3 words of each other. Hope this keeps you busy for a while and helps with your 'brick walls'.

Watch the newsletter, face book and email for more ideas while we all limit our distance from others. Please stay safe.

***New Cultural Plan from Dubbo Regional Council*** Dubbo Regional Council has recently developed a new Cultural Development Team which is in the process of creating a Cultural Plan for the Dubbo/Wellington region (something that has not been done before). The Plan encompasses many aspects of culture in the area, both commercial and volunteer, to enhance and support the delivery of culture and the arts to our community.

Our society will be affected by this plan, so the Committee has been in meetings, discussions and consultations so that we can know how we can best fit in with their plans. At this stage we have identified many ways we can work together and we look forward to a beneficial relationship.

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Recently, our team of scanners met with members of the Western Plains Cultural Centre to begin planning for an exhibition relating to our Vincent Studio Negatives. It's early days yet but a very exciting project hopefully happening towards the end of the year (virus permitting).

**Biographical Database of Australia** is one of the websites available in our rooms to members. The site is continually being added to, with some of the latest additions being things such as church records for birth, death, marriages and baptisms in Goulburn and Wollongong from 1833-1864, Norfolk Island records 1802-1855 convict records. Other additions relate to convict records, shipping and passenger records and military and biographical records for British garrisons in Australia to 1837.

**Help with Research** A request for information on the family of **James Hugh ALLAN** and **Amy Marie FOLKES** has been received from **Fiona Hunter**.

They were married in Dubbo in 1892. Apparently his parents James Allan ALLAN and Elizabeth GIFFEN lived in Dubbo and he worked at Wilkins, Spencer & Kennedy as a coach builder. Do any of our readers have a connection with the family. If you do please contact Fiona Hunter at [familytreehunter77@gmail.com](mailto:familytreehunter77@gmail.com)

A request has also been received from **Neil Douglas** seeking family information on **Patrick Joseph MCGRANE** and **Margaret Kathleen Douglas**.

Patrick and Margaret were married on 20 October 1909 in Coolamon, NSW. Margaret died in Dubbo on 2 April 1957 and Patrick died 10 June 1963. They are both buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Dubbo Cemetery.

Margaret's death certificate in 1957 shows she was survived by the following - Veronica, Martin, Eileen P, Anastasia M, Patrick, Josephine A, Mary L, Theresa P, Margaret K, and Raymond J.

Anyone with information on this family are asked to contact Neil Douglas at the following: [debandneild@bigpond.com](mailto:debandneild@bigpond.com)

**New book publication** We have been advised by Margo Piggott of Gilgandra that she has published a book titled '*Gilgandra & District WW1 Diggers*'. This book will be of local interest as she has researched behind the names of those soldiers on the War Memorials and Honour Rolls in Armatree, Collie, Curban, Gilgandra, Gulargambone, Mendooran, Tooraweenah and Eumungerie. Also included are the Coo-ee and the Kookaburra Recruitment marches and the stories of the re-enactments. Other chapters describe Women at War and at Home, Peace and the Aftermath and the Centenary Commemorations Across the District 1914-1918. The alphabetical listing of the diggers tells the stories of known diggers and the digger database lists the names on all the memorials. Contact Margo by email at [margaret.piggott@bigpond.com](mailto:margaret.piggott@bigpond.com) or 'phone 0418766726 to purchase the book at a cost of \$45 + \$15 postage. It is also available at the Gilgandra Heritage and Visitor's Centre, Newell Highway, Gilgandra as well as the Book Connection in Macquarie Street, Dubbo. Our members should note that the society has **already purchased** this book and it will be available in the rooms when things return to normal.

**E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition** This competition is an initiative of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC). This is the competition's second year, and HAGSOC was delighted with the range and quality of entries received in 2019. The competition is a great opportunity for family history

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enthusiasts to share their writing and is a forum to foster the preservation of family history research through stories. Again, this year, the competition will be judged to select the best short story (between 1,500 - 2,000 words) on a family history/genealogy theme. The genre of writing is not limited and the broad theme allows plenty of scope for creativity.

The 2020 judges are historian Professor Peter Stanley, and long standing HAGSOC members Barbara Moore and Kerrie Gray. The closing date is **15 July 2020**, and there is a chance to win \$1,000 and special HAGSOC member prizes.

All information about the competition, including Terms and Conditions and Entry Form, are on the HAGSOC website [1]. Enquiries can be directed to the email address [writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au](mailto:writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au).

**Upcoming Changes to BDM website** During the month of March the Registry website is undergoing changes as part of a broader NSW government project to consolidate over 1,000 websites. The aim of the project is to make it easier for customers and business partners to find what they need, and to locate easy to understand, consistent information around Government services. The existing website [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) will remain live until later this month.

**Color in your old black and white photos** The latest Traces magazine published by Gould Genealogy in South Australia advises that My Heritage has a facility to add color to old photos, just google "My Heritage In Color" for more information. Another site called colourise.sg also offers free coloring of old photos. Always new technology happening.

**Journals & Newsletter** are received in our rooms from a multitude of other societies both in Australia and overseas. There are often items in these that would be of assistance to our members in their research. The journals received by us in hard copy, can be found on the shelves in our second room, while those received in e-format, that is by e-mail, can be found on a thumb drive hanging near the journals. The thumb drive has a list of the societies we receive them from. Maybe you are interested in Queensland, we receive journals from Ipswich, Rockhampton and Townsville. You may be researching your family tree in some of these localities, so you never know what you might come across, if you have a read. Take the time to have a look at some of the local history books we also have on the shelves. These relate not only to the Dubbo but to many other towns and localities. Of course, that won't be able to happen until the rooms are once again open to the public!

