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**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.

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**COST:** A further **\$40.00** 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.

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**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.

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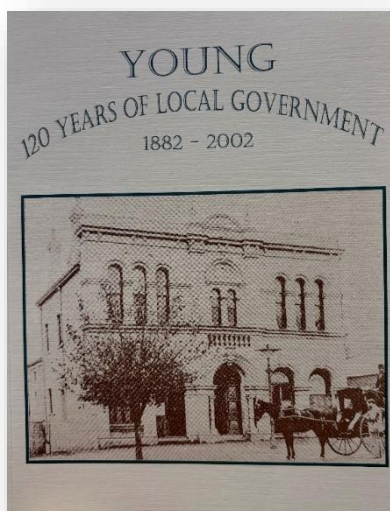
P&H for both these books if purchased together \$16 (in one bag)

### ***\*\*New Additions to Publications For Sale\*\****

**We now have available at our room**

**Young 120 Years of Local Government 1882-2002  
by Maree E Lamb and Margaret J Hall**

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## **President's Message**

**10<sup>th</sup> August A.G.M.**

Thank you all for coming today, we are now 41 years old and still enjoying the challenge of family history.

We have had another busy year, as volunteers we enjoy what we do to keep our research room open to the public. This past year has seen visitors from Texas and England as well as many other places in Australia, all researching their ancestors from years gone by.

We were able to take the Texans and show them land that their great grandfather had farmed out near the showground and the English couple enjoyed seeing the town where their great grandfather, Rev. John Dancer Thane was the first Wesleyan minister in Young way back in the 1860's.

We seem to research lots of interesting things, and we are always in need of researchers to help do this. Thank you to our new researcher Lea Davis-Lesiuk for coming on board, your knowledge is wonderful! If you are available to help with research, please let me know. Research is what keeps our door open to everyone, and helps us pay the bills, I sincerely thank the committee for their time in all that they do as volunteers, it takes up a lot of time, but makes it so worthwhile when we receive heart felt comments in return.

We lost one of our beautiful committee members last December, Carmel Price was a wonderful friend and inspiration to us all, with her infectious laugh and vibrant zest for life, Carmel was always there if you needed her, I'm sure she is still praying for some of us! Carmel loved her family history and was always on hand if you needed help in any way.

We continue to receive donations in the form of books and maps and other interesting people stories.

Thank you to Vice President Marty Barclay for publishing our quarterly newsletter and also a monthly report for the local paper, these are always very informative and well put together.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February we hosted a book launch here at the room for John Hamblin who published "The Wayback to Burrangong" This book was put together by John over many years and all of us had some input in helping him research the facts for this book.

This launch was very successful with our little room packed to the rafters with approximately 60 people in attendance and much reminiscing going on. Unfortunately, in June just gone, John passed away after a short illness. John was our public officer for many years for which we thank him, he always enjoyed getting the facts right and had a phenomenal memory for dates and names.

Our "Streets of Young" project is now on the shelves and being used when people want to know about the old businesses and shops in Young, many people helped with this project, some being Garry Perrin, Max Quay, Gavin Rendall, Eric Griffiths and more recently Marty Barclay and Kay McDonald. This is an ongoing project and is being updated all the time. Any information on shops gone by is always welcome.

Member volunteers Chris Murphy and Sue Wilkes have just about completed compiling Patterson Bros. burial receipt books, and these will hopefully be bound soon so they can then be indexed and used in the room. We have just received a \$500 "grant" from Hilltops Council to help with the cost of this. Thankyou Emma for your knowledge in filling in the paperwork.

Sue Caldwell also helps with indexing lots of information for the room, these ladies put in many hours, and it is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Patrick Watkin for helping to deliver our information pamphlets and newsletters, many hands make light work!

I continue to download, and print, hard copies of the funeral notices each month, and these are entered into the system by Sue Caldwell also.

Thank you to our Librarian, Marg Hall who continues to keep the library updated, I would also like to thank all of the committee for all that they do, especially Mary Murray who has juggled the jobs of Treasurer and Secretary this past 12 months, I'm glad you didn't pull all of your hair out Mary, you have put many, many hours into keeping us organized! I really do appreciate it. As a group of dwindling, ageing volunteers we hope to be here for many years to come yet.

Many thanks to Dr Sevier for coming along today as our guest speaker, I look forward to listening to you.

Happy researching, you are all welcome to stay for a cuppa and a yarn. Thank you.

Your President

Kay McDonald

## **News From the Rooms**

### **Librarian's A. G. M. Report August 2024**

The past 12 months have seen many research resources added to our library collection. The move of the Hilltops library resulted in us receiving much information in various forms and this has taken some time to sort through before being filed into our library system. Many other files pertaining to local subject, places etc., have also been added into our system, this has resulted in me updating the index to make the files easier to locate. This is a work in progress, one I hope soon to complete.

There have also been many books donated to our library from generous donors. One very significant donation was that of ledgers, letters, photos etc., from the Eastlake family, some of which goes back to the 1890s.

Another generous donation was from the family of our late member Ivan Fitzgerald, not only did they donate books and articles of varying information, but they also made a sizable monetary donation.

Sue Caldwell has been very helpful indexing many folders of information, these indexes will be added to our major index which will make researching the names within far easier.

Emma Cockburn took on the task of sorting out and adding to our map drawers and filing them in an orderly manner, she has also updated the map index. Many thanks to both Sue and Emma for your assistance during the year. I also wish to thank those of you who when time permitted covered books for me.

Another volunteer Sue Wilkes has been kept busy indexing our updated Patterson Brothers burials for us, thank you Sue.



Lea Davis-Lesiuk has been training to become a monitor, I wish to thank her along with all the other monitors for all that they do, as without them we would not be able to keep our doors open.

Our thanks must go to our research officers also, due to all their hard work we have been able to add many family genealogy files to our resources.

Our library has had a lighting upgrade making it brighter, four in floor power points had been added enabling researchers wishing to bring their own computers access to power, with the addition of a couple of new desks we have had a little shuffle around in the library.

I appreciate having the opportunity to be the librarian for the Young & District Family History Group Inc. and to know that our collection of research materials is very valuable in assisting people seek out their ancestry.

May we continue to grow and flourish.

Margaret Hall, librarian.

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## Welcome

As a group we welcome our new members, Gary Logan and Kym Steele.



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## A.G.M. 10 Aug. 2024

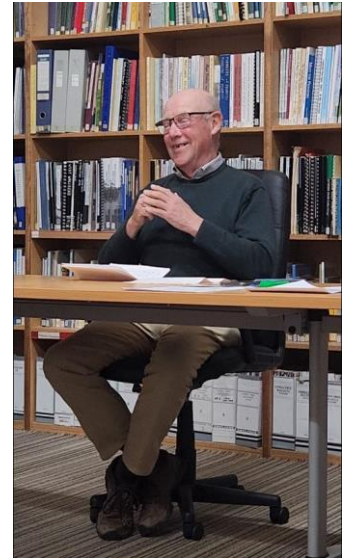


This year A.G.M was held on Saturday 10 August at our research room. The formalities of an annual general meeting were completed efficiently and quickly to allow those who attended, to enjoy an entertaining talk by Dr Paul Sevier.

There was a round-up of the year by our president, Kay McDonald, treasurer/ Secretary Mary Murray and the librarians report was read by Emma Cockburn on behalf of Margaret Hall who was unable to be with us and had given her apologies. This was followed by the election of the new committee who are as follows.

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Committee Members Emma Cockburn, Sue Wilkes

Dr Paul Sevier then entertained us with tales from his many years and countrywide travels as a GP. This included the near miss from a spear aimed at him in Aurukun and with the RFDS. We were given visions of his travels in a combi with a surfboard for company and of the early married days spent working in the Canadian wilderness. All before arriving in Young. This talk enthralled us all and Paul and Kate joined their audience for some tea and chat afterwards.



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## Remembering John Sidney Hamblin 1938-2024



John Sidney Hamblin was a member of the Young & District Family History Group Inc. for many years, and our public officer in recent time. Many of us had the privilege and perhaps some frustration, not least in reading the very neat, but tiny handwritten manuscript, all in capital letters, while helping him research and produce his books. He will be sadly missed.

Marty

Below is a part of the eulogy for John spoken by his sons Peter and David on the 28 June 2024 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Young.

There have been many hundreds of messages of support received by all of us over the last week - the overwhelming sentiment is that Dad was "One off"; and what a privilege and honour it was to have known a man who made such a difference and left such a footprint. He gave himself a set of principles to guide him through his life and he absolutely stayed the course. As for St Peter (Spare a thought for him), he is in for a tough couple of days at the Pearly gates

**As a husband:** He was a good husband – he provided well for us all – he was great company; he took me all around the world (mostly on cricket trips), always left me waiting in a bar so I learnt how to order my own drinks ..... He really was a Bugger, and I never knew when he would turn up ... but he always turned up

**As a son:** Dad was an only child, born at Ardrossan Private Hospital in Rose Bay on the 30th April 1938. Dad talked often about spending the whole day watching cricket. He was often sent to stay with his cousins at Yelarbon, QLD where his mother grew up. These trips were important in giving Dad a love for the country, family and all the characters that came with that.

**As a father:** Dad was always willing to share his wisdom (wanted or otherwise). He was disciplined, conscientious, and extremely reliable. He was also cheeky, and quick witted; and loved a party.

Dad - you have taught us how to laugh. To survive growing up you needed an agile mind and a quick wit. Laughter was a constant companion in all our lives.

You lived the value of constant learning - you showed us how to work hard and demonstrated the value of money. At times you have been miserably frugal and at other times you have been recklessly generous - your generosity has by far outweighed your frugality. You instilled in us the importance of family, mateship and loyalty.

You taught us discipline - not in the strictness and punishment sense rather discipline in the preparation and organisation sense - you thrived on order.

**As Pops:** He absolutely nailed this part. The grandkids have very fond memories of feeding the ducks and stick picking.

Farewell You once told me that the measure of a successful man is to look at the family and friends he gathers along the journey – you nailed it!!!

It has been a privilege to have had a front row seat.

To St Peter good luck –I would recommend you should update your resume and start circulating it – 2IC is not for him

### **Why you are here**

- Family, friends or family friends
- Worked with or worked for (not sure many of us succeeded in getting him to work for us)
- Played with or against or have a common love of sport
- Shared a passion for Community work in Young over last 60 years
- Love of a cold beer and a Yarn

**Chances** are most of you have copped a spray at some point or other and if not

- You probably never challenged him
- You worked very wide



- Read him better than most (there aren't many of you)

## **Roles he played – Captain, skipper, chairman, Boss**

Head of Family: for 61 years since Pete was born

Hamblin's Pharmacy: 48 years from 1960 Taaffe's (half of which he spent together in partnership with David or did he?)

Apexian: 20 years Rotarian 45+ years (president)

Golden Oldies/ Australian Rotary Cricket: numerous trips local and OS - Skipper

YRV 1973-2006

And of course, chairman,

**Why:** was community work so important to him? You will have to ask him – but it was never for recognition

**Fun Dad** – all day long (to be treasured but exhausting)

Young tennis/cricket and his beloved Droughtmasters (playing with him special) – check on his team?

**His attention to detail and process** was second to none (today it's labeled a spectrum disorder) – you could never out detail the man!!! Nor could you throw him off the process

This was never more evident than on the cricket field – his eye for detail so strong to this day he still believes he turned the ball

This could not be picked up by the naked eye – his conviction so strong he often had batsman believing he spun it sideways.

## **How he did this**

The first meeting of any committee/organization he would be so prepared Dad found himself the Chairman by default (this sometimes even happened democratically) mission accomplished

Then he handpicked his team systematically based on

- The skill he required
- Strong Work ethic
- Ability to follow a process
- Cop a spray and stay
- Drink like a fish (whilst not mandatory was highly desirable)

If you didn't possess these skills, it was a race to see who would hit the eject button first

Dad surrounded himself with likeminded people and with the advent of RBT even nondrinkers were strategically selected as early day Ubers

Administrator, orchestrator, some may say a dictator – he was tough but fair and loved the battle. Worked hard – played hard – partied hard. He never left you wondering what he was thinking, nor allowed emotions to cloud what he thought was right or wrong.

In sport/life he always wanted to take on the best and compete. He believed sport mimicked life and if you could survive and succeed in the sporting arena so could you in life and business.

**The spray, the sledge:** Too many to mention but I must indulge, for those that may not understand the difference - it was one of us, who it was is not important (suffice to say it wasn't me).

There was robust discussion between Dad and one of my siblings. A walk out occurred by that sibling followed by a return full of bravado and dialogue ready to take the old boy to pieces. A showdown loomed large. Sibling pointing with gusto at Dad said – you know what you are **manipulative!!!** (his whole committee process was based on this premise – this was not news for dad) however the number of syllables in the word was somewhat of a shock and he responded with .....

“did you swallow a dictionary” game set and match.

At first, I felt you all would have copped a spray/sledge at some time but Rob my brother-in-law pointed out he hadn't nor had the other in-laws

This can only be explained by the fact Dad never wanted any of us back at home once we left. So, in-laws were out of bounds. Mind you Rob did mention he had had plenty of sprays from his wife Susie. I gather Dad knew this; my friends this was how he got his work done – by those around him

**Becoming a Dad** – you then begin to understand what tough love means and he dished out plenty

As a writer of four books, he had many communication options at his disposal (satire, metaphor, hyperbole, symbolism, irony together with plot development, underlying themes, and anecdotes

BUT: he nearly exclusively used 2 tools from his kit bag

- detail and the sledge tools of trade – simple direct with a dose of humour wrapping up a lesson or discussion

Summation he was and will always be

1. Generous when generosity was required Tough when toughness was required
2. Humble to the core
3. Fiercely loyal to those who returned the loyalty
4. Set high standards for those around him
5. Tough but fair and never shirked his responsibilities
6. Amazing sense of family and community

As a dad there was no fanfare on the way in, during, or the way out. But he will be disappointed if you don't raise a glass for a great life

Thanks, on behalf of us all for being the best Husband, Dad Grandad and Great Grandad and Mate

## **A Story from our Research**

(previously published in the *Young Witness*)

Christopher Reus was born in Glasgow, the son of German migrants but Scotland was not to be where he spent his life. In 1855 his father Georg took the family to Liverpool where, according to Christopher, they were going to sail to Canada, however they ended up on the South Carolina, which sailed to Melbourne. Christopher was five years old.

They arrived there in the heady days of the gold rush. The family spent time in Melbourne and in Sydney before finding themselves in Beechworth, from there they joined many others who travelled north towards Lambing Flat. They first arrived here in 1861 when Christopher was ten years old, just at the time of the Lambing Flat miners' riots which he could remember mainly for the celebration the miners had after their friends were acquitted in Yass. A *Young Witness* article from April 23, 1921, tells of his memory of the roasting of a whole bullock at a site on the corner of Lynch and Burrowa Streets for the feast. Christopher Rues and his parents left the town as many did when more lucrative gold fields opened up but returned after a short time and in 1866, he started work as a hairdresser eventually operating his business in Boorowa Street. He remained in business for over 60 years and when he did retire, he claimed he was the state's oldest barber.

He was an alderman of Young Municipal Council and a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. Miss Emma Hancock of Bendick Murrell became his wife in 1874 and together they brought up five daughters. Margaret, 1875, Emily, 1877, Maud Mary, 1882, Gertrude, 1885 and Ida born in 1892.

The *Young Witness* at the time of his death in 1938 reported that he was survived by his widow and five daughters, these being Margaret (Young), Mrs Luckie (St Peters), Mrs Buckland (Marrickville), Mrs Hopkins (Bondi) and Mrs Farquharson (Stanmore). Unity of Oddfellows.



Emma and Christopher Reus (by permission of family)

*"Tip of the Issue. Share your information, sources and copies of documents with others who are researching, knowledge not shared is knowledge lost."*

## Have you visited our research room recently?



**Do you have lots of notes, photos and bits of paper?** When following our family research, it sometimes is overwhelming and hard to know where to start to ensure it is all kept safe secure and orderly. As a member of the Young & District Family History Group, you are welcome to visit the research room any time we are open. We can help with research and can provide ideas about how to set out your family clutter in an organised manner, whether you keep your tree online or in paper form. Why not drop in for a visit, bring your clutter and your questions.



## We are open

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


**Golden Rules of Genealogy:** *If a document exists read*



"I GUESS GRAMPA IS PRETTY IMPORTANT. HE SAYS IF HE HADN'T BEEN BORN... NEITHER WOULD I."

Dennis the Menace


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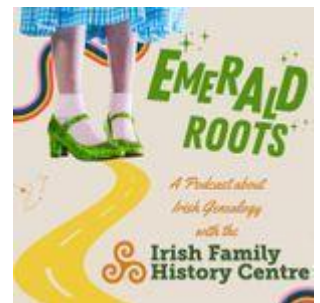
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SAT. 7 EMMA COCKBURN	SAT. 5 EMMA COCKBURN
WED. 11 LEE DAVIS	WED. 9 MARGARET HALL
SAT. 14 KAY McDONALD	SAT.12 KAY McDONALD
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	WED. 30 LEE DAVIS
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SAT. 23 KAY McDONALD	<b>WED. 25 CLOSED</b>
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