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LIBRARY: The Research Centre is situated in the Margaret Newcombe Room of the Community Arts Centre, 2 Campbell Street, Young (under the Bell Tower). Normal opening hours are:

WEDNESDAY: 10.00 am - 2.30 pm

SATURDAY: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Contact Kay McDonald 0409 606 429 or Margaret Hall 0408 290 694

NEWSLETTER: Each member shall receive three copies of the group Newsletter per year. Newsletters are distributed each January, May and September. **Interesting research and family histories are welcomed for inclusion.**

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES: Non-resident financial members may have two specific enquiries of a single nature answered free of charge. Non-members may have their enquiry published in the newsletter at a cost of \$2.00 per enquiry. We offer a research service for those who are unable to visit our library. It is the Group's policy that we do not commence research until the applicable fee is received. Only a search of the resources held by the Young & District Family History Group Inc. will be undertaken. **COST: An initial \$10.00 non-refundable search fee is required with your FIRST enquiry before any investigation will be conducted.** **COST:** A further \$30.00 research fee per family name (e.g.: Mr & Mrs Smith and children, "Smith" being the family name) is required should the initial request uncover a considerable amount of information or the request is complex.

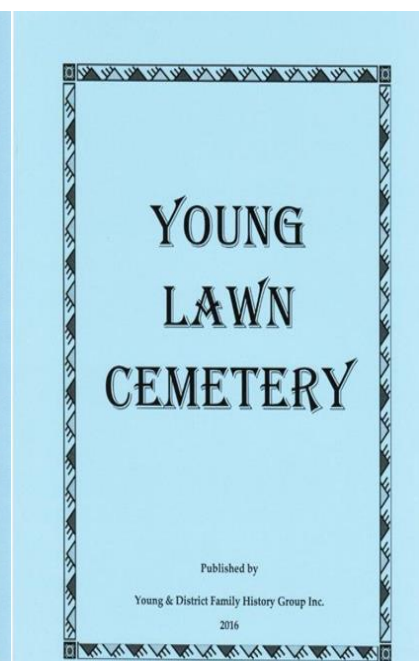
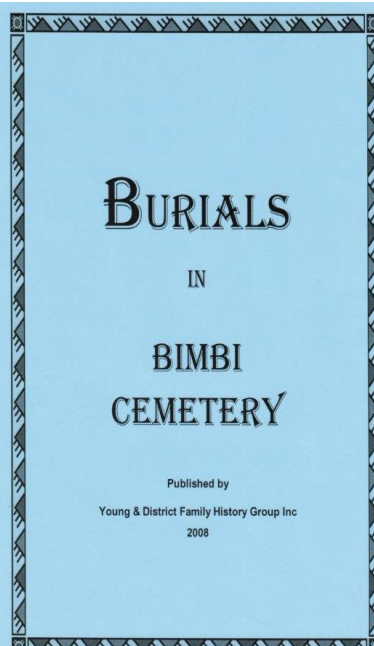
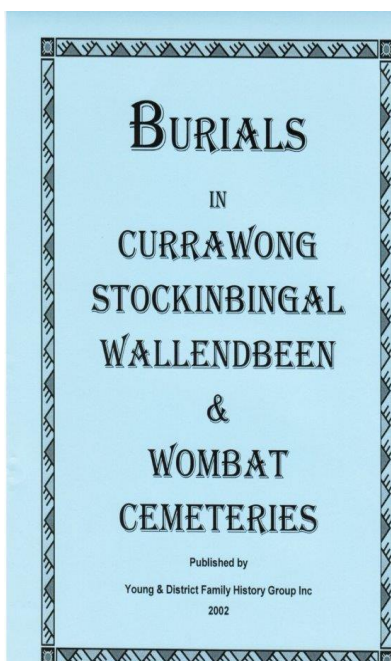
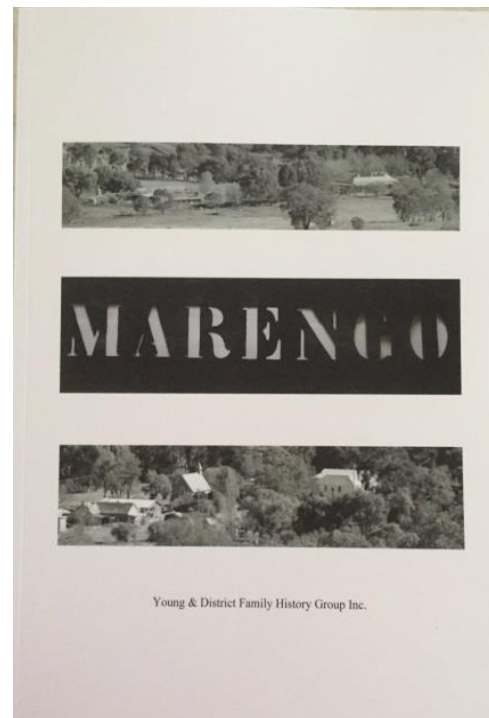
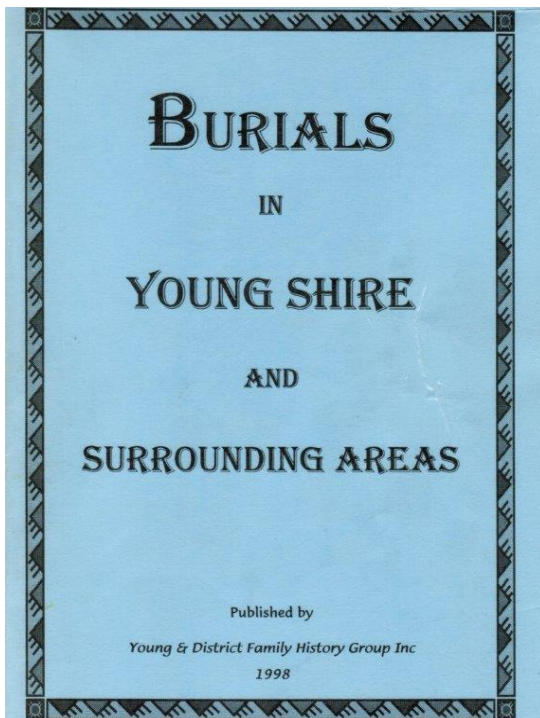
MEETINGS: Meetings will be advised by email.

GENERAL: Members requesting information from the Group's Library are reminded that the Research Officers work on a voluntary basis and can only provide information from the resources available.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Young Lawn Cemetery 29.10.1977 to 29.02.2016	\$15.00 + \$15 P&H
Burials in Bimbi Cemetery, to May 2008	\$15.00 + P&H
Burials in Currawong, Stockinbingal, Wallendbeen & Wombat Cemeteries, to May 2002	\$15.00 + P&H
Burials in Young Shire and Surrounding Areas, up to February 1998	\$15.00 + P&H
News from Marengo 1929 – 1939	\$20.00 + P&H
Marengo by Dugald Walker	\$40.00 + \$15.00 P&H



*It is interesting to note that among the Family History ACT (FHACT) Library's recent new collection items was a copy of 'Marengo' by our late member, Dugald Walker.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Report for January 2023

Welcome back to you all, it is already shaping up to be a busy time and we are only a few weeks into January.

A very few of us are still trying to keep the research room open for you our members and the public, and while we all enjoy what we do, more help is always very welcome. Some of our executive are extremely busy with work commitments and others are on the get well list, so please, if you can offer us a few hours of your time, contact me on 0409 606 429.

You meet some lovely people while researching and it is always interesting finding lots of different information, you would NOT be on your own, as we help each other.

I have been doing a fair bit of research on TROVE and have found some remarkably interesting articles for people to add to their family history. One request was for some interesting tid-bits from the papers about a past relative's wild times, I found lots of it, and he was thrilled to bits! Marty has been busy chasing people in England and Scotland and finding them!! One poor fellow was only an accomplice to a theft and he still got 7 years!!

It is amazing how families can link up together, they can be different research requests and sometimes they lap over, I have just finished some research for a lady and going back about 4 generations we have found we both have the same ancestor!

Graves are always being looked for and we have some wonderful maps in the room from the different cemeteries in the area, these are available for you to browse in the room and don't forget we have several different cemetery books. These are available for purchase.

The Hilltops "SENIORS EXPO" will be held at the Young Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd February and we will be having a stand there, so please come and say hello.

"Hilltops Off The Beaten Track" will be held again in Young, Harden, Boorowa and the surrounding villages in March and we will be open for this. Dates will be Wed 8th March 10am to 2.30pm, Sat 11th March 9am to 1pm, Wed 15th March 10am to 2.30pm, Sat 18th March 9am to 1pm, Wed 22nd March 10am to 2.30pm, so if you have any queries or would like to just pop in and have a look at the research room and say hello you are very welcome.

I hope you are all well, please contact me if you have anything you would like to see in the next newsletter, your contributions are always welcome, we send our sincere sympathy to Kath Carroll's family on her passing late last year. Kath was an avid researcher, and I will miss my chats with her.

Hope to see you in the research room, kind regards,

Kay McDonald, President.

TROVE IN TROUBLE

Any researchers out there who have used Trove to aid in their family history will be disturbed to hear it is suffering from lack of funds. An article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* by Linda Morris was published on the 21st December 2022 which states three key points:

The National Library of Australia is facing a \$13 million, or 21 per cent cut to its operating budget from July 2023.

Budget funding runs out then for Trove, the Library's online portal that provides millions of Australians access to newspapers, photographs, and records.

Internal report finds without dedicated and sustainable long-term funding Trove will cease to exist.

Without additional support it could cease to operate from July this year and this would be a great loss to the community. Currently it receives more than 22 million visits each year and our president Kay McDonald finds it an invaluable and interesting source for family research. Trove holds a significant number of digital records of newspapers going back to the earliest publications of the NSW colony to lose access to this would be a significant loss.

Change.org has a petition looking for signatures to submit to the government in the hope of persuading them to increase the funding to this valuable source of information. Anyone can add their name to this or can write to their local federal MP about this problem in the hope this worst-case scenario of closure does not occur. <https://www.change.org/p/fully-fund-trove>

Marty Barclay, Vice President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting will be advised by email.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Do you have an interesting article for inclusion in future newsletters? These are always welcome, no matter how small, so please let the group know of any items of interest by contacting the committee. Members are reminded that details of their areas of interest may be printed in the Members' Interests section of the newsletter as well. Remember, it is YOUR newsletter so please feel free to let us know what you would like to see in future editions by emailing your thoughts and stories to the group.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members – Terry Maloney, Allen Crowe, Lyn Dray & Carmel Hardcastle.

WELL WISHES

Well wishes are sent to any members not feeling the best at present. We hope you can still enjoy time for your family history research.

CBD PROJECT

Please spread the word that we are still seeking any old photos and information of shops in the Young CBD. Please let us know of any special milestones of local businesses too.

HILLTOPS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK - ART & CULTURAL TRAIL

This event will be held over two weeks from 8 - 22 March 2023, with many interesting events and exhibitions on the trail around the Hilltops district, including the surrounding villages of Monteagle, Koorawatha, Murringgo, Bribbaree, Rye Park, Galong and Wombat. The organisers have decided to make it an annual event, this year with food, wine, live music, live theatre, cinema, art, dance, farmers markets, tourist drives. Our rooms will be open as part of this event so that people can take advantage of visiting the rooms to learn about their family history and the history of the Hilltops area.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal is due 1st July each year and can still be paid.

All members are to complete a new membership form and return it in person or via email when they renew their membership. If paying by direct deposit please remember to include your name as the reference.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to members who have recently lost a family member.

CADETS

We are still assisting with a request from Major (ACC - Army Cadet Core) Phillip Mitchell, who is endeavouring to put together a history of the Australian Army Cadet Unit, Young, which is believed to have started in the 1800's. He is seeking photographs and information pertaining to the ACU, Young. If you are able to help with any information on cadet members from the Army Cadets, also Young High School and Christian Brothers College, could you please contact Kay McDonald on 0409 606 429 or email: kaytrophymcdonald@gmail.com

FUNERAL LISTS

A folder is now available at the rooms, with funeral lists for 2021 - 2022, for both Patterson Bros Funerals and Penrose Funerals.

JOY MURRIN FAMILY HISTORY SERVICES

News from Joy and Allan Murrin and team: Their office reopened on Monday 16 January 2023. When Covid hit, they reduced their fees. However on 16 January, they returned to full transcription fee of \$20 and express transmissions \$25 each. They will continue to provide transcriptions within one week and express within one day Monday to Friday.

MAPS

A number of old maps have been donated to the group showing who owned the different properties in the different areas of Young and surrounds, which will be very handy when looking for properties for people doing research.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Greater Britain (3 rd Edition)	L7/95/1
A Chronology of Jersey	NCi7/02/1
Murray's Handbook Lincolnshire	NLi7/01/1
The Encyclopedia of Ireland	R9/20/1
The Victorian History of Wiltshire	NWi7/01/1
The Victorian History of the County of Sussex, Vol. 6, Part 2	NSus7/01/2
The Victorian History of the County of Sussex, Vol. 9	NSus7/01/2.b
Clans and Families of Ireland	R7/01/2
A History of St. Martin's Dorking	NSus7/85/1
Thurlby an Ordinary Village	NLi7/01/2
Newdigate its History and Houses	NSur7/01/2
Micklam, The Story of a Parish	NSur7/85/1
Brede, The Story of a Sussex Parish	NSus7/85/2
Illustrated Handbook of Dorking	NSus7/01/3
Dorset a Little Guide	NDor7/03/1
Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates from Hope Research	AN5/12/37-40
Natural History & Antiquities of Co. Surrey, Vol. 1	NSur7/01/3
Natural History & Antiquities of Co. Surrey, Vol. 2	NSur7/01/4
Natural History & Antiquities of Co. Surrey, Vol. 3	NSur7/01/5
Natural History & Antiquities of Co. Surrey, Vol. 4	NSur7/01/6
Natural History & Antiquities of Co. Surrey, Vol. 5	NSur7/01/7
A School History of Surrey	NSur7/01/8
Former Sacred Heart Convent, Murringo, NSW	AN7/85/19
Family of James and Catherine Crowe (nee Norton)	A4/CROW/129
John Gale – The Father of Canberra	A4/GAL/130
The A – Z Guide to Tracing Ancestors in Britain	M2/10/6
Pocket Guide to Irish Place Names	R2/10/9
Dictionary of English Place Names	N7/94/2
Lincolnshire Towns & Industry, 1700 - 1 914	NLi7/01/3
Seventeenth Century Kent	NKe7/01/2
Koorawatha Cemetery Photos & Database to 2009	MYBOOKLIBRARY H/D
Burrangong 2008 – Young High School Magazine	CD – AN/97
Burrangong 2009 – Young High School Magazine	CD – AN/98
Burrangong 2010 – Young High School Magazine	CD – AN/99
“Evermore” Memories of the Crowe Family Murringo	A4/CROW/129.b

1888 - THE NEW MAYOR OF YOUNG (N.S.W.) MR. G. A. CRANFIELD

From *Australian Town and Country Journal* (Sydney, NSW: 1870 – 1919) Saturday 10 Mar 1888, Pg 28. George Arthur Cranfield, the recently elected Mayor of Young, is an Englishman; he having been born in London on November 10, 1855. Mr. Cranfield reached this colony in 1874, under special engagement to Messrs, Barrett and Co., aerated water manufacturers, of Redfern, Sydney. In 1875 he arrived in Young, and shortly after began business as a baker and aerated water manufacturer. By his energy and perseverance Mr. Cranfield soon built up a good business. In a few years he disposed of his baking business, and started the famous crystal spring brewery, a venture which, in conjunction with the aerated water business, has been so successful that Mr. Cranfield contemplates shortly making improvements on a very large scale. Since his arrival in Young, Mr. Cranfield has always held a prominent position in connection with every movement calculated to in any way benefit the town or district.

He first came into prominence as a public man in the Young district as a member of the Progress Association-a body since defunct, but one which, in former years, played an important part in the public affairs of the town and district. He also identified himself with most of the public movements of the town. For years he held the position of honorary secretary of the School of Arts, and in that capacity displayed exceptional ability. Mr. Cranfield is also a great supporter of all kinds of outdoor sports, and has held the position of secretary of the Amateur Turf Club. He was also the founder, and is at present the vice-president, of the Poultry, Pigeon, and Canary Society, which has lately attained much success. Mr. Cranfield took a lively and active interest in getting the town incorporated, and at the first election was returned high up on the poll as one of the aldermen - a position which he has held ever since.

At the municipal election in 1884 Mr. Cranfield was returned at the head of the poll with the highest number of votes recorded for one candidate in this borough, viz., 298. Mr. Cranfield is now the only member of the original council at present holding a seat in the council.

During the time Mr. Cranfield has been in the council he has advocated progressive measures. He brought forward and carried a motion in favour of tree planting. This is undoubtedly one of the most useful and ornamental works the council has undertaken. Mr. Cranfield was unanimously elected to the mayoral chair on February 10. He is not what one would call a brilliant orator, but he has plenty of common sense, and is endowed with an originality peculiarly his own. There is no doubt that under the presidency of Mr. Cranfield the interests of the ratepayers will be properly looked after. He is known to be a strong advocate for lighting the town with either gas or electricity. In politics Mr. Cranfield is a strong supporter of freetrade, and at present holds the position of secretary to the local branch of the Freetrade Society. He is energetic and is possessed of a great amount of business tact; and the aldermen may be congratulated on having selected the best man available for the position of Mayor.

*A new restaurant, wine bar and providore shop called '*The Cranfield*' opened in Zouch Street Young in December 2022 honouring George Cranfield, who was the mayor the year the building was completed in 1888. The building was built for Burrangong Lodge of St John, who boasted having '*the most handsome and commodious building out of Sydney devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes*'. A portion of the site was donated by Samuel Tout of Calabash with the remainder being purchased from the government for 200 pounds. The building was designed by W. Sharp and built by Millard and Turnrock as a cost of 1200 pounds. It remained as the Masonic Hall for over 100 years until it was purchased by locals in November 2000, and became Zouch Restaurant opening in April 2001. More recently the building became Mullino's Restaurant trading to about 2016, and was then purchased by a new owner in 2022.

QUOTES

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment in life.

Genealogists do not gather facts, but breathe life into all who has gone before.

Genealogy: Be prepared...for the good, the bad, the ugly, and the unbelievable.

BILLS TROUGHS - A Forgotten Memento to a Bygone Era

Bills Troughs are in several towns in New South Wales and Victoria.

Do any members have a connection to the Bills family and these old water troughs?

Would your ancestors have watered their horses in one of these troughs?

George Bills was born in Brighton in England in 1859. He migrated with his family to New Zealand and subsequently to Echuca, Victoria in 1873. He met and married Annis Swann who had immigrated from Sheffield in England. They moved to Sydney in 1884. In 1908 George retired to Hawthorn, Victoria and in 1910 Annis died while the couple were visiting England. George became a Life Governor of the RSPCA in 1924. Bills horse troughs are watering troughs that were manufactured in Australia and installed to provide relief for working horses in the first half of the twentieth century. The troughs were financed by a trust fund established through the Will of George Bills. A total of 700 troughs were distributed by the trust in Australia and 50 in several other countries.

From 'Aussie Towns' Facebook page:

It is easy to forget that, before the advent of the combustion engine and the motor vehicle, most transportation was by horse. When I was writing the entry on Bacchus Marsh in Victoria I noticed that a Bills Horse Trough was listed on the local Heritage Trail. What a strange thing? What a strange story? Researching further I found a wonderful site dedicated to the Bills Horse Troughs which reminded me (and I can still remember them from my childhood) of “the trades men with their horse and carts stopping at the trough to give their horses a well-earned drink, as they were delivering goods to homes, such as Ice, Bread, Milk, Wood and briquettes, most of these goods were delivered by horse and cart, even the old Bottle O who bought empty bottles to be recycled, plus many other people who were still using a horse and gig as a means of transport. On a hot day these cart horses could drink up to 60 litres plus of water a day.”

I knew about the Bills Horse Troughs but not the details. George Bills, born in Brighton, England, in 1859, emigrated to Australia and established a wire mattress business (now there is something you don't see today – thank God!) and when he died in 1927 “after providing many personal bequests, George directed the income from the residue of his estate to be used to provide drinking troughs for horses, and other animals he said it was in preventing cruelty, and alleviating the sufferings of animals in any country. “He wanted no animals to go thirsty. There were probably more than 500 troughs made and erected in Australia mostly first in Victoria then in New South Wales and, and others were funded in overseas countries England, Ireland, Switzerland (for donkeys) and Japan. In the early stages of trough supply, each was individually designed and constructed.

“One of the first was a granite Memorial trough, hewn in one piece as a memorial to George Bills. It was situated in Barton Street, Hawthorn, Melbourne; the trough has long since been removed. Later a standard design from a mould made at the Rolca Concrete Company was used and many hundreds of these troughs were supplied throughout Victoria and New South Wales.

The troughs were supplied free of charge after an application to the Bills Trust by local councils.

Truckloads of 10 would often leave the Rocla Factory for installation in country towns. Most of the troughs were made and supplied in the mid-1930s in Victoria.”

Check it all out at <https://billswatertroughs.wordpress.com/>



MONITORS ROSTER

<u>JANUARY 2023</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2023</u>
SAT. 7 MARGARET HALL	WED. 1 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 11 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 4 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 14 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 8 MARGARET HALL
WED. 18 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 11. EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 21 KAY McDONALD	WED. 15 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 25 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 18 MARGARET HALL
SAT. 28 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 22 KAY McDONALD
	SAT. 25 EMMA COCKBURN
<u>MARCH 2023</u>	<u>APRIL 2023</u>
WED. 1 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 1 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 4 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 5 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 8 KAY McDONALD	<u>SAT. 8 CLOSED - EASTER SATURDAY</u>
SAT. 11 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 12 MARGARET HALL
WED. 15 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 15 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 18 KAY McDONALD	WED. 19 KAY McDONALD
WED. 22 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 22 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT. 25 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 26 MARGARET HALL
WED. 29 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 29 KAY McDONALD

**Opening hours are Wednesdays 10.00am to 2.30pm and Saturdays 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Are YOU available to volunteer and help someone on the roster. Please phone Kay.**

****GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE****

Let your family or friends know about our great gift vouchers, especially if you have a birthday coming up! They can be used for research, certificates or book purchases. Please contact Kay on 0409 606 429 for enquiries and purchase. A gift voucher could be a welcome gift for any researcher!

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