

# BORDERLINE NEWS

Newsletter of the Wodonga Family History Society, Inc. Est. 1987

## Next meeting dates & Guest Speakers

**Nov 15 :** Gail Gillis: Basic Intro to DNA - what to buy and what you need & Marie Elliot: Highlighting the new home of the Wodonga Historical Society Collection

**Dec 13 :** Christmas Party for all members . **January:** No meeting.

## Research area:

The WFHS Research Area is open at Hyphen Wodonga Library Gallery for members and visitors on:-

Tuesdays - 1pm to 4pm;  
Wednesday and Thursdays - 11am to 3pm

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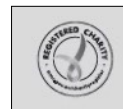
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## Society News



### Program News

Our outings this year have been highly valued by members along with the two-day Family Tree Maker workshops. Good news for anyone who missed out as we are planning more workshops for the coming year. Last month members had a successful day out in Chiltern. Thinking about DNA? If so, don't miss the talk by Gail Gillis on 15th November.

### 2023 Program

In 2023, we are planning two (2) Big Days Out and four (4) workshops as well as the monthly meeting and education sessions. We are also hoping to have a trip away. Keep an ear out at the monthly meetings and the newsletter for further information about these events.

**Not to be missed** - our end of year festive celebration is on again at Felldimber Community Centre on December 13th. Please arrive at 6.15 pm for the party and fun to begin at 6.30 pm. Dinner provided. BYO drinks.

**Guess Who?** The competition this year is 'who do you think this baby is?' Members are asked to email a baby photo of themselves or drop a copy into a committee member at the library by 8th December. Photos will be displayed on the night. (You can collect your photo back at the end of the night.) Please join in as the more photos we have the more fun for all. Happy Christmas to all our members and their families.



Janette

### Fundraising update from Pamela

Plant sale will be held at Warren's house 27 Wiltshire Crescent on 19th November from 9am - 2pm. Keep the date in mind to come and buy plants and tell your friends about the sale. Warren has many small and large garden plants, cacti, succulents and indoor plants for sale.

## Committee Members

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### President & Projects Officer:

Pat Hopkins.

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### Membership Benefits:

- ✦ Access to the Society's resources
- ✦ Quarterly newsletter
- ✦ Access to other family history news through shared newsletters from other family history groups
- ✦ Monthly meetings with family history tips and guest speakers
- ✦ Contact with other family historians, and members who share your interest
- ✦ Subscriptions:

New members -Joining fee \$10.00 plus \$25 membership fee Annual Membership- \$25.00 Part-year Membership -(join between 1st April - 30th June) \$10.00 plus joining fee.

Research request -\$30.00 or \$5.00 for simple check of the WFHS records. Full transcripts of Unrelated Certificates \$6.00 each

## MESSAGE FROM PAT

This time last year we were lamenting the fact that Covid had taken over our lives. Today, it seems, our lives are affected by the rain and floods – water everywhere. Thankfully, most of us have not been impacted by the extreme conditions faced by so many further down the Murray.

Although it is only six weeks since the AGM so much has happened. Mark Grealy was our guest speaker that evening and gave an interesting and informative talk on what's available at PROV, the State library and Land.Vic to help discover the history of your house and land. Check his webpage at [www.archivalaccessvictoria.com](http://www.archivalaccessvictoria.com)

We took part in the Seniors' week activities offering one hour free consultation with a research assistant. All time slots were booked and we had bookings for the following week as well. A big thank you to all who helped visitors with their family history search but it was very disappointing that there were a number who didn't attend and didn't let us know. The committee has decided that we will offer this service in the future but charge a small fee like everyone else does during that week. It appears that if the service is offered for free then it doesn't matter if you attend or not.

Our October guest speaker was Pauline Weeks who gave an informative talk on researching New Zealand – “Kiwis Don't Swim”. Pauline was a very generous guest. She donated her time, an Ancestry DNA kit which we are raffling (to be drawn at our December meeting), a CD Data base on finding New Zealanders and a variety of smaller items. She also went to the trouble of researching family for Jennifer, Janette and Alice and made those results part of her talk. Her handout on resources available in NZ is available at our desk at Hyphen if you missed out on a copy. Alice, on our behalf, researched Pauline's family in the Chiltern area and both she and Janette organised a wonderful day out at Chiltern for Pauline, her husband, Alan and our members and their guests.

Janette has been kept busy working with the new designer of our web site which should be on line in the near future. You can keep up to date with news from our old site and on Facebook. Maureen, with Pam's help submitted an application for funding on our behalf to 2AY Community Grants to help us pay for this project. I hope that the hours these ladies have put into this project is beneficial to all our members.

We continue to take the opportunity to have a presence

in the community. Wendy and Ann are representing us at the "Bonegilla Migrant Experience" in November to help celebrate 75 years since the first migrant intakes there.

Please let Pam know if you can assist at the plant sale at Warren's on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Now that we are comfortable in our space at Hyphen there is a real need to complete some outstanding work. I think a request is made in every newsletter for more members to help as research assistants or with our projects. Please contact Wendy or myself if you are in a position to help.

Pam reported that there were a number of sales missed at the Bunnings' BBQ so we are currently looking at purchasing a *Square*, a small electronic machine that receives and records payments made by credit or debit cards. You most probably have seen one in action at markets or in small shops to cater for people who don't carry cash? It could be used at our meetings, for membership fees and for sales.

The First Saturday at Hyphen will continue as it gives all members an opportunity to talk about their research and have someone offer advice if there are any problems. We would love to see more members visit and use our library. An idea for the future is to have discussion sessions or workshops on the Saturday on topics such as Family Tree Maker, DNA, Ancestry, writing your stories. If you have a particular area of interest where you can help others or an area where you need help then let us know as that's what our society is all about – helping one another.

Our November speaker is Marie Elliott, a highly respected member of our society and President of the Wodonga Historical Society. It will be an opportunity to learn about the history of Wodonga and surrounds and what can be found at their library. The December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday at Felltimber with an early start of 6.30pm so we can share a meal together. More details later. Our library at Hyphen will close on 15 December and re-open on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Keep well and dry. On behalf of the Committee I wish you a very happy Christmas and may next year bring you many blessings and solve one or two brick walls. A special thank you to all Committee members. It has been a very busy year and I certainly appreciate the work you do and your support.

Regards Pat

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### **Upcoming Family History information opportunities on-line. Click on links below:**

2-4 December 2022 Organised by: THE Genealogy Show  
[THE Genealogy Show - Winter Event \(Online\)](#)

3 December 2022 Organised by: Genealogical Society of Queensland  
[Pre-Separation research: finding your ancestors in Queensland records 1824-1859 \(Online\)](#)

3 December 2022 Organised by: Society of Australian Genealogists  
[Family history fundamentals - Part 3 Documenting and Presenting \(Online\)](#)

7 December 2022 Organised by: Sydney Living Museums  
[First Nations Speaker Series \(Online\)](#)

9 December 2022 Organised by: NSW State Archives & Records  
[Shipwrecks and coastal records \(Online\)](#)

For further information visit: <https://www.gould.com.au/coming-genealogy-history-events/>

## Grandma's House Part 1:

Barry Pinkerton

By the time my dad, Bob, came along in 1915 Grandma already had her hands full with Mary, 9, Del 5, and Elsie 3. The older three went to Avenel State School. When they arrived home each day one of their jobs was to look after Elsie and Bob. William, born prematurely, in 1907, died the same day so that left my dad as the oldest boy. Grandma known as 'Maria' was born Catherine Maria Mills in 1888 at Merton, Vic. She was the elder of twins. Her parents, my great grandparents, John and Mary Mills had six children in all:-

- Annie (b. 1885) m. Dave Robertson
- Maria (b. 1888) m. My grandma
- Maggie (b. 1891) married Charles Wurm
- Tom (b.1891) m. Mary Molloy. He served in WWI at Gallipoli
- Cis (b. 1894) m. James Young
- Mat (b 1896) m. Dorothy Boyce. He served in WWI at Gallipoli

I never knew Grandma Mills as she died in 1905 and John had to run the family himself. He worked as an overseer on an Avenel station as well as droving. Annie was 20 when her mother died and she took over a lot of the family duties until she married Dave Robertson. After Annie's wedding the older children worked as servants on sheep properties around Avenel while the younger ones went to live with other family members.

John Mills was a big man with a beard, in later years he shaped it to point, a Goatee. As a sheep drover he was always on the move with his wagon, dogs and a lad to help him. He had a generous nature and always helped others with handouts. More often than not he would leave some lambs for the family to raise, Dad really liked looking after the lambs. Around 1916 John decided to set up his four daughters each with a house and four acres of land at Avenel. Annie, Maria and Cis lived on their Avenel blocks while Maggie moved to Benalla with her husband Charles.

Annie - corner of Smyth & Livingstone Sts, Avenel

Maria (Grandma) corner Hughes & Wedge Sts, Avenel

Maggie, corner Mitchell & Anderson Sts, Avenel

Cis, corner Smyth & Anderson Sts, Avenel.

John died of heart failure just after his 62nd birthday (6.11.1920) and was buried with his wife Mary at the Avenel Cemetery. Tom and Mat inherited his Seymour property, but because John Mills was concerned about my Grandad Robert's drinking and gambling he tied up the title of Maria's house so it couldn't be sold until after her death. This meant Mum always had a roof over her head but it did cause some family discussion and conflict at times.

**T**HIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me JOHN MILLS of Seymour in the State of Victoria, Drover. I DEVISE all my land situated in Hughes Street Avenel and known as Tebble's to my Daughter CATHERINE MARIN PINKERTON for her life and after her death.

I DIRECT that the said land be sold and the proceeds of such sale equally divided between the children of the said Catherine Maria Pinkerton as and when they respectfully attain the age of twenty-one years.

I DEVISE all my land situated in Anderson Street Avenel and known as the old Police Paddocks to my daughter MARGARET WURM for her use and benefit absolutely. I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate to my two sons THOMAS MILLS and MATHEW MILLS in equal shares as tenants in common  
.... Signed *John Mills*

Grandma worked as a housekeeper on a sheep property near Avenel after her mother, Mary, died. She met Robert Pinkerton who did various work on local properties and even though he was 20 years her senior they decided to marry. They married at Seymour Presbyterian Church 26th August 1905; and to all accounts John Mills put on quite a good wedding for his daughter. Maria and Robert set up home at Mangalore West alongside the Goulburn Valley railway line, bear the railway bridge over Hughes Creek, (right side of the line going north) and it was common for Maria's brother Mat to come and stay.

Around 1915 the family moved into Avenel living in a house on the north-west side corner of the highway and Hughes Street. Later the house was demolished to make way for the Hume highway realignment.

Another move- this time into the Hughes St house that great-grandad Mills had bought for his daughter Maria. Bill Pebble, a pig farmer, had build this house on 4 acres at 'Old' Avenel. The house was nearly a mile from our school and about 1.5 miles from the station.

Maria and Robert had nine children and this was quite a handful for them. Much of the domestic work fell to the girls while Bob and Ted, the only boys, had to do the outside things. I think this is how the family members learned about hard work. Maria and Robert's children:

- Maria Christine b. 13/04/1906, at Avenel
- William James Wilson b. 3/10/1907 born prematurely and died the same day.
- Euphemia Catherine b. 4/12/1908, at Mangalore West.
- Delma Margaret, b. 10/11/1910 at Mangalore West.
- Elsie Cecilia, b. 2/11/1912 at Mangalore West.
- Robert (Bob) Lindsay b. 2/07/1915 at Mangalore West.
- Thomas Mathew b. 13/06/1918 at Avenel. He died of Diphtheria in March 1921.
- Edward (Ted) George, b. 1/06/1921 at Avenel.
- Betty Isobell b. 14/03/1924 at Avenel.

Part 2 of *Grandma's House by Barry Pinkerton* will be continued in the next newsletter

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## Genealogy quote:

If you think your family is normal - you are probably not a genealogist!

Funny Genealogy Quotes(2022, May 1) Retrieved from <https://blog.genealogybank.com/>

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## Duncan St Creek

By Ann Kerin

In my mind it is always summer in Duncan St. The shimmering haze of heat and dust float up from the hard-baked track and dead dry creek as I run across "the flat" into the street.

The shade from the venerable Moreton Bay figs is a breathless release from the heat. No time to climb them today though. Across the vivid slash of the wide gravelled road the Jacarandas are an exuberant burst of purple and blue.

The gravelled footpaths are exquisitely raked into order, echoing the formality of the garden beds. I will visit Granny on the way home but I can hear the boys whooping and hollering. They have already started and I don't want to miss out.

The creek is at the back of Granny's house and the banks are at least fifteen feet high. Dave and Mikey have the hose going, watering down the bank, the only water that creek bed will see this summer. The bank is slippery and muddy now, just perfect. We made the slides of corrugated iron sheets rolled over at the top so you can get a good grip on them.

Frankie is poised at the top, rocking gently at first, back and forward to get the slide going. Roaring with triumph, he plummets and hurtles to the bottom skidding to a sideways halt. The brothers vigorously debate who is next to go.

I crave the exhilaration of that swoosh to the bottom. Surely this time I will be able to do it.

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## Librarian news

The research area at Hyphen Wodonga Library will be closed at the library from Friday 16th December, re-opening on Tuesday 17th January. Merry Christmas. Enjoy yourselves and stay safe.

Christine Young

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## IN THE NAME OF GUERIN

Vince Aitken

My great grandmother was Mary Elizabeth Guerin (1853 Sydney-1943 Brisbane) and was the daughter of Denis Guerin from County Clare Ireland and his Irish wife Margaret Canavan. Mary's life and times is another story altogether and this abridged work is really about her parents. Two free Irish immigrants fleeing the poverty of Ireland who lived an interesting and hard life in colonial Australia as we will see:

Margaret Canavan arrived in Sydney on 22nd April 1838 (one year and five months earlier than her future husband Denis) as a 17-year-old young and attractive woman. She arrived from Ireland via the bounty immigrant ship sailing ship *'Duchess of Northumberland'* and is described in the ships indent of passengers as being aged 17 years, catholic and being a straw bonnet maker. Her assisted fare was £15.

Her travelling companion was a Cousin Thomas Coghlan aged 19 years, a catholic and plasterer. Also on board was a family by the name of Coghlan who might have been related to Thomas. That family group comprised a husband Timothy aged 34 and a plasterer, his wife Catherine 31 years and their two children Dennis aged 13 years and Catherine just 9 years.

There were 187 bounty passengers on board and the total fare revenue raised from the assisted immigrants was £1960. The ship left Plymouth on 1st December 1837 and travelled via the Cape of Good Hope. There were no other passengers on board with the surname Guerin. It was widespread practice for arriving migrants to spend up to two weeks living on the ship that transported them whilst they located accommodation in Sydney. It is not known where Margaret and her travelling companion resided in their new city of choice nor how and when she came to meet Dennis Guerin who she married some years later.

Seventeen months later, Denis Guerin, arrived in Sydney 29th September 1839. He is described as

an unmarried male labourer, a Catholic, aged 20 years from Ennis, County Clare Ireland, who could read. He arrived in Sydney as a passenger onboard the Government bounty sailing vessel "Amelia Thomson" and he was one of 22 single males being bounty immigrants on board. He is described in the shipping records as being *'strictly honest and dutiful'*.

Listed amongst the single females on that same ship was the name of his sister Susan Guerin. She is described as aged 21 years and a house maid. There were no Canavan's (this is the family name of Dennis's later wife) on the passenger list for that journey.



**The Amelia Thomson** weighed 477 tons, left Plymouth on 11/6/1839 and 108 days later she arrived in Sydney harbour. There were 27 families, 22 single males, half of whom were labourers and 29 single women, 18 of whom were house servants, listed as being on board. All told there were 240 bounty passengers aboard and comprised 114 males, 71 females and 55 children. Three children were born during the voyage. There were no deaths amongst the passengers during the journey however, on 22 August a gale was raging and a young sailor boy apprentice called J.Frost was lost overboard from aloft.

The most prevalent diseases during the voyage were pneumonia and dysentery. The general health of the passengers and crew upon arrival is described as very good. Regular divine services were conducted for the Protestants and Catholics and a school was established for about 30 attendees. Beds were brought up and aired on deck on any fine day. The voyage cost for a family was £36 and £18 for each unmarried single males and females. Most of the adult passengers could read and write.

On October 4, 1839 the Sydney Monitor and Commercial Advertiser reported that in the 9 months since January that year there had been a

total of 10638 migrants arrived in Sydney and most of them were from Britain. An article in the Australian Geographic (Sep-Oct 2020, p. 4) carries an article concerning assisted migration. It claims that assisted migration brought 127,000 people to Australia between 1832 and 1850 - about 70% of all immigrants in that period. After gold was discovered in 1850's there were a further 230,000 assisted migrants, about 50% of total migrants, most of them from the UK (including Ireland).

In 1841, Margaret Canavan married Dennis Guerin at St Mary's Church in Sydney. They went on to have 6 girls and four boys, two of whom were special needs children.

The family lived in rented accommodation in Crown Street Sydney for some years before finding permanent living quarters in a hotel they came to own in Old South Head Road. In 1843, Denis commenced work with the Sydney Town Corporation and 12 months later he was acting as an assistant clerk and messenger. There was public and other general disenchantment with the administration of the Corporation and on Monday 2 January 1854 a new Town Clerk and other officials were appointed over the existing incumbents.

At a meeting of the new officials, their first task was to enact the dismissal of Denis Guerin. It was speculated by the newspapers of the day that this occurred because of a spat between Denis and the past Town Clerk Mr. Rae. It was claimed that Denis had articulated views he held about the conduct of the Corporation executives, and this led to his dismissal for insubordination.

The incoming Commissioner told Denis that "he had no right to have an opinion". The services of all other Corporation officers were retained at least pro-temp-ore.

In early 1854 Denis held a licence to operate the "Corporation Arms" hotel on Old South Head Road Sydney near the Central Criminal Courts. Yearly renewals of this licence followed but over the next few years several applications by Denis to open the 'Malakhoff' hotel in upmarket Point

Piper were refused. There was considerable objection by residents of the area as they did not want the peaceful tone of their area degraded by a hotel retailing liquor and accommodating undesirables.

On 18/12/1856 a legal petition was lodged seeking redress for what today amounts to wrongful dismissal by the Corporation of Sydney in 1854. There are subsequent press reports of this petition in media on 28/11/1856. The outcome of this petition is uncertain, however there are indications a financial settlement was reached.

In 1858, Denis is still shown in official records as having a licence for the hotel 'Corporation Arms' - a Public House (hotel) situated at 120 South Head Road in Sydney. At the time, next door to his hotel and at 118 South Head Road Sydney George Cruikshank Aitkin operated a grocery store, (sometimes spelt Aitken) a Scotsman born in Edinburgh in 1804 and who died in Sydney in 1892. He became my Great Great grandfather and was the father of several children including John Cruikshank Aitkin, my great grandfather.

John later became the husband of one of Denis Guerin's daughter's Mary Elizabeth Guerin. Both adjacent businesses had operated in this area for some years prior. In 1858, when their parents' businesses were operating side by side in South Head Road, Mary was aged 5 years and John was 7 years old. There is no doubt that these children knew each other from an early age and interacted as youngsters do, despite the religious differences of their parents. South Head Road was a major road in those times and ran from the city of Sydney to Bondi Beach. It was unpaved and very dusty in summer and often a quagmire in winter and after rain events.

Denis eventually quit the Hotel business in about 1859 and commenced working for the Customs Department in Sydney.

*To see what Denis does and how his life unfolds please read Part 2 in the next newsletter.*

## **The Annual General Meeting was held at Felltimber on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

I am delighted to present this Annual Report marking the completion of 35 years of our Society. Whilst that is a remarkable achievement, we are deeply saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II and, as family historians, realise the contribution she made over her lengthy reign. From our point of view, as well as being Queen of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, she was also a daughter, a sister, a mother, grandmother, great grandmother. And those roles we can truly relate to. I'm sure most of us have focused on her legacy and have thought of the parallels in our own lives. It is truly a historic time. We can only wish Charles III can carry on his mother's legacy.

Our year, well the 11 months since our last AGM, has been very busy. We were able to move to Hyphen in November but really our Research desk and library started to function from the beginning of February. Since then, we have managed to move most of our resources and have made Hyphen our home. Research assistants are available three days a week and recently we introduced 'First Saturday at Hyphen' so that members and the public who need help with research have an opportunity to visit other than on a weekday.

We were especially pleased with attendances at our monthly meetings as Janette has continued to provide interesting guest speakers including Dr Charles Fahey (Soldiers Settlers in Victoria), Matt Bennett (Military Connections in Wodonga), Meg Bate (Irish and Scottish updates), and Suzanne Allen (Restoring old photos with new technology). Of particular interest was the talk given by Jenny Harkness at Hyphen on 'Family Search updates', Leah Whale and Alice on the 'Rajah Quilt' and Janette on 'Searching Trove'. The Family Tree Maker workshop presented by Jan Parker was very well supported; so much so, that we intend to have a follow up session in the future. Members were also given the opportunity to attend 'Big Day Out' events at Beechworth and Rutherglen and it was marvellous to see so many take the opportunity to attend. We are looking forward to visiting Chiltern next month.

Our Fundraising efforts continue to earn much needed funds for our Society. A very successful day selling Warren's plants in April raised over \$1000 and recently, in September, we made another \$850 at a Bunnings' Barbeque.

Our committee works tirelessly to make sure members are looked after. Currently we have over 70 members, 14 joined during the past year with 7 joining in the past month – thanks to the visit Wendy and I made to Howlong library, and to our Rutherglen Big Day Out. As well as our meeting nights members have received informative Newsletters and have been given the opportunity to write articles. Wendy keeps those on her 'list' informed of the news in the Family History world and, if your name isn't on her list, then you might like to have it added. The Facebook site is a valuable tool for connecting with membership and, although a new website is being developed, the current one is still operating and providing a connection to our society and the wider public.

We have tried to connect with the wider public. We offered 1 hour free research consultations during Seniors' week. A great idea as we had so many wanting to take up the offer that we had to extend the service for the following week. We have had articles in the local paper and on radio and ads are presented on Hyphen's electronic billboard. We were invited to the Howlong library to showcase what we have to offer. And as mentioned previously, three attendees joined our Society, and we were asked to make a return visit.

Finally, I wish to extend a very special thank you to all who have contributed to our work this year. A special thank you to Ash, Tania and the staff at Hyphen for their help and for making us feel very welcome. We certainly appreciate the support of the Wodonga City Council.

*An extra special thank you to our Committee members because without your contribution the Society would not be as successful as it is.*

Patricia Hopkins



## TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

The President, Pat Hopkins provided the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Sue Jarvis:

**General Account:** as at 1 July 2021  
Opening Balance. \$4767.42

**Closing Balance:** as at 30 June 2022  
\$4680.31.

**Income:** for year amounted to \$ 5009.04 mainly from membership fees (\$ 1974.90); Fundraising \$ 1159); Family Tree Maker Workshop \$855 and Research \$215.

**Expenses:** totalled \$ 5096.15. Main expenses included Insurance \$1137; Technical services \$954; Website \$950.

**Investment Account:** \$20,385.

### Election of committee members:

Bruce Nulty declared all positions vacant. All current committee members have re-nominated, and Sue Corbett also presented herself for committee membership. All nominees identified themselves to members, except Sue Jarvis who was absent. With no further nominations, all positions were declared filled. (A list of the Committee and their duties is listed in the newsletter).

**Increase in Membership dues:** A motion was passed by Pat Hopkins, seconded by Vince Aitken that memberships fees be increased to \$30 from July 1 2023 due to the increased costs and fewer members. The motion was accepted unanimously. Joining fee will remain the same at \$10.

**New Committee member:** A very big welcome to Sue Corbett who became our newest member on Committee. Sue is keen to create a list showing Members' Interests and will be asking for your contributions in the near future.

## CONFERENCE NEWS 2023

### Family History Show on-line

Saturday 18th February 2023

10 -4pm For more information or to watch the video follow the links below:-

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPBcTLT98avkPhSzDKIGlhQ?feature=emb\\_ch\\_name\\_ex](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPBcTLT98avkPhSzDKIGlhQ?feature=emb_ch_name_ex)

### RootsTech 2023 has announced the worlds largest family history conference.

2nd -4th March 2023.

According to the organisers this is a global online event enhanced by an in-person experience. You can join from anywhere in the world through their visual conference arrangements. Or in person at the event in Salt Lake City, USA. Follow the link below for further information:-

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>

### Genealogy quotes:

Remember that when a family member passes away, they take a library of memories with them. It's a genealogist's duty to record them before that happens.

Genealogy is like a magic mirror. Look into it, and pretty soon, interesting faces appear.

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