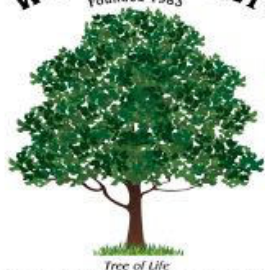


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**See us at The Running Waters of History Family History Conference
at Toukley, 8. 9 & 10 September 2023**

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kerrie Metcalfe - President – LM80 August, 2023



It is now August, and the year has gone so fast and many things have happened over the past months and, as this will be my last report, I thought I would reflect on the Group's achievements and the occasional drama.

We started the year with a proactive committee with much to achieve, including a state conference to plan.

The beginning of the Group's year started in September 2022, with plans for our Christmas Party which was held at Toukley Golf Club. It was well attended and members donated many items to make our raffle worthwhile. We then had a Christmas morning tea at the Cottage on the last day before everyone took a break over Christmas.

Wayne Bermingham made sure that the Cottage was clean and refreshed for the re-opening in January 2023. First event off the rank in 2023 was Cottage Resources Day for members to learn what we have at the Cottage. Unfortunately, this was not very well attended so we didn't hold any more of these days. It was decided members could ask to be shown around when they came in. Next and still in January we had a workshop with Jeff Masden on Mapping, organised by Helen Burkett. Ten members attended. *(so maybe the message is don't have too much on in January).*

Next it was time to get serious with the planning for the State Conference that we are hosting next month with Lyn Hagstrom as Convenor and myself as her Assistant. We formed a committee, and the planning began - we only had eight months to get this right. As I write this report it is only weeks away from the Conference and after a lot of meetings, work, conversations, and the odd hiccup we are prepared to present what I hope will be an enjoyable and informative conference and those on the committee can be proud of the effort that has pulled this together in record time.

Next came the Beginners Course headed by Ellen Sheerin with offsidiers Lynda Smith, Lyn Hagstrom and presenters John Selwood, Kate Walter and Michelle Goldsmith and with our cheerful member, Kay Croall, providing and preparing the morning teas.

Then Love Lanes, hosted every year by Central Coast Council in the Wyong Town Park, was upon us. We usually have a trade table however this year we decided to open the Cottage. John and Wayne conducted their Historic Tours of Wyong.

Special Interest Groups continued where possible, and Regina Hogan sourced us some very entertaining guest speakers for our general meetings each month. We have continued with our once-a-month Wednesday Zoom Catch up and have tried to make it something

worthwhile for members who cannot get out due to various reasons, covering topics that may be of interest.

Bunnings BBQs were arranged, and I thank the members who volunteered to assist as their efforts have resulted in a big boost to our finances.

Then in April disaster struck when two of Council's Portable Buildings, in the Neighbourhood Centre, at the top of our driveway, were severely damaged by fire the night before ANZAC day. Our access to the Cottage was now blocked due to the exclusion zone placed around the buildings that contain asbestos. We had to close the Cottage and converse with Central Coast Council to arrange alternate access to the Cottage. Council did provide a new access which entails steps and boardwalks behind the back of the Seniors Citizen's Building. This is proving a challenge for our aged membership and not one bit suitable for anyone with a disability who relies on walking aids or a wheelchair. This also caused us to cancel some of our talks, SIG groups and other events we hold in the Cottage.

Moving on we were well on the way to arranging the Group's 40th Birthday Bash which was held at the Tuggerah Community Hall in June. This was a great day of celebration with present and past members.

Other highlights were a St Patrick's Day Morning tea prepared by Wayne Birmingham and Lyn Hagstrom and then in May we had a morning tea at the Cottage that turned into a Sausage Sizzle for members which was enjoyed by all.

Here I should mention the volunteers and all the help that has been forthcoming to see our group succeed through the past year. There are too many to name individually, but their help and input has been very much appreciated.

We have had members who have suffered illness throughout the year and to those people I hope you are all recovered or are recovering well. We have also lost Life Member Gwen Bates as well as Kay Walmsley.

This year's AGM will see some of us stand down for reasons such as age, health and just the need for time to finalise some of our own family history. These members have given freely of their time for many years and it's time for them to have a change of pace starting with myself. This will be the third and final time that I stand down from the Presidency. The group needs new people and ideas to carry it forward. There are many good, enthusiastic members among us that can take over and join the committee. The people handing over the reins are:

Roger Lewis, who has been a committee member for several years and in various positions and always there to help. A dedicated life member that needs to step back and take time for himself as well as for his health.

Michele Gane, our esteemed Treasurer for the past 15 years and who is also a life member. Michele has been a dedicated member and looked

after the financial side of the group in a manner that has helped us stay on top and get through COVID. She has done a stellar job and Michele deserves a well-earned break to pursue her own interests.

Then there is Pam Mansergh who has been our Membership Secretary for the past 25 years as well as a committee member, calendar planner, Welfare Officer and more. Pam is a dedicated LM and also deserves a chance to pursue her own family history.

Martin Fisher will also step down from committee due to health reasons.

Although all the above will be missed in various ways there are also members who are more than capable of stepping up to the challenge and taking the group forward into the future and leaving their stamp on it.

As I conclude I wish to thank everyone on the committee who has supported me in my position as President and given their time so generously. Without them the group would not survive. I thank Pamela Andre who, as Secretary, has worked magnificently with me and with understanding. I salute her keeping up with recording the minutes throughout the banter that sometimes (or most times) takes place at meetings. I also mention Lynda Smith, Vice President, who has been a support to me in several ways and particularly in the planning of the 40th Birthday. Lynda is member number 2, a Life Member and a dedicated member of this wonderful group.

I take this opportunity to thank the Cottage Administrators who have kept the cottage open, sometimes under duress. Their work is very much appreciated.

My apologies if I have missed anyone, it is not intentional. As I sign off, I wish the new committee and group leaders every success and look forward to attending and enjoying any planned events in the future.

Kerrie Metcalfe

WFHG President

Member 80 and Life Member August 2023... ♦

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Helen Johnston-Lord member 505

Hello All!

The year is fast slipping away. Plans are almost finalised for the State Conference we are hosting.

We have a variety of stories and items in this issue including events to record.

Zoom Help and Chat Gatherings help me keep in touch. With the current difficult access to the Cottage, I have not been able to visit and feel I am missing quite a lot of research connections. The internet has given me good material, however, as I keep saying, I am easily distracted.



Group plans occasionally miss the TOL deadline, therefore, as our President, says 'keep an eye on Wayne's Newsletter' to keep up to date with what is happening with your group.

We are one of the places your stories will be appreciated. We would like your feedback too. Our next deadline is 21 October 2023. ... ❖

WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

Monthly Help & Chat Gathering by Zoom.

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Where: Your place. We will also be hosting the Zoom sessions on our big screen at the Cottage if you happen to be available to participate in that way.

Contact the Cottage to put your name down – phone 4351 2211

We continue this gathering where people can informally share their discoveries and stories.

Join us, meet other members, and see what they have discovered.

Think of it as a kitchen table discussion, an opportunity to Learn and Laugh.

Stay with us for as long as you like. Not a meeting, but a gathering.

All Welcome

COME TO THE COTTAGE??

John Selwood member #79 LM

Recently I was on duty at the Cottage and three long time researchers went home happy as each was able to learn how to solve one of their research problems. Just in general conversation they mentioned their problems and others in the Cottage jumped in and showed them how to go about solving their research problem. Not all problems can be solved this way but many can so come in and see what the research assistants and other members can do to help you. ... ❖

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Pamela Andre Secretary, member 810

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1pm Saturday 16 September 2023

Wyong Family History Group Inc. will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 16 September 2023 in the Meeting Room of "The Cottage", Building 9, 6 Ranken Court. Wyong.

Nominations are now open for Executive and Committee positions, and the nomination forms are available at The Cottage Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

A copy of our Constitution is available for viewing by visiting our webpage, or in the office at The Cottage.



A GRATEFUL CLIENT

John Selwood LM79

Recently I was given a research request from a lady named Karen in New Zealand whose family home in Cornwall, England had the name of "Wyong" and she wanted to know if there was a connection with her family who had lived in Australia for a short time.

I wasn't able to find a connection but I did find the shipping record of the family's arrival in Sydney. I sent this information to her and received an A4 email letter in response, part of which I would like to share. Not everyone has the courtesy to send a reply but I will treasure this one:

"Hello John, Wow! Thank you so much, I have never seen this document so am very grateful to you. I have poured (sic) over it this morning, quite some feeling to see my entire paternal family on my screen..... It's a beautiful day here in Tauranga on the eastern seaboard of the North Island NZ but somehow the sun is shining much more brightly today, because of what you have given me..... I hope the sun is shining brightly on you in Wyong today."

Following her response I did a bit more research for her and received the following reply:

"John, do you have a knack of making women cry?? Again, and I haven't even opened the attachment yet."

We corresponded further through the week and although we didn't find a family connection to Wyong Karen now has a lot more information about her family. One thing that Karen did was to Google the name of her grandparent's home in Glebe in Sydney that was mentioned in the Death Notices in the Sydney Morning Herald that I had sent her. The house name was 'Penbeagle' and she found a whole document about her William's family as a result of her googling. I wonder if any of you have done that?

So I have a new friend and one satisfied client. ... ❖

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN GENEALOGY

Stuart Purvis-Smith, member 770

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic at the moment and it is one with great promise and corresponding questions. AI is rapidly finding applications in genealogy and I believe that our members should be aware of what it is all about. Below is a piece which I hope will start people thinking about and understanding AI.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Genealogy - how is it used and what is its future? AI, and particularly ChatGPT, is a hot topic at the moment with predictions ranging from great benefits, to the end of humanity as we know it. In the following link, Crista Cowan from Ancestry is interviewed about how AI technology is currently being used by Ancestry to process its vast data collections and how it may be used in the future. This is a great place to start thinking about Artificial Intelligence:

~~<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDuJ0QTxcB8&t=110s>~~



DID YOU KNOW HELP IS AVAILABLE?

As a member you are entitled to assistance when you're doing research here at the 'Cottage'. Volunteers are on duty every day ready and waiting to help you locate records and even add flesh to some your ancestor's bones with such details as where they lived, what they did and perhaps even what they looked like. ... ❖



DNA - HOW TO GET STARTED

Are you considering having a DNA or waiting for a DNA test result? Have recently, or not so recently received a DNA test result and not sure of where to start?

If so and you would like to understand your results and what to do with them. then please come along to a DNA presentation by Michele Gane and Lyn Hagstrom on Wednesday 16th August. Starting time is 10:00 am.

The session will be for 2 hours with plenty of time for questions and help, so bring a laptop. or IPad/Tablet along.

Bookings are necessary and can be made through the Cottage

Cost \$10 for 2 hours.

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NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to our new members, and we look forward to meeting and helping you at 'The Cottage'. Contact any of our members by sending an enquiry to:

Member's Name & No.

C/- Wyong Family History Group Inc., P O Box 247, Wyong NSW 2259.

No	Member	No	Member
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1040	Sue WATERHOUSE	1045	Julia LORD
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1043	Pamela CRICHTON	1047	Margaret COUNTER
1043	Louise McDOUGALL	1048	Kaylene ANDERSON

A REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

Members are reminded that anytime they are at 'The Cottage' for any purpose, wearing membership cards in a manner that it is clearly displayed is obligatory.

Your courtesy is appreciated. ... ❖

WFHG BBQ LUNCH

About 17 members including those on duty joined in the social BBQ held Tuesday 23rd May and according to one member, it was a very pleasant event. ... ❖



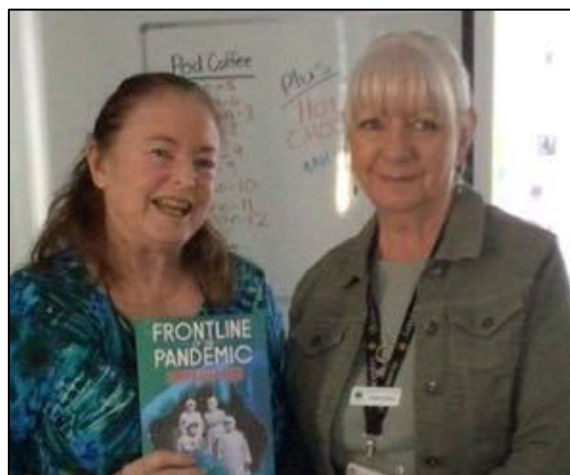
GENERAL MEETINGS ROUNDUP

Members who attended the May general meeting were treated to a very entertaining presentation by our guest speaker Trish Skeeahan. ... ❖

Our June General Meeting guest speaker was Member 236, Marie Heilbrunn DipFamHist. Marie talked about writing your ancestors stories everyone seemed to enjoy the information shared.

We were equally pleased to see so many new faces at the meeting. It was fantastic to see 22 members come in for the General Meeting, well done.

The meeting went a little longer than usual due to the interest shown. ... ❖



At our General meeting on Saturday 8th July members were treated to Geoff Cannon talking about maps and Wyong in the early days. Geoff published *"The First Titleholders of Land in the Nineteen Countries of New South Wales"* in 1997.

We had four visitors. We hope they enjoyed the interesting afternoon. ... ❖



Regina thanking Geoff Cannon

HERITAGE WALKING TOURS



The first of our three guided historic walking tours scheduled during Heritage Month.

The day could hardly have been any better, clear blue skies, a gentle breeze and John Selwood in fine voice however only one guest in attendance. That aside we all spent an enjoyable 2 hours discovering and re-discovering some of the earliest history of Wyong.

John and Wayne Bermingham ran two more of these successful tours in conjunction with Central Coast Council. ... ❖

ACRES & ARMY SEMINAR

Kerrie Metcalfe - President - LM80 August, 2023

Our seminar held 29 April Acres and Army with Christine Yeats was very informative, we had a lovely day with tasty treats supplied by members to have with our cuppa. Christine showed us how to search for land records and where to find records on early colonial soldiers. ... ❖





SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Here at **Wyong Family History Group Inc.** we offer a range of Special Interest Groups [SIG] where members with common interests meet, learn, practice and share their special interest. Moderators/Co-ordinators are keen to share their knowledge with others. Please support them.

All are held at 'The Cottage'. Times are available on our Calendar [pages 34]
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – Remember, if you book and are unable to attend, please phone and cancel.

SIGs go for one to two hours

Multi-Media Devices – Roger Lewis & Ellen Sheerin continue this group helping attendees sort through their questions no matter what the media or device.



DNA Special Interest Group – After the DNA test, you may be wondering about the next step or how to understand your DNA results. Whether or not you already have your results back, why not come along to our DNA SIG meetings for some guidance. DNA enthusiasts old and new, all welcome! ... Stuart Purvis-Smith



FAMILY TREE MAKER – This popular SIG continues. Watch the Newsletter for topics for the next session.



Numbers are limited – Bookings Essential ... ♦

2023 FEES AND CHARGES

As of 1st January 2023, the following fees and charges apply:

- Membership Fees** for a 12 month Membership:
Single: \$40.00
Family: includes 2 Adults and 1 other person living at the same address. \$50.00
- Junior: 18 years and under \$20.00
- Special Interest Group Fees (SIG):** No Handouts. Casual. Question and Answers from participants. \$3.00
- Information Sessions:** These run up to two-hours with a structured format and topic with handouts \$5.00
- Seminars:** Usually held at a larger venue with one or more guest speakers
\$30 Members and \$35 Non-Members.
- Beginners Course:** \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
- Intermediate Course** \$60.00 for full course over 4 weeks or \$20.00 per day
- Advanced Course** \$60.00 for 4 weeks or \$20 per day
- DNA Days** for this will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. AM and PM Sessions. Bookings are **essential** and must be in advance. One on One DNA help \$10.00 per hour
- Personal Research** after an appointment to discuss your requirements. Approx. \$50 per couple researched
- Master Class** These are longer sessions depending on topic; they are structured and can be a hands-on workshop. \$20.00
- Non-Member Research Fee** for a two-hour session – become a member for only \$10.00 extra \$30.00

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40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Helen Johnston-Lord 505

Our Group marked our own major milestone with a special function at the Tuggerah Community Hall on 3rd June.

This sometimes-drab accessible hall was very welcoming when transformed with a few simple decorations

After registering at the door 38 folk found a seat, and chatted with members old and new. There was time to look at the memorabilia table with scrapbooks from over the years. This is where many of the photos taken often end up, a good visual record.

Speeches were kept to a minimum relating some of the history of our group and our members. A local history quiz as well as a trivia quiz kept us thinking whilst a poetic version of pass the parcel was interesting.

The catered grazing table lunch was my first experience at this catering style. The selections available were varied and designed to suit everyones requirement. The desserts were especially generous and tempting. [a doggy bag supplied a savoury and sweet evening meal for the two of us].



Formalities were kept to a minimum with a presentation of special awards, photo session, raffle draw and CAKE to end the day.

On a personal level, I found the venue comfortable, the atmosphere celebratory, a good value for money event with people very generous with their assistance.

Congratulations to all! ... ❖



NSW STATE ARCHIVES BUS TRIP

Regina Hogan, member #533

Six eager members made the bus trip to the NSW State Archives on Thursday 27th July 2023. Their excitement was, however, temporarily dampened when they reached their customary McDonald's stop only to find it under renovation. With only drive-through service available, the group opted to forego their usual coffee stop ritual and pressed on towards their destination.

We arrived on time around 10:00am and were all soon busy reading, scanning and taking photos of the various documents we had requested. From the discussion on the way home it appears we all found at least one piece of information that will enhance our family history research.

A very special thank you to our driver, John, for getting us there and back safely.

The NSW State Archives, known for its vast collection of historical documents, is a treasure trove for all family historians. The next visit to the Archives is scheduled for Saturday 18th November 2023.



Photo: The happy bunch of members who enjoyed their day at the NSW State Archives

THE CENTENNIAL PARK TRAGEDY, JANUARY 19, 1921

Lynda Smith nee Prentice, LM 2

By all accounts, Frederic William WOLGAST was a good bloke. He was loved by his large family, adored by a fiancée and respected by his colleagues. Frederic was a Police Constable. He was the son of Charles August WOLGAST and Jane/Jean CAMERON, born in Merriwa in 1891. He was one of at least thirteen children born to this couple.



Frederic trained to be a policeman and spent some time in Mittagong. In 1917, a drunk man who thought he was being robbed shot wildly at Frederic. Thankfully, he was not injured.

By 1921, Frederic was working in Sydney, patrolling the streets around Centennial Park. It seems the park was a popular haunt of couples, seeking some unchaperoned time together. This activity was common after work was finished for the day, so the deepening shadows allowed peeping toms good vantage points. Another activity that took place with some frequency was the robbing of such couples.

On Thursday January 19, 1921, Frederic was on patrol. A promising athlete and well-known boxer, Jack KENNEDY, was in the park with his fiancée, Minnie PHEGAN when they were accosted by two men. One of them snatched the lady's handbag. Kennedy yelled "Stop thief!" and went after the two men. Constable WOLGAST heard the commotion and also came running. He was apprised of the situation and gave chase. The

fleeing men separated and WOLGAST followed one. KENNEDY chased the other who fled through a hole in a fence, dropping the handbag. WOLGAST also tried to stop the man, who turned and then fired three shots at him from a hand gun.

Frederic was hit once in the chest, damaging a lung. The man ran off. KENNEDY approached Frederic, borrowed his service revolver and continued to chase the culprits, while others sought help for Frederic. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in a serious condition. He was able to give a physical description of the man who shot him before dying of his wounds on January 21. Frederic was 29 years old.

A Police funeral was held for Frederic on January 22. Over 200 Police from all divisions paraded in front of the horse drawn hearse. Over 600 people lined the street leading to St Matthias' Church of England in Paddington, where a very moving service was held.

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Saturday 22 January 1921.

WOLGAST. - The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. J. WOLGAST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SON, Frederick William Wolgast; which will leave Charles Kinsela's Private Mortuary, 143 Oxford-street, city, THIS SATURDAY, at 10 a.m. for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Tel , Wav. 8 Bondi Junction.

WOLGAST. - The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. BAKER, Mr. A. WOLGAST, Mr. and Mrs. E. GRANT, Mr. and Mrs. C. WOLGAST, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. DOGGETT, Mr. and Mrs. N. WILKINS, Mr. B. WOLGAST, Mr. and Mrs. N. WOLGAST, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER and BROTHER-IN-LAW, Frederick William Wolgast; to leave Kinsela's Private Mortuary, 143 Oxford-street, city, THIS SATURDAY, at 10 a.m. for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA

WOLGAST. - The Friends of Sergeant CONNORS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved FRIEND, Frederick William Wolgast; which will leave Charles Kinsela's Private Mortuary, THIS SATURDAY, at 10 a.m. for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA.

Frederic was buried in Waverley Cemetery, and a large headstone was erected.

The wording says" This Monument was erected by the Government of New South Wales to Constable Frederic William Wolgast who was shot dead whilst in the execution of his duty on the 19 January, 1921, also his sister Wilhelmina Henrietta GRANT died 22 June 1935. "If wishful thoughts could bring you back."

On January 26, a reward of £250 was posted for information leading to the arrest of a man described as "25 to 27 years of age, five feet six or eight inches tall, medium build (about 10 stone in weight), clean shaven, dressed in shabby grey sac suit or black clothes, dirty white



boots or shoes and gabardine cap or grey felt hat." The second man was described as 20-25 years of age, five feet six or seven inches tall, medium build, wearing a dark coat, brown trousers and a soft felt hat." [from NSW Police Gazettes, published in Trove]

On 29 January, one of Frederic's brothers, Norman, wrote a letter of appreciation to the Inspector General of Police. He thanked the Police for all their efforts in finding the culprit, the respect they had showed and the sympathy expressed to the family. This letter was published in the Police Gazette on 2 February.

On 10 February, the Coroner's Inquest confirmed that Frederic had been murdered, but surprisingly actually named Charles Wynne SPEECHLEY as the murderer, before there was a trial.

On 16 February, the Police published the fact that a Charles Wynne SPEECHLEY, alias Charles WHITE, George WHITE and Charles WYNNE had been detained by detectives and held for trial. He had a Police record for offences in 1918 and before, but details were not given.

The trial began in April in the Central Criminal Court. Various witnesses were called by the prosecution, including a number of men who admitted spying on couples and knowing SPEECHLEY, whose nickname was "JEWY". One witness, a William Arthur SMITH [no relation of mine!] said that SPEECHLEY owned a motorcycle, and was known to hide in bushes by crawling into them for cover. This witness [nickname BROWNIE} gave Police a detailed description of JEWY and later identified him for Police. He heard the shot, but did not see SPEECHLEY shoot the Constable. It appeared that the culture of harassing couples was widespread in the park, but was not often reported to the Police.

Another witness, there with a lady friend, said he saw SPEECHLEY and SMITH creeping up to attack the couple and he had called out a warning. Mr. YOUNIE chased after the men but fell over a tree root. He could identify both men and gave aid to Constable WOLGAST after he heard the shot.

The Defence complained that there had been too much speculation in the Press and that his client had been convicted before all the evidence had been produced. SPEECHLEY claimed he was at home and not in the Park on the night in question and his wife confirmed this. SPEECHLEY claimed he was not guilty. There were slight discrepancies in the physical descriptions given of the two men. The Jury found SPEECHLEY guilty and he was sentenced to death.

On 20 April, the Police Superannuation and Reward Fund Board awarded Mrs. Jeanet Wolgast (mother of the late Const. Frederic William



Charles Speechley

Wolgast). an allowance of £156 per annum, to take effect as on and from 22 January, 1921, for a period of five years; then to be reconsidered. Sadly, Mrs. WOLGAST died in December 1921.

Fast forward to 1956 and an article appeared in the papers titled "Girl's Undying love for Policeman", where Kathleen CONNOR[S], Frederic's fiancée, spoke of her actions over the past 35 years. Every year she had placed an In Memoriam notice for Frederic and she had stayed single in his memory. *"Loved in life and living yet, in the heart of one who will never forget."*

A postscript to this article states:

(A 31 year-old mechanic of Cabramatta (Sydney), Charles Wynne Speechley, was charged with his murder and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. Speechley was eventually released from prison and vanished.)

Central Queensland Herald (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1930 - 1956), Thursday 2 February 1956

A further search of TROVE under Charles Wynne SPEECHLEY revealed that his death sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment in July 1921. SPEECHLEY served 20 years and was released in 1941, 'under licence', which meant there were restrictions on his movements. By early 1942 he was back before the Police again, charged with illegal sexual acts. He was allowed bail of £20. He chose not to appear in court on the appointed date and disappeared. Police then started a hunt for him, but by 1947, all they had determined was that SPEECHLEY had spent some time in Queensland, Victoria and may even have gone overseas during the war years. Officially, no-one knows where he ended up. A sad end to a heroic tale.

A FamilySearch contributor believes he died on 9 October 1976, in Inglewood, Victoria, Australia, at the age of 87.

[Sources](#) *Trove newspapers, NSW BDM Indexes, Ancestry trees, Google FamilySearch.*

FYI Ancestry Name Meanings for WOLGAST

German: Habitational Name From Any Of The Places So Named In Brandenburg And Pomerania.

My connection: Frederic WOLGAST's niece Phyllis BAKER married into my GREEN family in 1927.



WHERE YOUR STORIES MIGHT LEAD

Helen Johnston-Lord

I often note how widespread your 'Tree' is read. Recently I was contacted via 'The Cottage' by a lady who had just read an article I had written for the February 2019 issue. She is the subjects' granddaughter. He was the father of the spouse of an uncle of mine. Karen knew of 3 of her aunt's marriages however had not heard of my uncle so I was able to send her a copy of their marriage certificate. This marriage may have been

questionable as there is no record of any divorce and my uncle married another in 1934, was widowed in 1945 and died in 1971. ... ♦

MILESTONES AWARDS

Kerrie Metcalfe presented Martin Fisher, Susan Fisher and Kate Walter with their 10 year Membership certificates at our May General Meeting.

Membership certificates were presented to Julie & Niel Nielson by Roger Lewis before our recent Bunnings BBQ got under way.

As well as presenting Cheryl



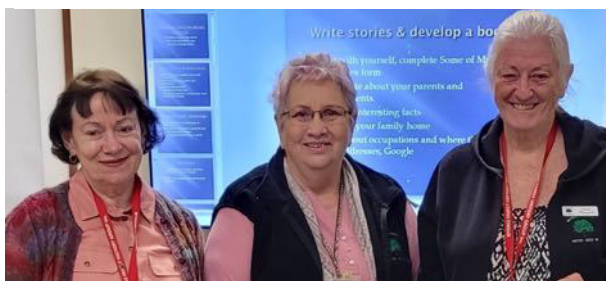
Kerrie and Kate



Kerrie, Martin and Sue



Niel, Roger and Julie



Karelle, Kerrie and Cheryl



Christine and Kerrie

Whamond and Karelle Keane with an Appreciation certificate, at our June Meeting, Kerrie presented Christine Jones #343 with her 15 years certificate.

Kerrie also presented Ron Allen with his 20 year certificate at our July General Meeting.

We congratulate you all and thank you for your support in maintaining your membership. ... ♦



Kerrie & Ron



VALÉ
GWEN BATES LIFE MEMBER #70

Sadly, on Friday 16 June 2023

Gwen joined the group on the 17 November 1999 alongside her late husband Peter and has played a huge role in the growth of the group over these past twenty-two years.

Along with Peter she hosted social BBQs in their own home and Gwen helped at many of the early Bunnings BBQ's.



As well as attending fairs and sourcing research guides and books for our library, she would also help on the Bookstalls at many events including Maitland, Australia Day, and any other Community event.

Gwen the Librarian from about 2004 to 2008. In those four years she was instrumental in the setting up of the accession system in the library, which is still in use today. Also, the way the Journals are stored and displayed on the shelves. Gwen began the task of building our library and was on hand to help set it when we moved into the Cottage in 2005. Not only in the library but helping where she could.

When we started to run Beginners Classes and talks at the San Remo Neighborhood Centre in about 2003/4, Gwen was the presenter for the Scottish and Irish how-to classes. Then she started up a Scottish and Irish Interest Group (SIG) which has ran for several years

Always helped at our information and social events held at the Cottage. Gwen put up a wonderful display of Scottish and Irish memorabilia and books and dressed in her Scottish Colours,

Gwen has made donations to the group over the years of books, CDs, and a patchwork quilt to raffle, also a patch work quilt for our conference in 2009 which is now displayed on the wall in our meeting room.

Gwen made a wonderful contribution to our Group and will be missed.



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check dates available and book ahead.**

**Proposed dates for August are:
Thursdays 10 & 24 and Wednesdays 16 & 30**



Their War

They are remembered

*They sleep not in their native land, but beneath a foreign sky,
Far away from those who loved them, in hero's graves they lie.*



LESLIE MORESHEAD MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Unofficial history of the Australian & New Zealand Armed Services

In the August 2018 issue of Tree of Life, we featured the Fountains of Sydney, including a little about the Sir Leslie Morshead Memorial Fountain. The memorial is located at an entrance to the Royal Botanic Gardens, opposite the State Library of NSW Mitchell Library building.

The fountain commemorates the distinguished soldier and citizen, Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED.

The Sir Leslie Morshead Memorial Fountain consists of 36 tall brass pipes, which are positioned vertically and fluted at the top. They are arranged in a tight circle, in the centre of shallow circular basin that is lined with red tiles. Water cascades from the top of the pipes into the basin.

Surrounding the basin is a large concrete circle, constructed on an angle so as to slope away from the fountain in the middle. The inscription is inlaid into the concrete, around the edge of the basin. Positioned at regular intervals around the outside edge of the concrete circle are 20 low stone pillars. Two of these pillars bear the original dedication plaque from 1966 and the plaque dedicating the new fountainhead in 1983.

The memorial, designed by Robert Woodward, is located at an entrance to the Royal Botanic Gardens, opposite the State Library of NSW Mitchell Library building. Robert Woodward also designed the El Alamein Fountain in Kings Cross.



Sources: AWM & Wikipedia

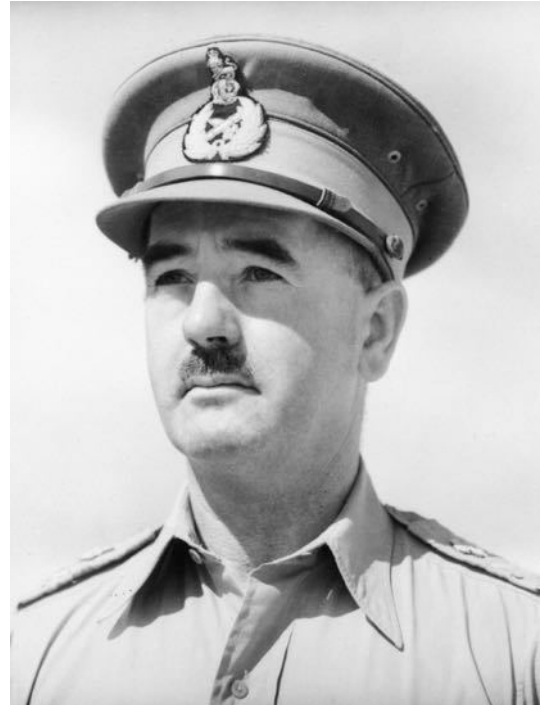


**LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR LESLIE JAMES MORSHEAD, KCB, KBE, CMG,
DSO, ED 1899-1956 – THE DEFENDER OF TOBRUK**

Compiled by Helen Johnston-Lord member #505

Whilst researching the Moreshead Fountain, I found Sir Leslie James Morshead KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED, someone with a lot of postnominal, I knew little about. I found so much information about him on many internet sites. If you would like to know more, I would suggest a 'Google' search will give you hours of informative reading.

Leslie James Morshead was born on 18 September 1889 in Ballarat, Victoria, the sixth of seven children of William Morshead, a gold miner who had emigrated from Cornwall via Canada, and his wife Mary Eliza Morshead, (nee Rennison), the Australian-born daughter of a fellow Cornish immigrant. William died when Leslie was six years old. He was educated at Mount Pleasant High School, where he was appointed a junior teacher in 1906.



In 1909, he became a student at the Melbourne Teachers Training College to obtain formal teaching qualifications. After his graduation in December 1910, he was awarded a scholarship to complete an education diploma at the University of Melbourne but decided to defer for a year to teach at schools in country Victoria. He became a school teacher, teaching at several schools. In 1911 he entered Trinity College at the University of Melbourne. After failing an exam in deductive logic, he decided to quit the state school system, and in 1912 took up a position at The Armidale School in the New England district of New South Wales.

In 1914 he moved to the prestigious Melbourne Grammar School.

Leslie had been commissioned as a lieutenant in the Australian Army Cadets in 1908 at Armidale. At Melbourne Grammar he commanded a company in that school's much larger cadet unit. While at Melbourne Grammar, he met Myrtle Catherine Woodside, the daughter of a Happy Valley, Victoria, grazier, and the sister of one of Morshead's pupils.

When the First World War broke out in August 1914, Morshead resigned his teaching position and his commission in the Cadet Corps to travel to Sydney and enlist as a private in the 2nd Infantry Battalion of the First Australian Imperial Force.

He landed at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, and his battalion made the farthest advance of any Australian unit that day. He was invalided to Australia and, after returning to Europe, he became commander of the 33rd Infantry Battalion, which he led on the Western Front at Messines, Passchendaele, Villers-Bretonneux, and Amiens.

Morshead returned to Australia in November 1919 and his AIF appointment was terminated in March 1920. He considered applying for a regular army commission but found that these were reserved for graduates of the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He tried farming, accepting a soldier settlement block of 23,000 acres (9,300 ha) near Quilpie, Queensland, but this venture was a failure,

He returned to Melbourne, where he married Myrtle at Scots Church, on 17 November 1921. They had a daughter, Elizabeth in 1923.

After working in odd jobs, he joined the Orient Line in Sydney on 24 October 1924. He was appointed passenger manager of the Sydney office in 1926. Many Orient Line appointments followed.

He remained active in the part-time Militia, commanding the 19th Infantry Battalion from 1921 to 1925. He became commander of the 36th Infantry Battalion on 1 August 1926.

Returning to Sydney in 1937 he assumed command of the 5th Infantry Brigade. During a visit to England in 1937 as part of his duties with the Orient Line, he had occasion to observe the British Army on manoeuvres in East Anglia. He was impressed by the pace of modern mechanised forces. He also realised that the Australian Army was lagging a long way behind in both human and technical resources. He was promoted to brigadier in 1938.

In 1941 he became commander of the 9th Division, which he led in the Siege of Tobruk and the Second Battle of El Alamein achieving decisive victories over Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps.

He succeeded Major General John Lavarack as commander of the fortress of Tobruk. Talking to his men, Morshead famously said: 'There will be no Dunkirk here. If we should have to get out, we shall fight our way out. There is to be no surrender and no retreat.'

After Tobruk, Morshead and his 9th Division went on to fight at El Alamein.

In February 1943 they finally returned to Australia. Upon his return to Australia, Morshead was appointed to



El Alamein, Egypt. 1942-08-05. Lieutenant General Leslie Morshead, General- Officer-Commanding AIF (left), speaks with Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, at 9th Division Headquarters during Churchill's visit to troops in the forward area of the El Alamein



c.1944. Informal portrait of Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead in uniform and Lady Morshead

command II Corps, which he led during the New Guinea campaign. In 1945 he commanded I Corps in the Borneo campaign.

In later life he served as president of the Boy Scouts Association of New South Wales and the Big Brother Movement, a British youth emigration support scheme, and was a trustee of the Gowrie scholarship trust fund, which provided assistance to the descendants of Second World War veterans.

Leslie Morshead died in Sydney on 26 September 1959.

According to Official historian Barton Maughan:

'Morshead was every inch a general. His slight build and seemingly mild facial expression masked a strong personality, the impact of which, even on a slight acquaintance, was quickly felt. The precise, incisive speech and flint-like, piercing scrutiny acutely conveyed impressions of authority, resoluteness, and ruthlessness. If battles, as Montgomery was later to declare, were contests of wills, Morshead was not likely to be found wanting.'

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 - 1995), Tuesday 29 September 1959

LAST TRIBUTES TO SIR LESLIE MORSHEAD

SYDNEY, Monday. -Thousands lined city streets to-day to pay their last respects to Lieut-General Sir Leslie Morshead.

As the flag-draped coffin passed on its gun-carriage, many veterans wearing the medals and ribbons of two world wars bowed their heads. More than 5,000 people stood in silence outside St. Andrew's Cathedral while hundreds of national, civic and business leaders attended the funeral service.

Major-General the Rev. G A. Osborne, who conducted the service, described Sir Leslie Morshead as Australia's "greatest citizen-soldier."

"He was a man who, above all, had courage, determination, thoroughness, vision, sympathy and a simple understanding of all his men," Major-General Osborne said. 'To-day we are here to thank God for Sir Leslie Morshead.'

Sir Leslie would be remembered for his loyal and devoted service to Australia and his superb courage in battle, Major-General Osborne added.



The service was attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, the Premier of N.S.W., Mr. Cahill, and the Governor of N.S.W, Lieut.-General Sir Eric Woodward. The Governor-General, Sir William Slim, was represented by his A.D.C., Colonel M.R. Buring.

The cathedral lawns were carpeted with flowers from all over the world and an extra vehicle was used to carry wreaths. Twelve generals acted as pall bearers.

Honours and Awards

During his WW1 & WW2 career, Leslie Morshead was 'Mentioned in Despatches' no less than 10 times. He also received the following awards.

04 June 1917	DSO Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.
23 January 1919	French Legion of Honour - 5th Class Chevalier.
25 March 1920	CMG Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.
01 January 1941	Commander of the Order of the British Empire
06 January 1942	KBE Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.
24 November 1942	KBC Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.
23 November 1944	Polish Virtuti Militari - sixth class.
02 January 1948	Medal of Freedom.



On November 21, 1942, the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief (General Sikorski) decorated Major-General Morshead with the Polish equivalent of the V.C. Virtuti Militari. ... ❖



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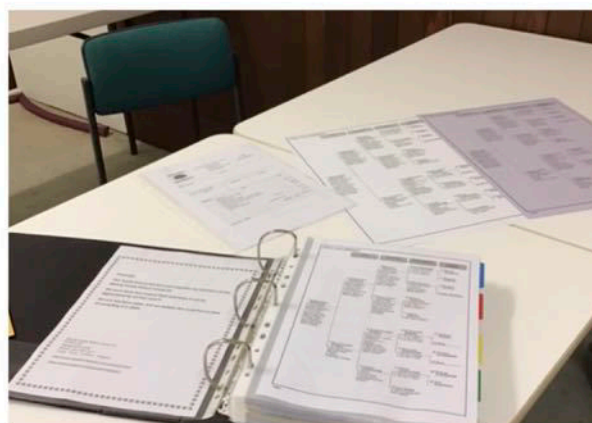
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Example of what you may receive.

HISTORY OF ZERA PULSIPHER 1789-1873

WRITTEN BY MYSELF

(Found in an old trunk where he kept his papers) (Sentence construction & punctuation left as he wrote it). Johnpratt.com [FamilySearch]

I was born June 24, 1789; the names of my parents were John and Elizabeth Pulsipher, my grandfather whose name was David Pulsipher was supposed to be a descendant from Ireland. I have not much knowledge of his ancestors. He brought up a family in Connecticut, New England. In the year 1769 he came to a new state called Vermont, went up the Connecticut River to Bellows Falls. Went five miles back to a place afterwards called Rockingham, an entire wilderness country, where seldom a blow had been struck by a white man. There he selected and obtained 500 acres of land and proficed or predicted things that would take place in years to come, which was a site for a meeting house, burying ground back of it and a town site where water tower was erected.



Zera Pulsipher

He cleared some land, built a "Public House" or "Tavern." He helped establish a settlement and converted the wilderness into a fruitful field. This is where I was born. But when the Revolutionary War commenced my father was very young and being away from home one day he heard that the British Army had destroyed some Military stores at Concord, New Hampshire, and being fired with indignation he sought for a recruiting officer and enlisted for one campaign. When he returned home and informed his father of the circumstances, the old gentleman told him that he was too young and that he would enlist and go with him. Accordingly he did, and they both went to Boston, Massachusetts. In the memorable Battle of Bunker Hill, the 17th of June 1775, there they stood side by side and fought with about 13 Americans against 3000 of the British for about two hours. When the enemy after firing Charleston and wending around under the smoke, had nearly



Battle of Bunker Hill

surrounded that wing of their own army, when they saw a small gap to retreat through which was then continually plowing the ground with balls from the shipping. But while they were going out my grandfather saw one of our men wounded and crawling away on his hands and knees. In the meantime a British soldier ran him through with a bayonet, being filled with indignation at such rank breach of the laws of all civilized nations he immediately stopped, amid scenes of death and carnage, loaded his gun and shot that man down before he left the ground and then obtained a safe retreat. I speak of this to let my posterity know that our ancestors were clothed with that steady unshaken determination in time of the most immanent dangers that are incident to human life.


In a few weeks after this my grandfather died with cramp rheumatism in his breast, (no doubt heart ailment.) My father served his time out and returned home and attended to the care of a family, married Elizabeth Dutton and raised a family of seven sons and three daughters.

My oldest brother's name was Oliver, who raised a large family in the state of New York on Lake Ontario; the second was David, who raised a family, living with my father in Vermont, where he died. John also married, but had no children. Solomon married and died in the war of 1812 with England - without child. I am the next, have raised a large family. Elijah has raised a family. Arunah the seventh has a family. My oldest sister Elizabeth married and raised a family by a man named Lloyd (Lord) E. Archer. Poly, my second sister, married a man by the name of Dexter Newton, raised a family in the state of New Hampshire. My sister Sybbel, married a man by the name of Abram Newbury and lives in the state of Iowa.

My, father was absolute in his family government, kind and affectionate to all his friends. His common practice was to make a feast once in a year and invite some of the poorest people that were in the town and seemed to take pleasure in their company. I lived with him twenty-five years and never knew him to turn a beggar away empty. He lived to the age of seventy-eight and my mother to eighty-six.

... When I was about twenty-one I married a very agreeable companion, lived with her about one year when she died leaving one child which we named Harriet...

... I built a mill, cleared a farm and [at the age of 26] I married a wife by the name of Mary Brown. A very agreeable companion by whom I have a large family of kind children



MARY ANN BROWN PULSIPHER 1799–1866

Autobiography

My grandfather and grandmother Brown, I knew little about; they died when my father was quite young. They had three sons; Joseph, John and Jonathan, My grandfather and grandmother Fairchild, I well remember. Grandmother died when I was four years old, in Connecticut. Grandfather then went to Pennsylvania and died there. I think they had five sons and two girls. The names that I can remember are Samuel, Sherman, Stephan, Eunice and Sarah. Grandfather's name was Stephen, and Grandmother's name was Eunice.



My father, John Brown, was born Feb. 25, 1770. Their children were: Juda Brown, born 2 Nov 1793; John Brown, born 24 Aug 1795; Eunice Brown, born in August of 1794-7; Mary Brown, b. 2 Mar 1799. Thirsa Brown, born 11 Jul 1802; Sally Brown, born 27 Feb 1805; Catherine Brown, b. 13 Aug 1808; Loring G. Brown, b. 17 Aug 1811. They were all born in Connecticut, but Catherine and Loring who were born in Pennsylvania.

My father moved from Connecticut to Pennsylvania when I was six years old. My father's home was a home for the Methodist Preachers and all other preachers when they came. I joined the Methodist church when I was 13 years old. I lived in Pennsylvania until I was married in 1815 to Zerah Pulsipher. My oldest child was born 30 May 1816.

"My parents taught me to be honest, industrious, and to keep the Sabbath Day. They were very strict Methodists. When I was about 13 years old I thought I ought to join the Methodist Church. It was the only church I knew much about. The preachers came every week to preach at father's house. I told him I wanted to join the church and he said I could. I did not know but they would call on me to relate a great experience when I was converted, but I could not have told them. ...

... The winter [1838] we were in the far western part of Missouri, we had to part with our good old Mother Pulsipher. She was sick one week, and then died. The day before she died, she lay looking up. I said, "Mother, what do you see?" She said, "Oh, don't you see that light?" I looked, but could not see any. The next day she saw it again over her bed. She said, "That is a light to light me through the dark valley of death." Then she fell asleep without a struggle or groan. I think she was 85 years old. [Records show she was 86.]

... I write this after I am 72 years old, for my children to look at. It is written very poorly; perhaps you cannot read it....

... I am almost 81 years old, have lived and enjoyed myself well with my children a long time; I expect the time will come when I must leave them. I have watched over them, tried to comfort them and instruct them right. I

pray that they may live in peace, be united, and keep all the commandments of God. If riches increase, set not your hearts on them, but lay up treasures in Heaven. It is the only safe place that we can lay up riches.

I would like to have my children live near together to help and comfort one another. May God bless you all! ... ❖

MEMORIES OF MY MOTHER, MARY BROWN PULSIPHER

By Her Son John Pulsipher

I John, take the liberty to write a little in his book, as mother has passed away from mortal life.

She died on the 7th of May 1886, in the midst of friends and about as near ready as mortals ever get. So I record a little more of her history in this book.

As she lived to such advanced age, her children well desired her to give up housekeeping and live with some of us. Then we would know if she needed anything and could help her so much better than if she was alone in her little house. So she did close her house and had a good time. She went to St. George and visited her daughters, Sarah and Eliza, and their children and friends for several months. She then returned to Hebron and had pleasant happy time with us at Hebron for about two years.

Truly we did have an enjoyable time talking of early life, incidents of history in Connecticut, and the USA and the restoration of the Gospel and the rise of the Church in this age of the world.

When she died, we buried her by the side of father in Hebron Cemetery. Here is some of Mother's own loose papers that I will record in this book.

... "I left all my friends but my own family. Father Smith, the first Patriarch in the Church, laid his hands on my head and blessed me. ... I have 56 grandchildren and 75 great grandchildren. So you see there is upwards of a hundred fold now and increasing at a wonderful rate. ..."

Note: I came across this rather lengthy document whilst researching a not-so-close relative who was a lifelong resident of the Central Coast and often present at family events. Zera gives a detailed account of his and his family's life in USA and Canada. He mentions Brigham Young and others involved in the Morman [his words] Church and how the American Revolutionary War impacted their lives. I thought this could be an interesting way to start to write your story. Helen J-L. ... ❖



VALÉ KAY RAWNSLEY

Sadly Kay Rawnsley Member 944 passed away on Saturday 15th July 2023.

Kay joined our group in 2019. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends. ... ❖

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Wyong Remembers	Book	\$ 19.00 + p&h
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Wyong Shire Combined Cemeteries 2017	Reduced Price CD	\$ 12.50 + p&h
Includes Jilliby, Noraville, St Barnabas & Yarramalong and Ronkana Cemeteries		
Jilliby Cemetery Wyong Shire NSW	Book out of Print	
Noraville Cemetery Wyong Shire 1869 – 2012	Book	\$ 20.00 + p&h
St Barnabas & Yarramalong Cemeteries Wyong Shire 1886 – 2001	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
Ronkana Cemetery Wyong Shire 1825 – 2016	Book	\$ 15.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
Wyong Shire Cemetery Records Index to August 2016	Book	\$ 25.00 + p&h
This index has been compiled from the WFHG Inc. cemetery database. It includes burials [and niches] at Jilliby and Noraville Cemeteries and the burials at Ronkana, St Barnabas [Yarramalong] and Yarramalong Cemeteries. Books have been produced for each individual cemetery that provide additional details such as photographs, headstone inscriptions and, in the case of Ronkana, St Barnabas and Yarramalong Cemeteries, newspaper death, funeral or probate notices for some of the burials. The WFHG Inc. acknowledges the work of Mr Vince McKenzie and his son Clive, gravediggers, whose records form the core of our index. We also acknowledge the CC Council Bereavement Officers for their contribution to our records. Contains cemetery maps, Deceased details – name, age, date of burial, grave location [section, row, plot], some records have birth dates and maiden names. Includes all graves including those unmarked. 220 pages	Reduced Price CD	\$ 10.00 + p&h
Wyong Township Residents Index 1930 – 1939	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
Palmdale Cemetery	Reduced Price CD	\$ 5.00 + p&h
30,000 names – not all from Wyong		
Genealogy Recorder	Book	\$ 10.00 + p&h
SUPER SPECIAL - 2 BOOK PACK		
Simplicity Funerals Wyong Shire NSW 1993 – 2011		
Bowden Family Funerals Wyong, July 1999 – January 2015	2 x Books	\$ 25.00 + p&h
Great Value for these records which are not on the Internet. Nor are they available from any other source. Usually priced at \$40.00 for the two books, buy both now for only \$25.00		

LIFE MEMBERS



From time to time our Group awards a Life Membership.

These members have been recognized for their commitment and contribution, helping us become the Family History Group we are today. ... ❖

Name	Memb No.	Date of Award
The Late Keith Shakespeare	01	Sept 1994
Lynda Smith	02	08 Dec 1995
The Late Patricia Irwin Sharp	03	14 Sept 2001
Marilyn Cridland	11	13 Sept 2007
Pam Mansergh	14	13 Sept 2007
The Late Esther Dean	23	13 Sept 2007
Janice Barrett	44	13 Sept 2007
Kerrie Metcalfe	80	9 Sept 2010
Roger Lewis	127	20 Sept 2012
Robin Wright	133	20 Sept 2012
Trish McDonald	194	09 Oct 2014
Glenise Clery	284	09 Oct 2014
Michele Gane	174	03 June 2018
John Selwood	79	03 June 2018
Meg Gibson	43	20 Feb 2021
The Late Gwen Bates	70	20 Feb 2021

Do you need help with your DNA?

One on one assistance is available on Tuesdays & Thursdays for just \$10.00 per hour.

Advance bookings are essential.

Please contact the office on 4351 2211

TRANSPORT



Members – Transport to and from The Cottage is a problem for some of our members.

If you have are able to help, email The Secretary:

secwfhg2@westnet.com.au

or phone [02] 4351 2211 during open hours. ... ❖

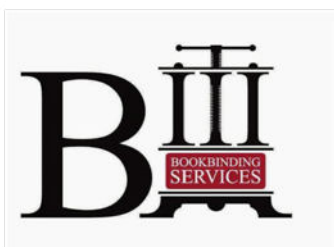


ACCESSIBILITY

Our wheelchair accessibility has been closed temporarily due to the fire in April 2023, Central Coast Council are unable to tell us a date when we can again use our access road and carpark *The Cottage* has one basic accessible toilet?



If you find our hill and stairs a challenge too far, contact the Cottage on 4351 2211 and someone will be happy to help you safely to our door? ... ❖

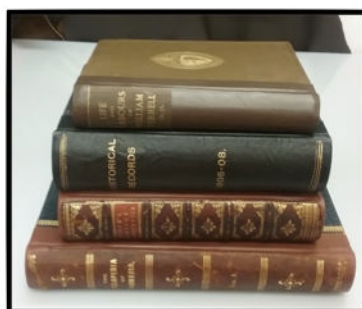


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- Subject to change.
- Note: Unless otherwise stated, All our meetings, interest groups, information sessions and courses are held at 'The Cottage'.
- **SIG** = Special Interest Group ... Booking essential
- **Info** = Information Session

	2023	Event
August	Mon 7	Beginners Family History Course – Week 4
	Thu 10	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 12	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Tue 15	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 16	DNA – How to get started 10.00 am
	Wed 23	Welcome Morning 10:30 am Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 26	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Tue 29	Committee Meeting for September 10:00 am

	2023	Event
September	8th – 10th September 2023 The Running Waters of History The 38 th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies	
	Thu 14	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 16	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1:00 pm
	Tue 19	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 23	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 25	2024 Planning Meeting 10:00 am
	Wed 27	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1-00 pm – 2:30 pm
October	Tue 3	Committee Meeting 10:00 am
	Mon 9	Intermediate Family History Course – Week 1
	Thu 12	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 14	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Mon 16	Intermediate Family History Course – Week 2
	Tue 17	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 21	Rookwood Bus Trip <i>Deadline for next 'Tree of Life'</i>
	Mon 23	Intermediate Family History Course – Week 3
	Wed 25	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Sat 28	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Mon 30	Intermediate Family History Course – Week 4
	Tue 31	Committee Meeting for November 10:00 am
November	Tue 7	Melbourne Cup BBQ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
	Thu 9	Family Tree Maker SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
	Sat 11	General Meeting 1:00 pm
	Thu 16	Research Organisation Information Session 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Sat 18	State Archives Bus Trip
	Tue 21	DNA SIG 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
	Wed 22	Monthly ZOOM Catch Up 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm
	Sat 25	Multi-Media SIG 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Darkinjung people as Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. we pay our respects to the Elders, past, present, and future, and recognise the continuing connection and contribution to this land. We would like to extend that respect to any First Nations people who are our readers.

Wyong Family History Group Inc.

Research Centre

'The Cottage', Wyong Community Cultural Centre,

6 Rankens Court, Wyong [entrance via the old school grounds]

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.
At other times by appointment. Public Holidays – Closed.

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WFHG thanks Ms Emma McBride, for her assistance in the production of this issue of the Tree of Life.

Remember, Member contributions are always welcome and 21 October, 2023 is the closing date for submissions for next issue of the "Tree of Life".

Local LDS Family History Centre

Akora Road, Wyoming [near ALDI]

**Opening Hours: Tuesday 6 – 8 pm,
Friday 10 am – 2 pm**

Generally closed during school holidays. Open at other times on request

Free access

Ph: 4329 3603

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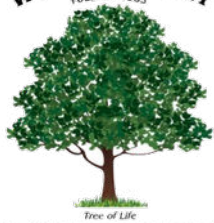
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To promote and encourage the research and preservation of family and local history, to assist members and others in family history research. To develop and maintain a Public Library and research, collect, preserve and maintain its resources in its Library.

Members' contributions are always welcome.