BORDERLINE NEWS

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Next meeting dates & Guest Speakers

Aug 15 Ann Kerin - Everything Cemetery

Sept 19 Margie Wehner-Lost Crafts, Skills & Equipment plus Members Show & Tell

Oct 17 Prof. Oppenheimer -Red Cross calling

Research Area

The WFHS Research Area is open at Hyphen Gallery for members and visitors:-
Tuesdays - 1pm -4pm
Wednesdays and Thursdays 11am to 3pm.
First Saturday of the month 11am-3pm

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Recent Awards

WE are proud to inform out members that Wendy Cooksey, our Secretary, was nominated for the City of Wodonga Volunteer Awards recently and she was selected as the **Volunteer of the Year.**

Wendy became a member in the early days of the organisation, which began in 1987. She became secretary in 1996 and has continued in this role to now.
During this time as well as the day to day functions of secretary she has kept us all well informed and up to date with news of what is happening in the family history world.

Over the years Wendy has acted as research assistant and was always ready to enthuse and help new members. She has been the Society's representative at local and state functions. She was our representative at the Genealogical Society of Victoria for many years. She also contributed to organising trips for members to visit places of interest in Melbourne and Canberra. Wendy was instrumental in bringing about the participation of WFHS in Seniors' Week and has always been available to help with fund raising events such as sausage sizzles, street stalls, seminars and workshops.

Prior to becoming secretary Wendy was newsletter editor and also the main contributor. She was also on the sub-committee which organised a writing competition. This continued for many years. Along with other members she has been a volunteer at the library each week. Here the aim to help members and members of the public to research their family history using the society's many and varied records.

She was involved with other members of the society visiting groups in the local area giving talks and encouraging people to look into their family's stories.

Wendy is well known and respected in family history circles in

Committee Members

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Membership Benefits:

- Access to all the resources on the Society's library.
- Quarterly newsletter
- Access to other family history news through shared newsletters from other family history groups
- Monthly meetings with family history tips, news and guest speakers
- Contact with other family historians, our researchers and members who share your interest in family history

Subscriptions:

New members -Joining fee $10.00 plus $30.00 membership fee

Annual Membership- $30.00

Part-year Membership -(join between 1st April - 30th June) $10.00 plus joining fee

Victoria. She puts her heart and soul into anything she takes on and was a worthy recipient of the volunteer award. *Congratulations Wendy on being selected as the Volunteer of the Year for 2023. Well deserved.*

Our Society award (L) and Wendy's award (R)

And another proud moment occurred when the Wodonga Family History Society received an award as well. The event was hosted by the City of Wodonga held to honour volunteer's contributions. Collecting the award on our behalf are Lyn Larkin, Normal Burrows and Wendy Cooksey (below). Our sincere thanks go to all current and previous Committee and members for their efforts to build a strong society.

Lyn Larkin, long standing member and previous librarian withWendy Cooksey, secretary and previous president Norma Burrows

HELP WITH FUNDRAISING NEEDED

The Society has been offered a **Barbecue day at Bunning**s in September to raise funds for ongoing running expenses. It is an excellent money maker and can be be quite an enjoyable couple of hours for volunteers. Unfortunately our Barbecue fundraiser was cancelled earlier in the year because not enough people were able to help. This is a request for all members to consider helping out on the day.

The day will be Saturday September 23 and we need to serve sausages and drinks outside Bunnings Wodonga from 9am until 4pm. A roster will be drawn up with two hour time slots . Numbers of volunteers are needed: a money taker, a cook and one to two people serving are needed throughout the day.

The person taking the money will have a chair, there will be a cash box, an easy to manage EFTPOS Machine and a page with the most common orders already added up.

The cook will have sliced onions and sausages to cook on the barbecue with trays to keep cooked goods warm and ready for the servers.

Servers compile the orders and hand them out, two servers are needed over lunchtime as this is the busiest, period with one for the rest of the time.

You can choose your activity and preferred time,

If you can help on that day please contact Pam by email at: nultyp@exemail.com.au or let Wendy know. Our new society phone number is 0493 612 797.

Carolyn

President's Report

Notes from the President

Hello Everyone.

Once again, we have had a very interesting three months. Our Society made news in May and June when our secretary, Wendy, was awarded the City of Wodonga Bryan Watson Individual Volunteer of the Year trophy in recognition of her valuable contribution to our Society over many years. If you have the opportunity read the comments on our Facebook page. And we had the honour of being featured on the back page of the GSV magazine "Ancestor" in June.

The Family Tree Maker workshop was well attended and so much was learnt by sharing experiences. The presentation of personal stories and how the information was discovered about our migrant ancestors made the May meeting particularly relevant and informative. Although the number attending was small, I think everyone went home with a sense of "I can do that!".

Attendance numbers were better at the June meeting when Bruce Pennay spoke on Albury & District Historical Society's aim to fund more newspapers for Trove and Migrant Identification cards available to view at Bonegilla.

A good roll up also for Matt Bennett's talk on the Depression years. Amazing what our families had to live through and how the experience affected their lives, and in many cases, ours well into the future. One interesting fact was hearing about the number of changes in political leadership at State and Federal level from 1920 to 1940. Our recent experience with the ever-changing Prime Ministers was not that unusual after all.

Our next meeting on 15th August will concentrate on asking and finding answers for what's what in the burial, cremation and cemetery 'world'. If you have a question you always wanted answered, then now's the time to let Wendy know so it can be forwarded to the panel.

The AGM is 19th September and you might like to put your name forward to go on Committee. Don't wait to be asked! If you feel you can contribute, make sure you let me or one of the Committee know. You will be made very, very welcome. A separate nomination form will be sent out with this newsletter. After the AGM we will focus on skills of the past and incorporate a members' show and tell.

A very special evening is planned for the October meeting when Professor Melanie Oppenheimer will speak on the work of Red Cross. This meeting will be at Hyphen. Howard Jones will be our guest speaker at the November meeting and will focus on school records and how to find them. If we are lucky, these records can provide birthdates, parents' names and addresses – a substitute to a census.

Social Outings - Janette and Alice have two social days arranged for members and friends. The Sunday School picnic at Brown's Plains on 21st September. In addition Corowa Calling has been re-scheduled for 12th October. It would be lovely if you could attend one or both activities.

DNA continues to be a topic we want to know more about so there are two opportunities to discover more over the next few months. VAFHO and Yarrawonga Family History Group have DNA as the focus for their Family History Expo on Saturday, 14th October whereas Janette has organised a workshop and information weekend at Felltimber for 28th, 29th October for our Society.

Research Notes: Another topic that is often mentioned – what to do with all the research notes I have accumulated? One suggestion could be – Organise it into family stories! A two-day workshop to give you pointers on How to! will be held at Felltimber on the last weekend in August.

Seniors Week activities: Sessions are planned at Hyphen for those interested in starting or re-starting their family history during Seniors Week, the first week in September. You are very welcome to attend but bookings will be required.

Research helpers wanted. Again, I ask you to consider offering your time to help at the Research desk at Hyphen and, if you have good computer skills, your expertise would be appreciated. I was very disappointed that the August workshop on developing and improving technical skills had to be cancelled. One workshop I really hope can be arranged for a future date. The other activity that really needs your help is the BBQ we will have at Bunnings on Saturday, 23rd September. This is a great opportunity to provide funds for our Society. Please let Wendy know when you are available.

The committee works hard to ensure there is a variety of activities and opportunities to help members enjoy their passion in genealogy and family history. Please let us know if there is something we could offer that would help with researching, recording or telling your family history.

A reminder or two. Please use our new phone number – **0493612797** and our new email addresses. Check out our new website and our Facebook page. These two sites will provide you with up-to-date information about the society.

WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS RE Meeting ideas for 2024-The Committee recently reflected on our meeting nights for 2024. We welcome your feedback on the idea of having the May, June, July evening meetings held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Hyphen possibly from 11am - instead of an evening meeting.

Thank you to all who have paid their subs for 2023-2024.

All the best. Pat

NEW RECORDS FOR YOUR RESEARCH

There are several completed projects available for purchase or to view at our library. They include Wodonga Shire historic records – the Cleansing Records (Night Soil for 1902-1938), Sheep Dip

register , Dog registration (1945-1957) and the Waterworks Trust records (1899-1939); Wodonga Court records – Arrest Registers – out of sessions (1956-1965) and Licensing (Liquor) Register (1883-1923); St Stephen's Rutherglen parish baptisms (copied at the NSW Archives Wagga and include Chiltern and Wahgunyah to 1922); and Wodonga Methodist baptisms, marriages and roll books (from our visit to the Uniting Church Archives in Melbourne).

The idea behind digitising these books is to allow researchers the opportunity to check that the transcriptions are accurate and view the source record without having to find the original.

Of interest is the liquor licences court which was a regular feature on the court circuit with all publicans having to renew their licence annually and any change had to be confirmed by the court. 47 public houses were registered in the Beechworth district in 1859. Details were recorded in the local newspapers so, if you have a publican in your tree, more information may be in the paper.

In regard to farming practices laws were passed as early as 1853 to ensure sheep were protected from lice, etc so In April 1911 Council decided to construct a sheep dip near the pound yards in Wodonga. The purpose was to provide farmers who did not have a dipping facility on their property to bring their flock to the council site and pay for the service.

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is in the process of digitising all parish registers to ensure the originals are protected for the future and Tallangatta was being digitised in April. The original books are to be returned to the parish. (*issue 59 16.6.2023). An item of interest in the *Sandpiper e-news (Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst)- "Francis Hugh McArdle is the first name recorded in the first line of the Tallangatta Baptisms register".

Pat Hopkins, Projects

Program Manager's Update

Hello all, We have an exciting three months ahead. so pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter have a print-off list which includes all upcoming events for your information.

May June and July have been busy months for the programme and events area of the society. At our May meeting Wendy, Pat and Carolyn spoke about their families and why they came to Australia, they walked us through the different times with some interesting stories.

Bruce Pennay spoke at our June meeting and highlighted the social reasons that influenced peoples decision to call Australia home.

Matt Bennett gave a great overview of the reason the great depression affected so many lives during the late 20's and during the 30's. Political reasoning, as then and still is, at the forefront of our lives that creates our family stories.

In May we had a lively workshop for those interested in using Family Tree Maker – computer software with such huge capabilities that can store the family history research.

Unfortunately we could not offer "Tech Talk" as planned due to our presenter being ill, but it is on our scope of 2024.

Coming up in August which is National Family History Month we have our planned meeting "Cemeteries under the spotlight" where a panel of experts will answer a lot of questions regarding burials, headstones and all things about the graveyard.

August 26 and 27 is set for our 2 day workshop "Every Family Has a Story" This is where we encourage everyone to learn how

to make those stories really interesting reading rather than a lot of dates and certificates.

Coming up in September we have another Big Day Out planned where we will visit Browns Plain Church, the historic area of Browns Plain School and the historic property The Hermitage. Our September meeting will focus on lost trades and skills. October will be another busy month as we re-schedule our Corowa Big Day Out which was scheduled for April but was cancelled due to illness of main organiser.

Make sure you save the date of our October Meeting on the 17th, "Red Cross Calling" as Prof. Melanie Oppenheimer, Australian historian, who specialises in the history of volunteering. She is also a former actress .Her presentation will cover interesting facts of humanitarian and social welfare programs of the Aust Red Cross in post war periods.

At the end of October we have another 2 day workshop being presented by Annette Delaney where she will focus on DNA and how to use it for Family History Research.

Hoping to see you all at some of our exciting events in the next few months. Janette.

New Books in our Library

Osborne's Flat Hall – a century of community 1921 - 2021

This is a 33 page book but no Index.
It contains lots of information, photos and names about people connected to Osborne's Flat. Ref no 3691 022.

A beginner's guide to British and Irish Genealogy by Chris Paton [2nd edition 2022]
74 pages with an Index.
The booklet explains all the different resources that are available for your research. Ref. no BRT 022

Daniel Corcoran and Family – The First 100 years in Australia [Osbornes Flat since 1862] by Anne Corcoran
96 pages but no Index
Anne has compiled a history of her great grandfather and his family from Ireland to Osborne's Flat and all the people, places and events that happened during this period. Ref. no FAM 138.

Christine Young
WFHS Librarian

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born you needed:

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 great-grandparents

16 second-great-grandparents

32 third great-grandparents

64 fourth great-grandparents

128 fifth great-grandparents

256 sixth great-grandparents

512 seventh great-grandparents

1,024 eighth great-grandparents

2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 40 years.

Genealogical Quote: YOU ARE UNIQUE AS YOUR DNA (From Inspiring Lifestyle @theinspiringlifestyle)

From England to Australia

By Wendy Cooksey

In 1950, my family emigrated from England to Australia under a scheme to bring in people with useful qualifications. My father was a teacher.The scheme was loosely called the “Ten Pound Pom Scheme” as Mum and Dad had to pay £10 each for the trip over. Children were free.

The night before we headed off to the ship, we stayed at our Aunty Connie and Uncle Tom’s home. Connie was Dad’s sister. They had a large dog that, when we were little, we were allowed to sit on for a short ride.

I recall a long bus trip to get to the place where our ship the TSS Empire Brent was moored in Glasgow, Scotland. The ship carried 965 passengers who were migrating to Australia for a new life in a sunny land with strange animals.

The TSS Empire Brent

Many years later, I decided to find out more about The TSS Empire Brent. I found a blog owned by a gentleman named Mackenzie (Mac) Gregory It contained a huge amount of maritime information and photos of ships, but nothing about my ship. I contacted him and asked if he could point me to where I could locate a photo. He set about locating one for me as well as assisting me in compiling the history of the ship.

Apparently, she began life as The TSS Letitia 2. The first Leticia was irretrievably destroyed on 1 st August 1917. A complete rebuild was undertaken as a much larger ship. Letitia 2 was put into service as a troop ship and later as a hospital ship.

In 1944 she was renamed The TSS Empire Brent and later was used to transport migrants from England to Australia. A few years after we were transported to Australia, the ship was yet again rename, TSS Captain Cook. It was used to transport migrants to New Zealand via Canada.

In 1950 my parents, my three younger brothers and myself were six of those migrants, gazing awe-struck at this huge vessel that was to transport us to the other side of the world. We sailed for six weeks and during that time traversed the Suez Canal where locals would send their goods up to the passengers on ropes for inspection. When a deal was struck, money and goods were exchanged.

I recall we purchased a woven basket, which I still have. My Dad, being a teacher felt six weeks was too long for young children to miss out on school, so he organised lessons on board. We learnt a lot about the construction of the Suez Canal and other places along the route.

When we were about to cross the Equator, King Neptune climbed onto the deck, dripping wet carrying his trident and wearing a crown and cape. Everyone on board was presented with a certificate stating the date we had crossed the Equator. In later years I looked more closely at mine and realised it was signed in my Dad’s distinct handwriting. After all, with nearly 1,000 passengers King Neptune would have had a sore wrist if he had signed every certificate!!

For the full six weeks we children were allowed to choose, within reason, our meals. On the last day, there was a very long table set up on deck for the last meal. An older lady was allocated to sit with me and she would not let me choose my food. She made me have a salad and for years afterwards, the word ‘salad’ did not fill me with joy!

We landed in Fremantle where some of the passengers alighted to begin their new lives in Australia. The rest of us went ashore to check out our new country. Dad looked for something Australian for us children. He found Juicy Fruit chewing gum and to this day, that evokes memories of our first experience of Australia.

The ship continued and dropped off passengers in Adelaide and Melbourne before finally ending in Sydney where we disembarked. We spent some time in a migrant hostel before going to Richlands

where Dad was assigned a small school for three years. The school re-opened for us as we brought along three school age children. When we left 3 ½ years later, the school closed for good as there were insufficient children in the district to keep it open. Dad had enrolled one of my brothers a tad early in order to keep the school open a few more months. Dad was the only teacher some of the children had ever had, as, until we arrived as they had been home schooled. They lived too far away from the nearest school to travel each day, and boarding was not an option. The main building was later moved to Crookwell where it is used by the Water Board.

Sadly, Mac passed away some years ago, but his blog Ahoy! is still available as it is being maintained in his memory:. You may like to take a look: http://.tk-jk.net/

The Importance of Oral History

Maureen Cuskelly & Peter Collicoat

Introduction

This tribute demonstrates the value of oral history and collecting the family story while the person is still around to share the significant events of their life. During Covid we regularly made trips to Bendigo and used the time to hear the family history first-hand. We prompted the conversation with questions:
What school did you go to? What is a significant memory about this school? What was your first job? What was significant about this job? The following is part of our Mother-Mother-in-law's recollections of her early years and working life.

I am Gwendoline Anne King, born in Melbourne on New Years Eve, 1931. My parents Fredrick Joseph King and Florence Eilin King (nee Clarke) were originally from Traralgon, Gippsland. My great grandfather came out on a boat with his parents from Scotland. He was just ' *a babe in robes'.*

I started school at North Fitzroy but when I was due to start grade 1 the family moved to Bendigo. I then enrolled at the Gravel Hill Primary School.

World War 2

My main memory of Gravel Hill Primary School, were the trenches that surrounded the school grounds. We had air raid drills regularly where the siren would sound and all the children would have to run outside and hide in the trenches in case of bombings. I recall these drills happened every few days for *every* year of my primary school years.

The war effected my whole family. Of my three brothers, two, Vincent and David, were in the Airforce and went to war. One survived the bombing of Darwin. My father, Fredrick King and his father, both served in the Light Horse Brigade, in the Boer War 1899-1902.

I recollect the end of the war. I was in form 2 at the Bendigo Girls School sitting my exams when the announcement was made. '*The war has ended, the war is over'*. In wild excitement we flung our exam papers in the air and ran into the street. We joined in the celebrations dancing around the Bendigo fountain. Bendigo only had a population of 35,000 at the time and every family seemed directly effected by the war.

I left school at the age of 14 to help with the household income as my father had to give up work work due to ill health. I was 17 when my father died of cancer. I continued on to work to help my mother.

The Coonawarra

The Paddlesteamer

Work options were limited in Bendigo so I took up a live-in position working on the paddle steamer the "Coonawarra" in Echuca. My friend Phyllis Collins applied at the same time. Sometimes we hitch hiked between Echuca and Bendigo to get to work or get home for our one day off if the boat docked late. The Coonawarra was a floating hotel

offering a 6-day river cruise on the Murray River for holiday makers.

Phyllis and I worked 14 hour days, 6 days a week. My job involved all aspects of hospitality in making sure meals were served, rooms were clean and the guests needs were attended to. In the evenings , along with the first mate, I had to arrange the evening entertainment. I remember we sang' *I've got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts'* a song which made the top ten in 1950. I used to change the words a bit which gave the guests a good laugh.

I became engaged in 1953 to William (Bill) Collicoat after meeting him at one of the many dances I attended in Bendigo. He was a carpenter working at the Railway Workshops in Bendigo. We married in 1955, my friend Phil Collins was my bridesmaid. We honeymooned in the Blue Mountains for 4 weeks. We travelled by train because it was free for railway workers in those times. After our honeymoon we arrived back home to Bendigo with nothing but sixpence in our pocket. Bill was extraordinarily skilled - he built our first family home. Our two children were born while we were living there.

Ambulance Service
In 1962, we moved to Shepparton when Bill took up a position as an Ambulance officer. At the time four Ambulance officers covered the shifts, day, evening and night and serviced the whole district. In 1964, Bill was promoted to Branch Officer in Numurkah. We lived on the property, with the Ambulance station at the front and our residence at the rear. It was a 'one man' station, so I would manage the phone and two-way radio when my husband was called out. I recall our family life revolved around the 24-hour a day roster with a rotating roster of 'six weeks on and one week off'. My recollections were that life for me and the children were constrained by my duties at the station. It was an honorary position, always on call and unpaid.I recall sitting at the sewing machine making the children's clothes, all the while keeping an ear out for our call sign '*Goulburn Valley car 5'* ready to respond to any emergency call. I slept with the phone next to the bed.

In summary, Gwen's years were filled with work and family. She lived to 91. Her stories of by-gone work and long hours were told with pride. The family can still hear her singing 'I had a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts' a song also reminiscent of simpler days and a bygone era.

Gwen, our beloved Mother and Mother-in-law passed away earlier this year.
We are so glad we collected the oral history while we could. I encourage you to do the same.

Research Enquiries

Our research Officer can undertake research on your behalf. Send a detailed request via post including the topic you want addressed on your behalf ie. your query. Include everything you know already such as- names, areas, any births, deaths and marriages and any other information you think would be of use to the researcher.

NB: There is no point paying for what you already know. Please include a business sized self-addressed envelope with your enquiry.

$30.00 or $5.00 for simple check of the WFHS records. Full transcript of Unrelated Certificates are $6.00 each.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - print out for your diary

There is a lot happening in the local area in the next few months. The following is a summary of dates for your calendar. You may like to print off these two pages for your fridge or desk.

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST

Everything Cemetery with Ann Kerin at Felltimber Community Centre. 7.30pm start.

Come along to a Q & A where you can have all your questions answered about cemeteries, how to access records, what information may be available, grave-sites and memorial stones.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 26TH AND 27TH AUGUST, Workshop

"Every Family has a Story' with Jenni Lannen. at Felltimber Community Centre 10am - 3pm each day.

Learn about how to get started, how to write and how to pull your research together to tell the family story. Jenni has an extensive history in teaching and writing. Discover how to turn those family stories into great reading. Come along and learn about 'the Why, the Who and the How' of writing a non-boring story.

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Annual General Meeting and Members Show and Tell. Topic: UnderstandingLost Crafts, Skills and Equipment with Margie Wehner at Felltimber Community Centre. 7.30pm start.

This is our AGM which is managed efficiently. The Secretary reads the minutes from the previous AGM. The President, and Treasurer read their reports. The Current committee stand down and all positions are declared vacant. Nominations are read out and if more than one nominee a vote is held.

Following the AGM the topic for the night is Lost Crafts, Skills and Equipment. It is a Members Show and Tell night and members are encouraged to bring something athat we rarely or never use any more. This promises to be an interesting evening for all.

THURSDAY 21 st SEPTMEBER

Sunday school Picnic at Brown's Plains with a visit to the historical building The Hermitage at Barnawatha. (See webpage or contact the secretary re meeting place and time).

BYO picnic, chair and blanket and come ready to enjoy some old fashioned fun.

TUESDAY 3rd, WEDNESDAY 4th and THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

Seniors Week Activities at the Hyphen.

A number of committee members and researchers will be available to assist you and the public in getting started or continuing researching the family history. Members welcome, bookings are required. Book at the Hyphen.

THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

Corowa Calling (TBA See webpage or contact the secretary re meeting place and time).

Join us to visit historical highlights of this famous town. In the 1960s Corowa was a thriving river port full of cargo-laded steamers. Its history can STILL be seen in many of the old buildings that are still preserved. Corowa is famous for the Shearing the Rams Trail and links to Tom Roberts who is well known for his landscape art.

TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

Humanitarian and Social Welfare Programs of the Red Cross in post war periods with Professor Melanie Oppenheimer at Hyphen at 7pm. Please note venue and earlier time.

Prof. Oppenheimers has an extensive career in Australian history, having worked for Flinders University, University of Western Sydney and the University of New England. Her research interest include volunteering and voluntary action, women and war, Anzac Centenary and, the soldier settlement scheme. Her book T*he Power of Humanity. 100 Years of Australian Red Cross* was published by HarperCollins in 2014. She will be presenting information about the Australian Red Cross. Please note venue and earlier starting time.

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

DNA is the focus of VAFHO in conjunction with the Yarrawonga Family History Group for the Expo in October.

Watch the VAFHO website for more information: vafho.org.au

SATURDAY 28th & SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER

DNA and how to use it for Family History with Annette Delaney at Felltimber Community Centre.

Annette is an experienced presenter and will share her 30 years of experience in undertaking family searches and how she has used DNA to solve some family mysteries herself. She will explain how to use genetic science in your family search and how this can help in breaking down brick walls. She will explain what is involved in DNA testing and how you can use the results to trace family history. This two day event is not to be missed whether you are beginner to DNA or have some experience with it. Bookings required. Contact Wendy Cooksey on 02 6056 3220 or by email: secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org.au

WEDNESDAY 1stNOVEMBER

The next newsletter is due out.

Small stories are being accepted now. Do you have you a story about one family member, a great-grandmother, uncle, teacher, a place in time, or an event such as immigration, breaking the law, a family tradition, schooling or employment. Or maybe you found a way to search for the information or a tip you would like to share. All pieces of writing are welcome. Submit to the editor@wodongafamilyhistory.org.au

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