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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

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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 (or June) 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.

Please note that cheques can no longer be accepted.

MEETINGS: Meetings and special events will be advised by email to all financial members.

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
Old Young Vol. I by Ross Maroney	\$25.00 + \$12.00 P&H
Old Young Vol. II by Ross Maroney	\$25.00 + \$12.00 P&H

P&H for both these books if purchased together \$16 (in one bag)

*****New Additions to Publications For Sale*****

We now have available at our room

Evermore by Fr. Allan Crowe	\$25.00 + P&H
Fairview by Fr. Allan Crowe	\$40.00 + P&H
As well as the historical novel based on fact and set in Boorowa, Boorowa my Love- How a town sought justice for three people in Peril by Karen Smith	\$25.00 + P&H

President's Message

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and are coping with the heat and the rain. Some of you may have heard a community announcement on the local radio stations recently about us struggling to keep the research room open, there are only 4 of us doing monitor duty to keep the room open, which is a mighty feat! So, if any of you out there would be willing to give us a few hours of your time to come and help it would be greatly appreciated, please ring **Kay on 0409 606 429**.

I would welcome you with open arms! If you have finished your own family history research, you will have valuable skills to offer us, so please come and make yourself known and enjoy the fun of meeting lots of interesting new people and help keep our research room open to the public.

On this note, I would like to welcome and thank Sue Wilkes for volunteering her time to help us in the research room. Sue is helping Chris Murphy with cataloging Patterson Bros Burials and getting these records ready to go onto our shelves for public use.

John Hamblin's book is at the printers as we speak, this book is going to be launched at our research room at 2 Campbell Street on Saturday 24th February 2024 at 11am and you are all very welcome to attend. This book is called "The Wayback to Burrangong" Beyond the Myths and Stories. It is a very interesting read and we have been working with John for many years helping him to research facts for this book.

Marty Barclay is continuing to submit research articles to the Young Witness each month and this is proving to be very popular.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our valued long-time members, Carmel Price in November 2023. Carmel held many positions on our committee over the years and was a beautiful lady whom we all loved dearly. She will be greatly missed as a friend and committee person.

I hope to see you in the research room, together we can keep things going, working as a team and be grateful for offers of help.

happy reading,

Kay McDonald President.

"Not all who wander are lost. Some are just looking for their ancestors."

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new members Marianne Kearns, Sally Hofman, Pauline Carmody, Helen Thompson, Lea Davis-Lesiuk and Roslyn Smith.

News From the Rooms

Librarian's Report February 2024

The material we received from Hilltops library while this has taken some time to sort out, it is almost finished. From the information it contained, I have created many many files, quite a number of these files I have completed and then added extra research to the one or two pages of information donated from the library. Indexing the files in the information boxes is a work in progress and will be completed once I have finished filing the library donated information.

The recent Ivan Fitzgerald's family donation of records consisted of four books and these have been catalogued into the library and several other articles which have been filed into the system.

Sue Caldwell continues to pop in offering her assistance with indexing, she has recently sorted, filed & indexed all my war research that I have gathered over the past 25 or more years. She has indexed the Cadet File along with Patterson's burials donated by Rowie. At present she is indexing the Funeral service sheets which I will then add to the major index, I feel that they may be utilized more if this is done.

I have indexed the Burial Applications from the Young Shire Council Nov 1999 to June 2002. This is a work in progress which will soon be completed. Several more books have been catalogued and have been added to the system. Emma has been undertaking a project to sort out all our maps. The room has many of these available to help with research and more are being donated all the time.

I am constantly adding to files & folders when the information comes to hand, such as articles and research that seems a worthy addition to the resources. A list of our new acquisitions will be available in May.

Margaret Hall, librarian.

Condolences

Our member Janice Ward's husband Gary passed away in September 2023. Our condolences and thoughts go out to Janice.



Remembering Carmel Price 1941-2023



Below is an excerpt from Carmel's eulogy written by her family and which appears in full in the *Murringo Matters*.

*I have fought a good fight I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Timothy 2:4-7*

The idea of fighting the good fight with mum is at times very easy to understand, because she did fight cancer and has kept the faith in all that she has done. But the word fight has many implications, one has to display a degree of action. Mum was no wonder women or a Joan of Arc on the horse with a suit of armour and a sword riding into battle. For all of us gathered here today we share a common bond, we witnessed or have been a benefactor of her actions in one way or another.

The most important weapon in her arsenal is her faith, and the hope she had for her family, friends, and the community she lived in, and gave so much to. This anchored her very deeply to the here and now. She did not have a lot of armour, as she wore her heart on her sleeve. With mum, it was a case of, what you saw is what you got.

So, for mum the fight was about how to make things better and this often included a lot of talking and several cups of tea. Mum has finished her course, but I am so proud to say that she talked the talk and walked the walk and she will be missed by us, but heaven has gained a very loud angel.

Carmel was born in Wagga Wagga on 21st March 1941, the middle child of Dorothy and Harold Keane. The middle child syndrome may explain some of the interactions we have experienced. She applied for a nursing position at Young in 1960. This was an experience that set her on the vocation that she would come to love for a very long time, even up to her time as a patient in her last year at Mount St. Joseph's.

The nursing experience also includes going to the obligatory dances in and around Young. This is where she came into contact with a young lad, Maurice Michael Price known as Mick, from

the rustic village of Murringo. Mum insisted that it was his dancing skills and his good looks, not the motorbike, nor the slick hair that caught her attention.

A relatively short courtship resulted with the city girl getting married in Wagga Wagga in 1962. Now could the city nursing girl cope with the village life in Murringo? It took some time, but village life and raising 5 children gave mum a really good sense of community. The giving of time to others was something mum and dad were willing to do and continued to do for many years. The regular pilgrimage to Galong for the May day procession were also part of the journey in the making of Carmel.

Mum returned to nursing at Mt St Josephs in 1980. Some say you can make a nurse, but nurses like mum were born to the job, a calling that she flourished in up until her retirement in 2004. This calling was also to pass on knowledge and training others in this noble vocation. The late 1980s were when mum and dad decided to move into Young, by this time dad was also nursing at the Mount, a job he loved as well. The welcoming of marriages and subsequent grandchildren were a delight that she and dad enjoyed, not to forget the recent arrival of great grandchildren.

She and dad were a very active members of the Lions Club, and I know she got them to roar a little louder on many occasions even if that meant she did the roaring herself. One of the happiest things she was part of was the Lions club acquiring a liberty swing for children with disabilities in Carrington Park. They also enjoyed going to the conventions with Lions club, which meant getting Mick onto a plane to Hong Kong - what an achievement.

Carmel's sewing itch returned in the form of quilting. The handy man Mick was summoned to turn this unused bedroom into a sewing room. So, the next legacy was born, turning her love of sewing / quilting into a project to make money for the lions club. Starting out as raffling some quilts to now the Quilt Show being a major event that will go on serving the community which she loved.

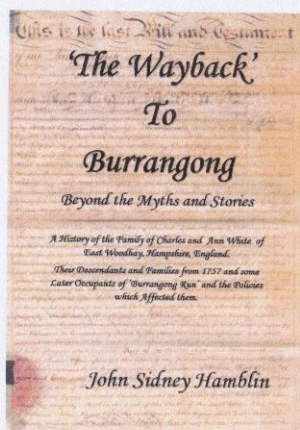
Mum you are no longer with us but what you have given to us all will be with us for now and forever. The city girl from Wagga to the country girl from Young, you played hard and done good. God bless, we love you.



To those of us in the Young and District Family History Group Carmel was a friend and colleague. A long-time member with Mick, she did research and worked tirelessly for the group as long as she was able. She served as a committee member, vice-president and president, continuing to take part even through illness. In mid-2023 she was invited to speak about family history at the Hennessy Day Centre, attending with Kay McDonald and encouraging others to take up genealogy research. We will miss her very much but her wonderful smile and joy for life will always be with us.

Book Launch

We are delighted to announce another morning gathering at the room to launch the latest book by local man and member, John Hamblin. John will be there to chat about his research and the new book.



'The Wayback' to Burrangong **Book Launch** Author – John Hamblin

at Young & District Family History Research Room,
Young Community Arts Centre, 2 Campbell Street, Young
Saturday 24th February 2024 at 11.00 am.

All Welcome – No Bookings Required

'If a family history is published and available for purchase, such as 'The Wayback' has been, the author can expect to attract scrutiny from other historians, especially if special claims are made such as being first settlers or when they first arrived in the area.'

This new book is the result of years of research conducted by local man, John Sydney Hamblin and comes together with some of the recent historical findings to produce the most accurate history of early European settlement of this district to date.

Almost one hundred years ago, in 1926, 'The Wayback', was first published. This book written by Sarah Musgrave about her uncle, James White and the White family, has been accepted by many, including widely acclaimed and respected historical authors, as a credible and reliable historical reference, especially given that it was sponsored and published by district historical societies.

More recently a number of historians and genealogists have conducted their own research and James White's arrival has been placed about 1832.

A Story from our Research (previously published in the *Young Witness*)

In 1861 this area was known for the riots on the Burrangong Goldfields. An infamous time when European miners rioted against the presence of the Chinese miners. The European and American miners attempted to remove all the Chinese from the area. It was not successful and many, but not all, returned shortly after the worst of the riots. A lady visited our rooms on a search for her Chinese heritage. She had been surprised by her DNA which showed the presence of 9% Chinese heritage when she had no knowledge of any Chinese ancestry. The matches in DNA suggested a link to Young, so she arrived in our rooms looking for our help. This is some of what we found.

Chin Shin Pow whose name has many spellings since the authorities could not speak his language and he probably could not write in English, was a miner, carter and storekeeper who travelled the goldfields with many of his fellow countrymen from Victoria north to New South Wales. A Sing Po is listed as one of the recipients of compensation at Bucklands in 1857 after the riots on the gold diggings and this is the name on his marriage certificate. There is no conclusive proof that he is the same man we find living at Lambing Flat in 1863 working as a storekeeper, however many made that journey after the discovery of gold in this area. He must have been a regular traveller along the road from Lambing Flat towards the diggings around Bathurst because he met the daughter of a blacksmith in that town and in January 1863, Mary Ann McAlister married Sing Po.

The young married couple moved south to the gold diggings at Buckland for a few years where their daughter, Blanche, and their son Richard were born, however, within five years they returned to Young. Chin Shin Pow and his family remained here for the rest of his life. He worked as a carter and Mary Ann, as well as being mother to another nine children, ran a boarding house. Several of the children were christened in St Mary's Church. Sadly, one of the daughters died before reaching her first birthday. Mabel Lizzie Pow is buried in Young Cemetery. The following year they celebrated the marriage of their oldest daughter Blanche at St John's Anglican Church to a young Englishman, Alfred Mitchell. A newspaper family notice tells of Chin Shin Pow's death at the age of 60 in 1884 leaving his wife and children alone. He is buried with his baby daughter in Young cemetery.

Mary Ann obviously struggled left alone with all these children. The oldest boys were nineteen and sixteen, but the youngest was still a baby. In 1886 she was declared bankrupt and lost her home. Her son Richard attempted to conditionally purchase land in Young but was unsuccessful and the family left town for Sydney, where in 1890 Mary Ann married William Thomas Williams. In the 1890s as the country worked towards federation it was not an easy place for Chinese people to live, so took the surname Williams from their stepfather. The oldest son, Richard Shin Pow later known as Williams left with his family for Sydney. He never married, but when the family left Young, a toddler named Ada travelled with the family. Ada Williams, who was born in Young, was Richard's daughter, Chin Shin Pow's granddaughter and the ancestor of the lady who walked into our room.

Marty Barclay



Two of Chin Shin Pow and Mary Ann McAlister's granddaughters 1912

"Tip of the Issue. Protect your research by back up. Keep at least two copies and make sure the second copy is kept up to date."

Have you visited our research room recently?



Recently an article by historian Dr. Karen Schamberger, appeared in the *Young Witness* about the history of *The Miner*, the first newspaper published here in Lambing Flat. This newspaper was only published in Young (Lambing Flat) during 1861 and then the publisher followed the miners to the gold diggings in Grenfell and started to publish there.

The National Library of Australia's online site Trove is literally a treasure trove for genealogists and historians alike and has many of the old newspapers, maps, and book available to search for free, but *The Miner* will not be found there. It is however among the gems that can be found in our research room among the microfilm we keep available for our members and visitors to view.

Not all research can be done online, and local research can often be best found through searching on microfilm, microfiche, and paper. Our member's research room has plenty of these alternative sources available. You need not be an expert to search through microfilm or microfiche, if you attend the room our monitors will be delighted to help in your search.

**Google is great but I feel ten times
more determined and excited
to find my ancestors
when using a card catalog**



Boorowa History Tour

- Would you like to learn more about the history of our neighbourhood town, Boorowa?
- Did you know that the Boorowa Cemetery contains "tabletop" grave markers, and the graves of many interesting people, including a Russian prima ballerina?

We are planning a Boorowa History Tour led by member, Karen Smith. Karen will provide us with brief history of the town, take us to Boorowa's churches, the Cemetery, and more. Lunch will be at a local pub (at your own expense). Travel arrangements to be advised and will be dependent on numbers.

Date: Sunday 19th May 2024

Time: 11am – 2pm

More information and to confirm your attendance: Kay McDonald 0409 606 429 or Karen Smith 0457 327 941



Researching Irish Ancestors - Ulster Historical Foundation 2024 Lecture Tour



Want to discover your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors?

Many people believe that researching Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors is impossible because of the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. While many records were destroyed, others survived and have come online in recent years.

Join experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation to learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research.

Topics include:

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Understanding Irish Townlands
- Getting the most out of Griffiths Valuation
- Using printed sources for Irish family history; newspapers, street directories, Ordnance Survey Memoirs etc...
- Law and Order Records: sources relating to police, local courts and prison systems
- The importance of gravestone inscriptions for Irish research
- Using Irish Wills and testamentary records

Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this event!

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please BYO lunch.

When 21 February 2024, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location Henry Carmichael Theatre, Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney
Limited Spaces left please contact SAG.

REGISTRATION

- Member – \$115.00

You must be logged into the website as a member to select this option. Please select Not Applicable from the dropdown menu about affiliate society membership.

- Non-member – \$180.00

Select this option if you are not currently a member of SAG. Please select Not Applicable from the dropdown menu about affiliate society membership.

- SAG Affiliate Society Member – \$148.00 

If you are a member of a family history society that has affiliate membership to the SAG please use the discount code available from your society to access this discounted event registration.



An immigrant Irish family generated by artificial intelligence via Bing Image Creator which was asked to depict Irish immigrants arriving in Sydney in the 19th century.
[source: SAGe newsletter]

MONITORS ROSTER.

<u>JANUARY 2024</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2024</u>
SAT. 6 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 3 MARGARET HALL
WED. 10 MARGARET HALL	WED. 7 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 13 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 10 EMMA COCKBURN
WED. 17 MARGARET HALL	WED. 14 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT. 20 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 17 KAY McDONALD
WED. 24 KAY McDONALD	WED. 21 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT. 27 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 24 EMMA COCKBURN
WED. 31 KAY McDONALD	WED. 28 MARGARET HALL
<u>MARCH 2024</u>	<u>APRIL 2024</u>
SAT. 2 MARGARET HALL	WED. 3 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 6 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 6 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 9 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 10 MARGARET HALL
WED. 13 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 13 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 16 KAY McDONALD	WED. 17 MARGARET HALL
WED. 20 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 20 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 23 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 24 MARTY BARCLAY
WED. 27 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 27 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 30 CLOSED _EASTER SATURDAY	

Our knowledgeable monitors will be found on duty at our room during opening hours.

Wednesday, 10.00 am-2.30 pm
Saturday between 10.00am-1.00 pm.

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Membership

A Membership form is included in this newsletter. Membership renewal is due 1st July 2024. All members must complete a new membership form and return it in person or via email when they renew their membership. New members are always welcome so encourage your friends to join us. Direct Deposit details are on the form, or you can call in 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. Cheques can no longer be accepted.

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 _____

Email _____

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.

Signed _____ Date _____

Type of Membership applied for (please tick)

	Existing or New Members		New Members ONLY	
Ordinary	Full Year (1 st July-30 th June)	\$30.00	Half Year (1 st Jan-30 th June)	\$15.00
Family	Full Year (1 st July-30 th June)	\$40.00	Half Year (1 st Jan- 30 th June)	\$20.00
Student	Full Year (1 st July-30 th June)	\$10.00	Half Year (1 st Jan-30 th June)	\$5.00
Joining Fee	New Members	\$5.00	New Members	\$5.00
Donation	_____			

Total amount payable _____

Direct Deposit Details BSB: 802 367 SWSCU ACCOUNT NO. 400 654 977 REFERENCE: Your Name
Please Note Cheques can no longer be accepted.

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
Do you wish to receive updates via email? YES NO

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Signed _____ Dated _____

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