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MEMBERSHIP: Single member \$30.00 per year; Family Membership \$40.00 per year; Student 12 – 18 years \$10 per year. Joining fee \$5.00.

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: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm. **New hours for Winter** 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 Monitors work on a voluntary basis and can only provide information from the resources available.

The Young & District Family History Group Inc. does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of statements or opinions expressed by persons contributing to this newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Young Lawn Cemetery 29.10.1977 to 29.02.2016 \$15.00 + \$18 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 + \$18.00 P&H



Mary Murray, our treasurer and Carmel Price, committee member, received a cheque donation from Josh Café of the Young Services Club for half of our research room rental for the year. Many thanks.



Committee members, Margaret Hall and Marty Barclay manned an information table for the group at the Seniors' Expo at Young Town Hall in February. Thanks ladies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members, welcome to winter.

I will ask again for help to keep our research room open, there are only 4 of us trying to do this and we really would welcome some assistance.

You would not be on your own, we would be there with you, it is very enjoyable and you meet some lovely people, it is not hard, just an interest in family history is all that is needed.

There has only been one of us doing the research that comes in on-line, one of our committee members is lending a hand at present so we can try and catch up. Again, any help with this would be much appreciated.

Research is the only way that we earn any money to keep the research room open and help cover our running costs, if we don't earn any money, we can't pay our overheads. Two of our executive/committee members are unavailable to help with these things due to illness and work commitments, so that leaves. the other 4 of us to try and keep things going, it would be a shame in this our 40th year if we are unable to continue due to lack of assistance to keep the research room open.

You will find a notice in this newsletter for our 40th Birthday Celebrations, due to CATERING REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST RSVP by the due date to attend this function. We hope lots of you will join us.

From those of us who are helping in the research room we do hope we hear from some of you about helping out in the room so that we can continue to stay open. Membership of a local group is not just an annual payment but a commitment to the aim of that group. We are about family history and as members, we have all done our own research and have the knowledge to help others and that is why we have our wonderful library. Despite some believing all can be found online these days, many people do not even know where to look and that is where we can help them.

I hope to see lots of you at our AGM and Birthday Celebrations on 12th August, enjoy your family history endeavours and I hope you don't hit too many brick walls.

Kind regards Kay McDonald

President Y&D.F.H.G. Inc. Phone Kay on 0409 606 429

TROVE NOW SECURED

Trove's future has been secured! The National Library of Australia welcomed the commitment made by the Government to provide \$33m over the next 4 years to maintain Trove, with \$9.2m ongoing and indexed funding from July 2027. We are delighted that Trove's future has been secured. Trove has a place for every story, with 14 billion Australian moments captured for future generations. It has a story for every place, with Voluntroves from Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory to Burnie in Tasmania. It is where old poetry is transformed into new lyrics, newspapers articles become historical fiction, and where Australian humanities research is powered. Most recently, it has been a place for First Nations communities to continue to tell their stories, through our First Australians pages. Trove is a place for all Australians, which is connected to all our places. It is a truly national treasure, and an international world leader. The overwhelming support we have received from the Trove community (both new and old) has been humbling. We take our role as the custodians of Trove, on behalf of the Library and our partner organisations, very seriously. The certainty of this funding decision will allow the National Library to continue to provide this essential service, enrich it with new content, and stabilise and secure the platform, in line with the Trove Strategy.

NEW SATURDAY HOURS

NEW opening hours for SATURDAYS, 10am till 1.00pm.

Wednesday is still the same, 10am till 2.30pm.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members: Karlene Ferguson, Peggy Laurence, Christine Murphy, John Butlin, Allyson Randall and Julie White.

NEWS FROM THE ROOMS

The executive decided to put the newsletter out in June this time, to coincide with membership renewals, 40th birthday celebrations and our AGM in August.

The group has had people from Omnia Inclusive Employment visit our rooms. These people with challenged abilities have enjoyed their visits. They especially enjoyed the microfilm readers where they could turn the handle to make them go and looking at how a family tree is drawn up. Margaret Hall and Kay McDonald have been overseeing these visits.

One of our library assistants, Emma Cockburn, has been helping Margaret Hall to sort out the map drawers. We were given lots of old maps, so these have been added to our map collection. Please feel free to come and have a look, they are very handy when researching your history on the local area.

Young Services Club presented our group with a cheque for half of our research room rental for the year. This is very much appreciated and helped us greatly financially, as the only way we make any money is to do research for people.

UPCOMING AGM – 12 AUGUST

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 12th August at 2.00pm at the Young Services Club, which will also include our 40th Birthday Celebration Afternoon Tea. **Please see special notice in this newsletter to book for the birthday celebrations, as numbers are required for catering.

Guest speaker, Father Allen Crowe will be speaking on his recent new publication on the Crowe family from Murringo. Nomination Forms for the AGM positions must be received by the Secretary no later than 5.00pm on Saturday 5th August 2023.

MEMBERSHIP

A Membership form is also included in this newsletter and must be completed together with your payment for the next financial year. **Membership renewal is due 1st July 2023**. All members are to complete a new membership form and return it in person or via email when they renew their membership. Direct Deposit details are on the form or you can call to the research room during opening hours to pay your membership. If paying by direct deposit please remember to include your name as the reference.

CBD PROJECT

The Group is working on collating lots of information on the Streets of Young, especially Boorowa Street. We go back to the early 1900's with lots of newspaper advertisements and comments from older residents who remember the old shops in Young, and who owned and operated these shops. We would welcome any discussion about the old shops in Young and where they actually were.

You are more than welcome to contact Kay McDonald and Marty Barclay. If you call to the rooms with your photos, they can be copied while you are there. We would love to hear from you so we can add to what we already have, and this will be all stored at our Family History Room, near Green Ivy Café.

HILLTOPS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK - ART & CULTURAL TRAIL

Our rooms were open as part of this event so that people could take advantage of visiting the rooms to learn about their family history and the history of the Hilltops area. This event was 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. It will be held again next year, 13 - 24 March 2024 and we will again participate by opening our research room.

1825 LOCHIEL HOUSE

Jane Sibley from Young was fortunate to recently visit Historical Lochiel House at Kurrajong, which her Great Great Great Grandfather, Joseph Douglass had built in 1825. It was originally known as Ivy Lodge. Jane was thrilled that the staff allowed her and husband Tony to have a quick look through the old buildings which her ancestor had built almost 200 years ago. Lochiel House continues the tradition of offering hospitality to weary travellers as a restaurant in 'The Coach House' at Lochiel, the oldest buildings at Kurrajong Heights, on the Bells Line of Road.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to members who have recently lost a family member. Sincere condolences to Heather Bailey and all the family from all of us at Y&D.F.H.G. on the loss of her husband Gerry Bailey, who was a valued member of our community.



Nellie passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 6th May 2023. She was the beloved wife of Peter Cram. Nellie was a past President, committee member, research monitor and member of Young & District Family History Group, she was a wonderful researcher and always happy to help out when she could. Thankyou for the time you have given to us Nellie, may you rest in peace.



FUNERAL LISTS

A folder is now available at the rooms, with funeral lists for 2021 - 2023, for both Patterson Bros Funerals and Penrose Funerals. We have funeral notices from previous years also available at our research room.

RESEARCH RECORD BOOK

The Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc is the sole distributor for Australia and New Zealand of "My Family History, A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts". This edition contains space to record the details of more than 1000 ancestors with the pedigree charts and book fully cross referencing for ease of use. We have recently restocked our supply of this popular volume and it is available for purchase through our website bookshop with single copies at \$28 each. Karma Hodgson GSQ Bookshop Convenor shop@gsq.org.au

YOUNG LIBRARY

Young has a very proud library history. The School of Arts Library was opened on 11 January 1905. On 2 August 1944, Young formed the first free public library in NSW under the Public Library Act. The Young District Public Library began operations on 1 January 1945 in the present building in Lynch Street. In August 1952, when it began operations the South West Library Service was one of the first 4 regional libraries formed in NSW. It was made up of the Councils of Young, Harden and Boorowa and their attendant Shires. Upon amalgamation in 2016 Young, Harden and Boorowa Shires merged to establish the Hilltops Council, with the library becoming the Hilltops Council Library. Sue Gibson replaced Mrs Tess Rowe as Regional Librarian in July 1976 and the building underwent a major refurb. Other library staff included Joan Parkman, Joan Ryan, Judy Hesketh and Joan Saines. Library processes were manual, with catalogue cards for access to the collection and cards to issue the books to the public with. For the catalogue each book title had multiple cards. Technology then changed and in December 1990, a Special Grant from the State Library of NSW enabled the purchase of a facsimile machine! In 1994 a Library Development Grant was received from the State Government to automate the library Service, which was implemented from 1995 to 2004. The next great change was the coming of the internet, with computers installed for public access internet in November 1977. Janice Ottey started in the library in June 1994, and was appointed as Regional Librarian in March 2001. The State Library and additional funding from Library Grants provided necessary funds for various tasks to be completed. The Centenary celebration to honour the building in 2004 was a momentous occasion. At the time the local library service was one of the few still operating from the original premises, and more than 20 years later, it is quite possibly the last and only original! The current Librarian is John Williams.

The Hilltops Library will move to new premises in mid-June this year, and will become known as the joint-use Library and Community Facility. The new 2.5 storey facility is located on Young High School





Young & District Family History Group

AGM – 12th AUGUST 2023 2pm at the Young Services Club

Bection of new office bearers and voluntary positions

GUEST SPEAKER will be Father Allen Crowe speaking about his recently published book on the Crowe Family of Murringo.

If you missed Father Allen at Murringo recently, this will be a good opportunity to hear him speak about the Crowe Family and to purchase a signed book from him

THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OUR 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA.

COME & CELEBRATE OUR 40th BIRTHDAY

Young & District Family History Group

Est. August 1983

You are invited

When: Saturday 12th AUGUST 2023 from 2pm – 4pm

Where:

Young Services Club, Cloete Street Young, BOOKINGS A MUST for entry to the AGM and our FREE Birthday Afternoon tea.

Cost: NO CHARGE but you must RSVP by FRIDAY 28th July for catering purposes.

BOOKINGS for the 40th Birthday Afternoon Tea are essential; please book you your spot by email to youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com
OR phone Kay McDonald on 0409 606 429 or Margaret Hall on 6382 4382 Or call in to our research room during opening hours to let us know you are coming.

YOUNG & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NOMINATION FORM



Election of Office Bearers & Committee Members Young & District Family History Group Inc.

	AGM date		
We (must be financial members) (please print)			
hereby nominate (name of financial candidate) (please p	print)	
for the position of	(please tick desired position)		
President			
Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee			
Signature of Propo	oser	Date	
Signature of Secon	ıder	Date	
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Candidate's Name			
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Signature of Candidate		Date	
Please return this	form to the Secretary no later than clo	osing mail 7 days prior to the date of the AGM.	
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YOUNG & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please complete the information below & return this form to Young & District Family History Group Inc. I/We (Name) of (Address) Phone Number I/We hereby apply for membership of the Young & District Family History Group Inc. In the event of my/our admission as a member/s, I/We agree to be bound by the current Constitution of the Group. Date Type of Membership applied for (please tick) **Existing or New Members New Members ONLY** Half Year (1st Jan-30th June) Full Year (1st July-30th June) Ordinary \$30.00 \$15.00 Full Year (1st July-30th June) Half Year (1st Jan- 30th June) Family \$40.00 \$20.00 Student Full Year (1st July-30th June) \$10.00 Half Year (1st Jan-30th June) \$5.00 Joining Fee **New Members** \$5.00 **New Members** \$5.00 Donation Total amount payable _____ Have you previously been a member of YDFHG Inc.? YES NO If YES, when? _____ and/or previous membership number? _____ Do you wish to receive the Lambing Flat Leader newsletter via email? YES NO YES Do you wish to receive updates via email? NO **Privacy Provision** I give permission for my name and interests to be placed on the Group's web page or in any other format, (eg: fiche, book) decided by the Group. I also give permission for the Group's webmaster or secretary to forward my postal or email address to inquirers when requested. (This Privacy Provision needs to be signed & dated before any personal information will be placed on the webpage or in any publication or forwarded to an inquirer) Signed Dated OFFICE USE M/Ship No. M/Ship Card Master List Yearly List Receipt No. **Newsletter Post** Newsletter Email **Updates Email**

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BOOK LAUNCH

'Fairview, Murringo (Marengo) Flats, NSW. The History of the Ancestral Land of the Crowe Family'.

Members of our group attended Father Allen Crowe's book launch for the Crowe Family at Murringo.

It was a resounding success and a wonderful day. We met the Irish Ambassador and his wife, who were just delightful. His wife is an archivist and she had a lovely chat with Carmel, Marty and Kay about family history.

On 15 April 2023, fifty years of family research by Murringo's own Father Allen Crowe came to fruition. The book is the story of Michael and Sarah Crowe and their descendants. Michael and Sarah took the opportunity of changes to NSW land laws in the 1860s to make a selection of land in Murringo Flats - and named it Fairview, recognising their Irish origins. They had 14 children and 117 grand-children.

Many contributed to farming and other activity in the region. Their 1870 homestead is still standing on the Windermere property. Part of Fairview remains in the Crowe family - owned by Mark and Therese Crowe (who currently reside at Murringo Barracks).

Michael and Sarah are buried at the Murringo Cemetery, with twelve of their children. The launch was on the 170th anniversary of the wedding of Michael and Sarah Crowe in Campbelltown. And they are still together!

Almost 300 people attended the launch to hear Father Allen speak about his new book and the story behind it. A special guest was the Ambassador of Ireland in Australia, H.E. Tim Mawe. After an introduction by Hilltops Mayor, Margaret Roles, the Ambassador formally launched the book. Murringo's artist and musician, Judy Barker, sung a beautiful rendition of the Irish Blessing. Other guests included the Ambassador's wife, Patricia McCarthy; the Mayor of Hilltops Council, Margaret Roles and husband John Roles; and Steph Cook, MP and her husband Keith Duran. Following the launch, there was a light lunch in the gardens at Murringo Barracks.

Copies of the book are available for \$40 plus postage. Contact: Father Allen Crowe 02 6382 2263.

The book is also available from the Family History Centre in Young, Taubman and Webb Trading Post in Murringo, and at Murringo Markets.

Photos: The Crowe siblings - Shirley, Heather, Lindsay, Janette, Barbara and Allen; & Irish Ambassador Tim Mawe who launched the book.







THE RUNNING WATERS OF HISTORY

38th Annual Conference of
The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies
8th - 10th September 2023
Hosted by Wyong Family History Group Inc.

No.4 April 2023

We would like to remind everyone that this is the first face-to face Conference since 2019. We are very excited to be doing so. The venues we have secured though, have occupancy restrictions. 200 seats are available for the main programs on Saturday and Sunday. Early bookings are encouraging, but. if you are planning to attend, we would strongly recommend taking advantage of our Early Bird price. Once we reach 200, we will have to create a waiting list for any late cancellations. Don't miss out!

Requests for Trading Tables have now closed. We are excited to announce an eclectic mix of exhibitors. On Friday the Trading Table area will be open to the public from 9am-5pm, with exhibitors setting up from 8am. On Saturday and Sunday, doors will open at 8am. Doors will close at 5pm on Saturday and 1pm Sunday.

We can now confirm prices for all aspects of the Conference.

Early Bird Special Price \$155 until June 30. From 1st July 2023 full price is \$175 per person.

*Please note: Conference price does not include Friday or Saturday night social activities.

Virtual Conference Zoom access for individuals \$50. Virtual Conference Zoom access for groups \$150. There are no limitations on the numbers attending via Zoom.

Friday - FREE entry to talks and to the trading table area. Light refreshments will be available for sale.

More substantial meals can be found within easy walking distance.

Friday Night Meet and Greet at the Toukley RSL [or Ary as it is known locally]:

\$25 per person, includes an array of finger foods. Maximum 140 seats available.

Partners not attending the day sessions are most welcome to register for the social events.

Saturday Night: sit down 3 course dinner at the Toukley RSL [Ary], with live entertainment:

\$65 per person. Maximum 140 seats available.

Over the three days, there will be a number of raffles, with excellent prizes. Tickets for the main raffle will be available for purchase via Try Booking soon. Our website will shortly detail the prizes available.

Stay safe and well, 2023 Conference Committee.

Disclaimer: Wyong Family History Group Inc is proud to host the 2023 State Conference. Hosting the inaugural in-person and virtual conference may bring up unforeseen issues and we seek your understanding should difficulties arise. An evaluation of our Conference should help Societies to plan any similar future event.



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MONITORS ROSTER

<u>MAY 2023</u>	JUNE 2023
SAT. 6 EMMA COCKBURN	SAT. 3 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 10 KAY McDONALD	WED. 7 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 13 MARGARET HALL	SAT.10 EMMA COCKBURN
WED. 17 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 14 MARGARET HALL
SAT. 20 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 17 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 24 MARGARET HALL	WED. 21 MARGARET HALL
SAT. 27 EMMA COCKBURN	SAT. 24 EMMA COCKBURN
WED. 31 MARGARET HALL	WED. 28 KAY McDONALD
<u>JULY 2023</u>	<u>AUGUST 2023</u>
SAT. 1 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 2 KAY McDONALD
WED. 5 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 5 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT.8 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 9 MARGARET HALL
WED. 12 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 12 EMMA COCKBURN & AGM
SAT. 15 MARGARET HALL	WED. 16 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 19 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 19 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 22 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 23 MARGARET HALL
WED. 26 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 26 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 29 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 30 MARGARET HALL
	AGM &40 th Birthday Celebrations – 12 th August.

Opening hours are Wednesdays 10.00am to 2.30pm and Saturdays 10.00am 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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