

# DUBBO & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC



## Newsletter 55– July-August 2021

Location: Ground floor – Two storey Community Arts Building Western Plains Gallery, Cnr. Gipps and Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo.

Opening hours: Tuesday 1.00-4pm, Thursday 1.00-4.00, Saturday 10.00-1.00pm

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**Management Committee** Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am 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 Lyn has lots of interesting snippets.

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## **Society News**

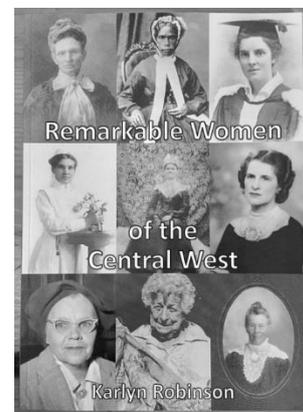
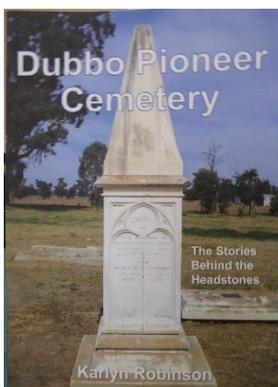
Already the middle of the year, with the family history society settling into a routine for opening hours. Unfortunately, Covid has seen the ceasing of our Saturday working bee, and the introduction of mask wearing at all times when in the family history rooms. With covid, we are still working with signing in, social distancing, and the time between usage of rooms. This means we are still only opening Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Another victim of Covid is our **“Share Your Story”** for August which has now been cancelled. It is hoped that we will be able to have a presentation in September. We will keep members informed in relation to this event.

**NSW&ACT Assoc.** will be holding their **Annual Conference** on **11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, running from 8.30am-5.00pm. This year the conference will be **hosted virtually** by Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society, with early bird registration for an individual costing \$10. This is a wonderful opportunity for family researchers to take part in an Annual Conference in their own home! You can pick the topics you wish to take part in, rather than being in a venue all day. The registration fee includes a free virtual goody bag, and the chance to buy tickets in some great prizes. There is also provision for societies to have access to the virtual conference with special rates available. Check out the conference website at <https://conference2021.wixsite.com/pmdfhs> for a full list of the ten presentations to be given. These range from Cate Pearce discussing **Using DNA for aboriginal family history research** to Dr. Penny Walters speaking on the topic of **Ethical dilemmas in Genealogy**. Email [2021conference@gmail.com](mailto:2021conference@gmail.com) to register.

**Book launch** Our society is very fortunate to have a great depth of family history researchers who have had books published. Karlyn Robinson is now launching her second book called **“Remarkable Women of the Central West”**. Members may recall Karlyn had a previous publication called **“Dubbo Pioneer Cemetery”**. Her second book has a wonderful history of over *thirty women* of the central west, including pioneer Sarah Graham of Dilladerry, Teresa Maliphant of Dubbo, Colleen McCullough of Wellington, Hannah Morris of Gilgandra and Betty Munro of Grenfell and Cumnock. Make sure you get a copy of this book.

“Remarkable Women of the Central West” can be purchased for \$45 in our family history rooms or by sending an email to our society. Postage for this book will be \$5.50. The “Dubbo Pioneer Cemetery” can be purchased for \$40, with postage of \$10.00.



**Second-hand books** Members may not be aware that the society has a collection of second-hand books available for sale at a very reasonable price. You may email your order and purchase by direct deposit if you wish, or purchase in our Family History Library during opening hours. Following is a few of the books available for purchase:

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Berzins, Baiba, **North Coast Women: a history to 1939**. 1996. 219 pages. Lives from 1860 to 1939, with illustrations. \$10.00 + \$5.50 postage

Chater, Kathy, **Family History made Easy: how to trace your family tree and find relatives in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales**. Southwater, 2004. Illustrations. \$10.00+ \$10.00p

Hornadage, Bill, **Dubbo Walkabout**. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1977. 80 pages. Dubbo characters and events. \$5.00+ \$2.20p

Hornadage, Bill, & drawings by Jon Lawrence. **Dubbo Sketchbook**. Rigby, 1980. Illustrations of early buildings. Historical treasure. \$4.00+ \$5.50p

Huggins, John, **Mathews family history 1825 – 1985**. 1985. 31 Pages. Thomas Andrew Mathews, King of Luth and family. \$5.00+ \$2.20p

McKenzie, Joan, **Wingadee: a great Australian Station**. 2003. 96 Pages. Coonamble district and owners and employees. \$8.00+ \$5.50p

McKenzie, Keith, **They paved the way: Australian Pioneering Stories**. Also, **The longest driving trip**. 94 pages. Family stories with illustrations. \$3.00+ \$2.20p

Shilling, Maree, **Family History through Family Photos, Research Guide no. 3**. Newcastle Family History Society, Inc. 2011. 31p. Including dating images by studio, type of photo, costume, etc. \$4.00+ \$2.20p

Titford, John, **Writing your family history: a do-it-yourself guide**. 2003. 127 Pages. Collecting, editing, photographs. \$8.00 + \$5.50 postage.

#### FICTION NOVELS.

OLIVER, Lauren, **Before I fall**. 2010. "What if you only had one day to live ... \$8.00 + \$10.00p

STEEL, Danielle, **A Good Woman**. 2008. New York Society 1912 to fires of WWI. \$8.00 + \$10.00p

WATT, Peter, **The Pacific**. 2011. World War II. \$8.00 + \$10.00p

ROTHSCHILD, Hannah. **The Baroness: the search for Nica, the rebellious Rothschild**. 2012. a Rothschild by birth and a baroness by marriage ... a rebel. \$8 + 10.00p

**Bogan Gate a town rich in history** In **October 2022** Bogan Gate will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Graeme Hunter is the chairman of the Bogan Gate 125 years Celebrations committee for this event next year. As part of this Graeme is looking to compile a third book on the town's history. Towards this end he is looking for untold stories from surviving older generations who would have many tales of early life in Bogan Gate. These could relate to the importance of the railways in the early days, the drovers passing through, or a personal experience of growing up in the area. If you have any photos or stories, please contact Graeme by email [graemehunter444@gmail.com](mailto:graemehunter444@gmail.com)

**Descent** magazine (Winter 2021 issue) held in our rooms has an extensive article relating to **First Nations (finding your way with aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history)**. This article particularly relates to Queensland genealogy, but also covers records by each State. A good place to find information on this area of research.

**UK Family Tree** magazine for **June** has article by Melanie Backe-Hansen where you can discover the steps needed to piece together the story of a house or building and its former inhabitants. In the **July** issue there is an interesting article by Dr. Simon Wills, who compares our experiences of Covid with ancestors who went through the Cholera pandemic in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Both issues features "Unlock the story of your genes" in the DNA workshop articles.

**Family Search** has recently added four million images from the Public Records Office of Victoria. These consist of wills, probate and administration files. Explore them at <http://familytr.ee/4maustralia>

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*Following is a history put together by member Steve Clayton who has generously allowed us to share this story with our members. It will run over several issues, so make sure you read each episode fully.*

### **Sir (Arthur) Roden Cutler, VC AK KCMG KCVO CBE (1916 – 2002)**

#### **A military and family history review by Steve Clayton**

Sir Roden Cutler will forever be an inspirational figure worthy of reflection in my view because of the very positive impression he has made on Australians of many generation (those born in the 1940s,50s) and for me he represents the gold standard of how a Governor should interact with the community.

Also, Dubbo has a special connection with this man and his family in its evolution from town to “City”.

Further, he has a **connection** with my family, or more specifically **my father**, as they were both in the **same regiment in World War Two** and this therefore invites a closer look at the military feats surrounding Roden Cutler being awarded the Victoria Cross in 1941 at age 25 and his subsequent fame which helped to shape a very public and remarkable life. But his life was not to be defined by this decoration alone given his many fine inherent qualities of being extremely astute and driven in any task put before him.

It is with these three interests in mind that I put together this history together.

Sir Roden Cutler holds a special place for the citizens of **Dubbo**. We’ve got the park and sports field named after him and his wife, Lady Cutler, on each side of the river. In 1966 he became Governor of NSW on 20<sup>th</sup> January, then in his first year of office on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, he proclaimed **Dubbo** a “City”, his first such proclamation as Governor. A well-attended ceremony was held in Macquarie Street outside the Council Chambers (now Riverdale).



Less than two weeks prior to that September day the Dubbo Gaol was technically still a functioning prison albeit in close down mode. The year mark on the front of the Gaol entrance (1887) is the year Sir Roden’s **grandfather** (on his mother’s side) Walter Robert Hamilton Pope became the first **Governor of the Dubbo Gaol** in its upgraded classification to “Minor Gaol”. It was the “Pope” side of Roden’s family rather than the “Cutler” side that had the military history roots. Walter Pope migrated to Australia from England in 1866 as a 16-year-old with some teacher training but became apprenticed as an engineer to Mort’s Dock. In 1872 he joined the NSW Artillery as a gunner rising to the rank of Sergeant Major. He remained with this unit for 5 years. *(To be continued in the next newsletter)*

***Keep safe everyone and keep up your family research – lots of resources available in the family history rooms.***