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**Benefits of Membership** Members are invited to participate in General Meetings held in the months of March, June, September and December, commencing 10am - 12noon. Apart from normal procedures, meetings usually include an activity such as a guest speaker, presentation on the Association's resources, discussions relating to the past or matters of interest. Members may attend the library during advertised opening hours free of charge.

**Publications** The association publishes a journal ***The CQ Genie-ologist***, three times per year, which is issued free to members. We invite members to advertise for information on their own family histories, and to submit articles free of charge. CQFHA Inc. exchanges journals with other genealogical societies, both in Australia and overseas, thus giving our members first hand information on the particular area they may be researching.

**Research** Country members will be provided with 5 hours of research with specific information from our library holdings. Additional research for members or research for NON MEMBERS by the Association, a fee of **\$25.00** per hour will be charged. **This minimum payment is required before commencement of research. This is non Refundable.**

**Library** A constantly growing library of research material, including an extensive microfiche, microfilm and CD collection is available for use by members and visitors at the club rooms. **Members** - free. **Non-members** \$10 per session.

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# Reflections

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Thank you for the honour of selecting me as the President of CQFHA for 2024/2025.



First of all, I would like to thank the previous committee and volunteers for their hard-earned efforts over the years. As anyone who has volunteered on committees will know, that to keep organisations afloat this can come with giving up an enormous amount of personal time and challenges. However, there is also a sense of pride in the achievements that were made during their time served. Thank you! You will find the Presidents Annual Report on our website.

A little about me, I have been researching my family history for 41 years and I have been a member of CQFHA for 11 years. My husband and I recently relocated to Rockhampton to be near family and we have recently retired. I have 28 years experience in the HR and finance fields and have held numerous positions over time on local committees including President, Secretary, Treasurer & Technology.

The reason I am here is to learn, connect and share my knowledge. Learn from other like-minded members and socially connect over a cuppa. Since Covid19 we have all been socially disconnected in some way from family, friends or colleagues.

By visiting our rooms, you can connect with others who have a common interest, who understand the challenges of brick walls and who are always prepared to listen and offer guidance. I encourage you to visit the rooms more and discover what else is on offer.

My focus for CQFHA is to increase and retain our membership and raise our profile in the community, to educate, inspire and connect people through family history. I look forward to an exciting year of further progress for our association and I am surrounded by experienced volunteers and office bearers. I look forward to having many cuppas and chats with you all.

I hope you will join me! Happy researching.

*Roseann Creagh*

*President*

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## Journal

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This issue is a time for sharing our stories of “**Surprises and Scandals**” discovered in our journey of research. There are some interesting and funny stories to be read.

Our next issue which will be published in February will be the commencement of a series of locations. We have selected the theme of “**Advancing Australia**”. *How did our generations before us contribute to making Australia what it is today?* This could be your parents, grandparents and further generations.

Hope you enjoy,  
CQFHA Journal Team

Articles for the February journal 2025 are **due by 31st December**.

Please email your articles to: [journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:journal@cqfamilyhistory.org.au)

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### What's been happening at CQFHA.....

- **Fundraising** - Keep bringing in those 10c containers. We have already raised \$29.60 since last report. It all helps.
  - **Grants** – The Treasurer and Grants Officer are currently reviewing any grants that we may be able to apply for.
  - **Painting** - Has finished on our building and a special thanks to Frenchville Sports Club, Rockhampton Regional Council, and CQFHA members for their kind donations and support.
  - **Projects** – further schools have been indexed and added to our collection.
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### Welcome to New Members

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A warm welcome to all new and rejoining members. Please make yourself at home and don't be afraid to ask for help. If we can't help you with a specific question, we will point you in the right direction. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming group of people with a common interest in keeping our family heritage alive.



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Sandra Backhouse  
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Carolyn Bradshaw  
Graham Borthwick  
Andrea Scott  
Graham Creagh

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Robert Hutchinson

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# President's Report AGM 2024

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*by Kay Page*



Thank you for the unwavering support you have given me over the past two and a half years as your president. It has been an incredible journey, marked by significant achievements by our dedicated committee.

**Facility Improvements** - We have continually strived to enhance our facilities, both inside and out. It is now a pleasure to walk into our library and find everything in a logical place. These improvements have been made possible through grants from the Frenchville Sports Club, Community Gambling Fund, Michelle Landry Volunteer Grant, and RRC discretionary fund, as well as donations and the hard work of many members and their partners.

**Project Highlights** - One of the year's highlights has been the finalisation of the Anglican records project. Many members contributed to photographing, indexing, checking, collating, and producing a user-friendly product. This collaborative effort has been truly remarkable.

**Promotion and Engagement** - I extend my gratitude to members who have actively promoted our Association over the past twelve months. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we hope this will attract more people to our wonderful facilities. Despite a decline in numbers, it is heartening to see the camaraderie in our rooms and at social barbecues.

**Financial Challenges** - One of our biggest challenges remains managing running costs. While solar panels have helped reduce electricity charges, insurance remains a significant expense. The Christmas raffle continues to be our major fundraiser, and it is encouraging to see strong member support. Our recycling scheme has also been a tremendous success. Ongoing efforts include reviewing our website, addressing technical issues, and tidying up outstanding projects.

**Journal Team** - The journal team continues to deliver a quality product, thanks to the many willing volunteers who contribute to this endeavour. Their dedication ensures the journal's continued success.

**Member Contributions** - Many members generously give their time to assist others with their research. This is the core of our existence, and it is crucial that we never lose sight of this mission.

**Final Thanks** - My final thanks go to my "dream team" for their support, friendship, and dedication. The management committee members and those in non-committee roles have devoted countless hours to support this organisation, creating a well-organised and enjoyable facility.

I am confident that the president's role will pass to an enthusiastic and experienced member. Thank you, Roseann, for your support of the Central Queensland Family History Association. I look forward to seeing even more improvements in the future.



What are we as family historians good at? Building our family trees. Choosing someone to build the tree on. That someone is the foundation. How big we build the tree hinges on the strength of family member number one, the foundation.

"Louisa, have you finished packing yet? We have to leave. The train won't wait nor will the ship. We have a long journey with our children to get to Plymouth. No, we can't take everything, just what we can carry.

George Gunthorpe with his wife Louisa, my 2x great grandparents, along with

their children Jemima Ann, Emily Jane, Amelia, Sarah, William George, Robert, Lizzie and Evelyn came to Australia on the ship "Duke of Buccleuch" arriving at Redcliffe, Queensland, in 1883. Two children died before they left England (Louisa and Robert John). George and the family went to Sydney for 10 years (information from obituary for Robert Ernest states family spent 10 years in Sydney before going to Mt Morgan) and while there William George died of typhoid fever. He was a violinist. George and son Robert Ernest worked at "Standsure"<sup>1</sup> brickyard at Marrickville.



<sup>1</sup> <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/156526555?searchTerm=standsure%20brick>

As noted on the 1881 UK Census, George was already a brickmaker. This was George's foundation for his employment in Australia.

Page 58] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Nine years after leaving the “homeland” and before the family moved to Mt Morgan, Queensland, in 1899, George’s daughter Emily Jane married Robert Irwin Pettit in 1892 in St Silas Church, Waterloo, New South Wales. Emily and Robert are my maternal great grandparents. Robert was born in Singleton, New South Wales and his parents had also migrated from England. If George hadn’t made the decision to migrate, Emily and Robert would not have met.



St Silas Anglican Church, Waterloo, New South Wales c. 1900



With the move to Mt Morgan, George continued to make oven tiles for the Mount Morgan Mines until his death in 1905.



*George Gunthorpe's tombstone – Mount Morgan Cemetery, Queensland*

Robert and Emily's second child, Doris Emily, became a nurse in Blackall, Queensland. A young man, William McIntock Miller, born Rupanyup, Victoria, left home to "see the world". He made a stop in Blackall, Queensland, to visit a mate in hospital. He spotted this young, red-headed nurse and said to his mate, "I'm going to marry her." Well, he did in 1916. Their first daughter, Margaret Dorothy, became a teacher and met my father, Charles Henry Clarke, in Brisbane.

Without George being the foundation of our family here in Australia, I would not be here. Thank you, George and Louisa for boarding the "Duke of Buccleuch" and for bringing your family with you.

**GUNTHORPE.**—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, **George** Gunthorpe, who died at Baree 11th July, 1905.  
Too far away for sight or speech,  
But not too far for thoughts to reach.  
(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

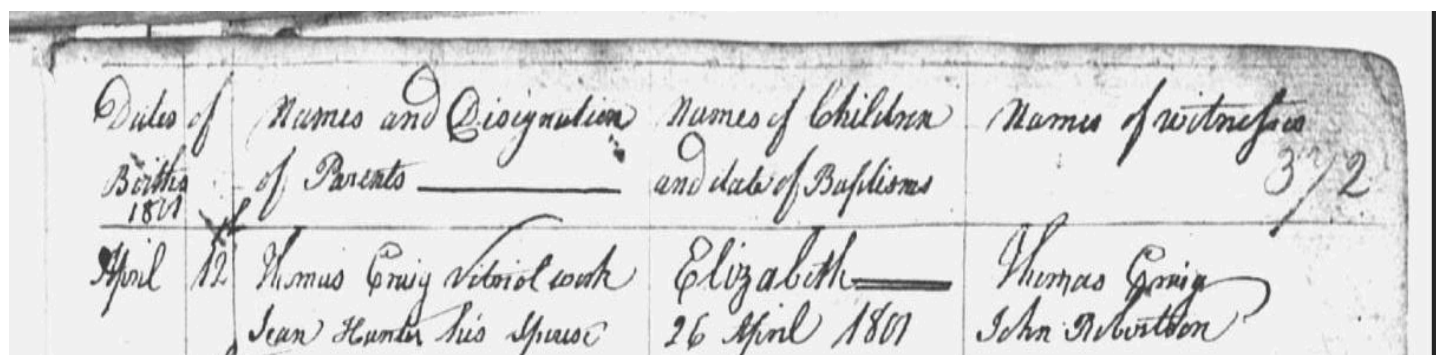
# DNA Surprise

By Roseann Creagh



In researching my Scottish Craig line, I had documented the sister of my 3x great grandfather by using the Census records of USA & Scotland for the years of 1841, 1851 & 1870 and birth and marriage certificates from Scotland. Imagine to my surprise when I found a 14cM match through my Autosomal DNA test with Ancestry indicating this match was a 5<sup>th</sup> cousin. I immediately went back to review my research on this line and then compare and analyse the matches ancestry tree and their supporting documentation. I could then confirm by DNA as an extra layer of evidence that my research was factual. It was hard to contain my excitement!

Elizabeth Craig took me on a fabulous journey of her life, born in Prestonpans, Haddingtonshire, Scotland and marrying James Simpson in 1822 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. They had 6 children all born in Edinburgh including a set of triplets born in 1831! Her second daughter Ann married Robert Gould in 1855 in New York, USA. Robert Gould was a Pioneer and Prominent man of Utah in 1861. This verified DNA match opened my research to USA.



Baptism of Elizabeth Craig 26/04/1801  
Source: Scotlands People- OPR Prestonpans

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# Dearly Departed: Friends and colleagues of my parents

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*By Debra Richards*

In 2022, I shifted house and took with me several hundred plastic boxes of STUFF. STUFF I had accumulated over 60 years and this included inherited STUFF. Well, I thought I am NOT shifting it all again so sorting and discarding started – am down to just over a hundred boxes now. During this process I came across many Orders of Service (over 80 in fact) collected by my parents, of people they had known for many years or been associated with in their personal, professional and community involvement. Both parents (Peter A Craig and Pamela M Craig, nee Truss) had worked outside the home and collected many friends and colleagues in their working and community lives. Networks to which one or both belonged included such aspects as farm machinery sales representative, primary school teacher, Manchester Unity Lodge membership, Country Party/National Party/Liberal National Party membership, long term resident and affiliation with communities of Wowan/Dululu/Mt Morgan and Alton Downs/Ridgeland. As young adults both my parents were intensely involved in many of their community activities. This involvement matured with them and was often of long standing.

As the pile grew I wondered how these documents could be used to reflect the ties the deceased persons had to one or both of my parents – many of these people were also known to me from early childhood onward, if not in person also through hearing of them.

After I put them into chronological order, I then sat my Dad down and a small number of Orders of Service at a time and I asked him about the relevant individuals. What a fascinating project this became. Dad had fabulous stories to tell. Sometimes even mini non-related family trees grew – this aspect was truly intriguing when either the spouse, sibling or children went onto the next phase of life and their Order of Service joined the pile – I already had their story and connection.

I use the computer program: Ancestry.com.au and the program has a function for adding facts to individuals – one element of this function groups facts ‘custom event’ and I labelled this element ‘Dearly Departed – [person’s name]’. I scan and attach an image of the Order of Service and also add this image ‘Attach Media’, sometimes the family has added the Eulogy and this becomes part of the ‘Life Story’. This is growing my parent’s life story phenomenally – showing the who, why, when, and where of different aspects of one or both of their lives.

The Order of Service of relatives gives an added bonus as other snippets of family lore were told and of course, I then could add to that person's profile on my family tree.

Dad is in his late 80s now and he still goes to funeral services and brings the Order of Service pamphlet and accompanying story to me to add to my project. Though many of the people he once knew have passed, he goes to these events to stay connected to those left.

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## Open Day

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Unfortunately, the Open Day this year did not prove to be as successful as in previous years. This was due to a number of factors. However, that will not dampen our spirits moving forward.

Our membership is growing and our engagement on social media has increased.

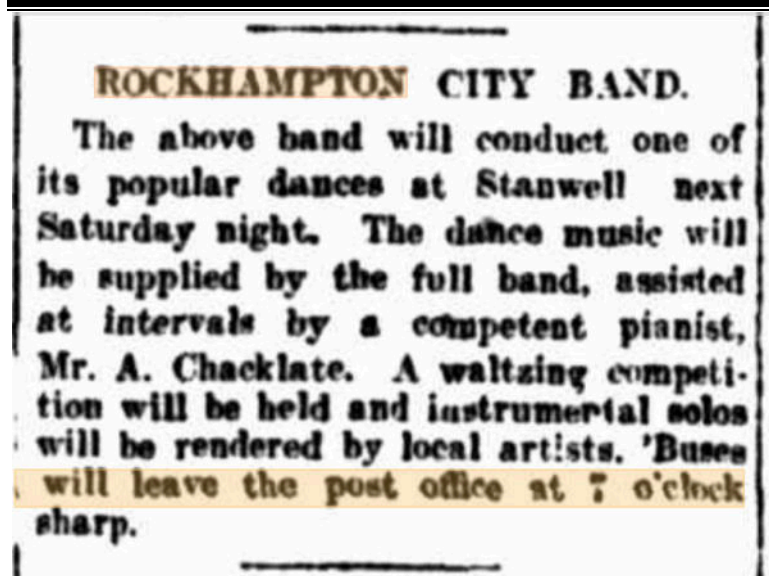
The Committee will be working with our members on how we meet and engage with the community on various platforms. Our Association will continue to provide support for our members along the way.

Many thanks to the Events Co-ordinator Nola Harvey and our band of volunteers who gave up their personal time in preparation of this event.

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## 100 Years Ago

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### Rockhampton City Band

The above band will conduct one of its popular dances at Stanwell next Saturday night. The dance music will be supplied by the full band, assisted at intervals by a competent pianist, Mr. A. Chacklate. A waltzing competition will be held and instrumental solos will be rendered by local artists. Buses will leave the post office at 7 o'clock sharp.

*Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. : 1878 - 1954), Thursday 2 October 1924, page 8*

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# What's in a name – Surprise #1

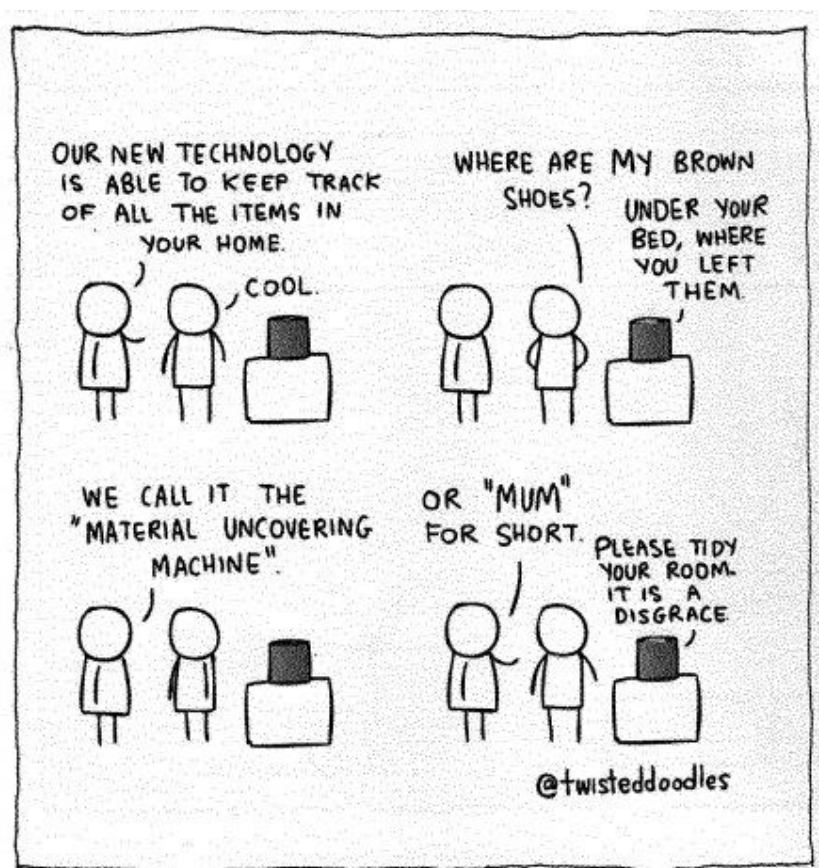
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By Roseann Creagh

When I started research some 41 years ago, my father told me his father's Christian name was "Robert Patrick". His marriage certificate, death certificate, deeds of his house and his will are all in the name "Robert Patrick". Imagine my surprise when I couldn't find the birth of "Robert Patrick" but found a "Planet Patrick"!

Parents were the same as the information I had, his date of birth and location were correct, so it had to be my Poppa. When I informed my father of this find, he laughed and said **"Oh dear, that was the name of the race horse my grandfather owned"**!! I have never worked out how or why my great grandfather registered my Poppa under the name of his race horse and I expect Poppa never knew this information his whole life.

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Extracted from the October 2023 edition of the "New Scientist" provided by John Humphries

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# My Not So Nice Step GG Grandmother

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*by Linda Marshall*



*Emily James*

My Great Grandmother, Emily James was born in Monmouth in 1862. She was the fourth child of 11 children born to Jonathan James and Anna Maria (aka Maria) Embry. Their youngest child had just turned 3 when Maria died in 1877, so life must have been hard for Jonathan raising 10 children (their first child having died as an infant) on his own.

There is this report in the Welsh newspaper in 1878:

**SCHOOL BOARD OFFENCE.**—Jonathan James, Wonastow-road, was summoned by the Monmouth School Board for not sending his four children to school.—Ellen James, eldest daughter of the defendant, appeared for her father, and deposed that all four of the children went to Wonastow school last Monday, and had attended there since then regularly.—Mr. B. H. Deakin, solicitor to the School Board, allowed the case to drop.

In November 1879 there is a newspaper report of a fellow in court for having threatened Jonathan and his eldest daughter in their home. He wanted a light, so Jonathan invited him in to get one, but then he demanded a pipe, tobacco and cider. Jonathan didn't have those items, so the fellow got very abusive, threatening to kill Jonathan and his eldest daughter. Help had to be sought to evict the man, who attacked the policeman as well, on the way to the station.

Perhaps to ease his life, Jonathan met and married Elizabeth Morris, a widow, on the 25th December, 1879. Jonathan had started out as a fireman in a chemical factory, but by this time he had risen through the ranks to become a Naptha Distiller. Elizabeth was 13 years younger than Jonathan and had at least one daughter of her own. They were to have a son together the following year in 1880, registered in the June Quarter, so possibly a hasty marriage.

Back to Emily. My great grandmother arrived in Queensland on the *Zamora* in July 1882 at the tender age of 19 years. The year before in the 1881 Census she appears to be working as a servant for a George Galsworthy, who had 7 children, so she would have been kept very busy, as she was the only servant.

She had travelled to Australia by herself, but I can only assume she was welcomed to Queensland by her maternal uncle, Richard Embry. Richard had arrived in 1849 and after marrying, raised a large family in the Rosewood area. This is where Emily and her future husband, George Keates would also settle.

It wasn't until I started looking at Welsh newspapers that I began to have some understanding of why Emily may have ventured out on her own at that age. Elizabeth appears to have been the traditional "wicked step-mother". Combining this with Emily's father, Jonathan, who appears to have not been very supportive of his own children and you have a rather sad situation.

A report in the newspaper on the 6th May 1881 states Elizabeth stole some plates from a cemetery.

### ***Theft From The Cemetery***

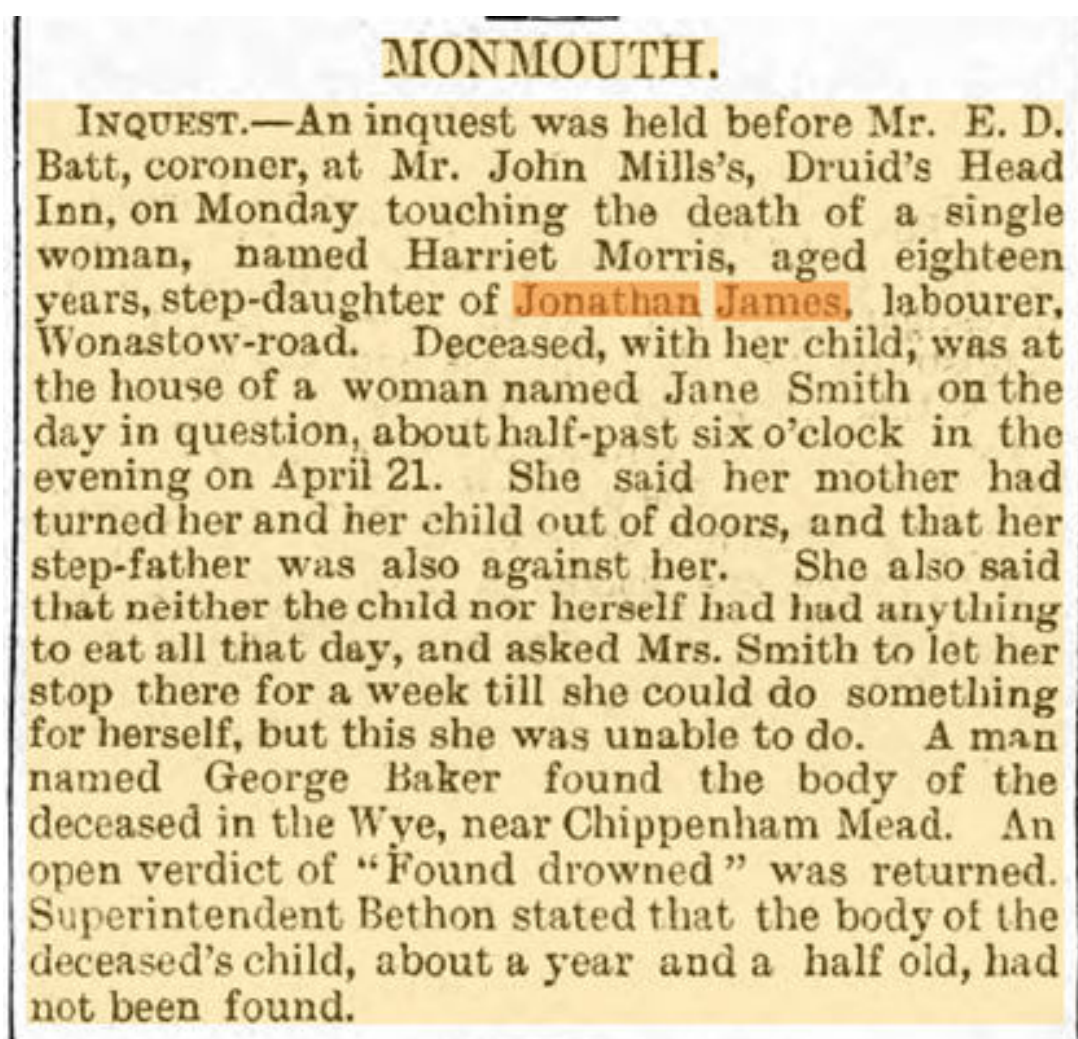
*Elizabeth James, wife of Jonathan James, Wonastow road, was charged with stealing six plates from the cemetery in the month of April, the property of Mr George Cossens. - The accused admitted that she had stolen four plates but not six. - Supt. Wheeldon deposed that the accused had called at the police-station and had offered to pay for the plates, if he would say no more about it. Witness replied that he should report it to the Sunday Committee, but the latter declined to prosecute, and witness prosecuted at the request of the magistrates. - After hearing further evidence the bench committed the prisoner to gaol for six weeks with hard labour.*

It was Jonathan's eldest daughter Ellen who informed on Elizabeth. As a result this report appears on 7th May 1881 in the newspaper -

## An Application

*James the daughter of Jonathan James a girl of loose character, made the following statement to the bench: "Because she gave information about the plates against her step-mother (a previous case) she had turned her out of the house. She asked the Bench what she could do. - Superintendent Wheeldon stated that this girl was concerned in the case of stealing the plates - The Bench said it was heartless conduct of the father, as the militia were up, and asked Superintendent Wheeldon to remonstrate with the father, which the superintendent agreed to do.*

Worse was to come the following year. There is an inquest report of Elizabeth's own daughter, Harriet Morris on the 13th May 1882.



I feel Emily was justified in making her decision to emigrate to Australia. She must have met her future husband, George Keates, fairly soon after she arrived. They married within 12 months of her arriving, in March 1883 in Ipswich. They raised their family on a small farm at Tallegalla.

Life would have been hard but I am sure better than the life she had left behind.



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# My Irish Ancestors & “Maybe Relations”

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*By Jeanette Finlayson*

My HUEY ancestors were all farmers from County Antrim, Northern Ireland. They were staunch Presbyterians and were far from wealthy, but were supposedly “Pillars of Society”. My GGGrandfather, William Huey, born in 1775 in Knockahollet, was a Ruling Elder of the First Kilraughts Presbyterian Church. It was the Ruling Elder’s job to look after their church members and to deal with any members of the Congregation who “Strayed from the straight and narrow”. (Ireland’s first police force wasn’t established until 1822.)



According to the 1803 Agricultural Census of County Antrim, James HUEY from Knockahollet, whom I suspect was William’s father, owned the following:- 3 cows, 2 young cattle, 1 pig, 1 horse, 1 car (pony trap), 8 oat loads, 5 hay loads, 8 straw loads, 50 fuel loads, 1 axe, 1 spade and 1 shovel. The other HUEYS from Knockahollet had very similar possessions.

The wealthiest one had 7 cows, and 6 young cattle and actually owned 2 spades! One of these HUEYS had to be my ancestor, so it is highly unlikely that I will ever receive any great surprises about inheriting a fortune.

My research led me to another family of Hueys who lived in Londonderry which wasn’t far from Knockahollet, but these Hueys appeared to be a very different “Breed”. They were wealthy land owners, but had a military background. They claimed to be strict Episcopalian, not Presbyterian like all my other Hueys. Spencer HUEY was born about 1733 and owned a lot of property in Muff, which is now called Eglinton, just east of the town of Londonderry in County Londonderry. He married Sarah Thornton and they had at least four children, but the one I want to concentrate on was another “William”. Spencer and Sarah later moved to Dublin

and owned various properties in Coolafinny, Dublin and a 92 acre farm in Legarhill, County Armagh. Their son William was born about 1770 in Dublin.

This William Huey joined the army at 13 (67 Regt of Foot) and bought his Commission to Lieutenant, at age 16. I won't go into detail about his Army career, but he made a bit of a mess of it and we find that in 1809 William had left the army and had become a Land Waiter, and ultimately Port Surveyor and Collector of Drogheda Harbour with the help of his father, Spencer Huey's patronage. So far I have found records of three wives for him but the only one I have found Church proof of, was his marriage to Catherine Cochran. Family Trees have given his wife as Margaret Lydia Williams. I have been unable to confirm this, but the rest of William's story seems to do this for me.

One of William Hueys wives gave him a son, and surprise, surprise his name was William! I had better refer to this William as William 2 or we will get horribly confused. He was born about 1800 in Drogheda, near Dublin.

When William 2 grew up he assisted his father at the Docks at Drogheda as a Land Waiter, and later was transferred to the Port of London Docks. This was in 1827. It was at the London Docks where William 2 became mixed up with some very unsavoury characters. They persuaded him to allow them access to a very valuable cargo of cash and gold bullion which they had found out was arriving at the London Docks. Of course he was promised a share of the profits for his assistance.

The robbery went off quite well but it appears as though William 2 started to panic and went to the Police and confessed. (With Dad's involvement, no doubt). There was a Court Case which commenced in London on 2 March 1836, and he testified against his fellow robbers. They were all found guilty, and after a search of William 2's house, a considerable sum of money was found hidden in a hole in a cupboard door which had been plastered over. The money was returned to the Custom's House.

William 2 seems to have done a disappearing act and there do not appear to be any records for this William Huey in Ireland after that date, but strangely enough on 26 November 1836, the South Australian Shipping records show a William Williams arriving from London on "Tam o'Shanter". (The "Tam o'Shanter" was a privately owned vessel chartered by Colonial Treasurer, Osmond Gillies). Also on this vessel was a family by the name of Catchlove. How appropriate, as William Williams ended up marrying Jane Catchlove. Jane's father, Edward, and siblings

Charles and Maria were also on board. Edward's wife, Harriet was listed as "Died at sea".

Yes, undoubtedly, William 2's father had come to the rescue once again, and William Huey, alias "Williams", was now a free man in Adelaide, South Australia. On 2 July 1827, William WILLIAMS and Jane Catchlove were married in Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide. They had two children that I know of, and can you guess the name of their first son? It had to be "William", but he was also William Williams, not Huey.



He was born 25 March 1838 in Adelaide. To cut a long story short, this William was a very decent character and changed his name back to "HUEY", as he went back to England in the late 1860's to claim an inheritance from his uncle Frederick HUEY.

Whilst there he studied to be a Doctor, and at age 43 he was the Medical Officer in the Tanworth District of Arden, England, on a salary of 45 pounds per annum. William's brothers who remained in Adelaide retained the "Williams" name but made it a hyphenated name of "Huey-Williams". Today, in Adelaide there are families with that surname.

So ends the tale, but I still don't know whether they are my relatives.

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#### Sources:

- *Much of the information for this story comes from fellow researcher, David Hedderly whose wife is a direct descendant of William 2*
- *1803 Agricultural Census of Ireland.*
- *London Central Criminal Court Annual Register 1836*

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## Member's Interests

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Below is a list of the names researched by one of our members. Do you have these surnames in your research? Please email [secretary@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:secretary@cqfamilyhistory.org.au), who will put you in touch with our member.

BROWNE	Alice	1867-1955	Burrane/Kilrush	CLA	IRE
CARNEY	Patrick	1823	Inchigeelagh	COR	IRE
CLANCY	Mary	1827-1873	Manchester	LAN	ENG
CRAIG	William	1802-1869	Prestonpans	LOT	SCT
CREAGH	William	1841-1926	Curraheen	LIM	IRE
DEVLIN	Ann	1822-1885	Portadown	ARM	IRE
FALLA	Isabella	1800-1869	Dunse	BER	SCT
GALVIN	Thomas	1799-1869	Donegal	DON	IRE
DUMBRELL	James	1820-1909	Ashurst	SUS	ENG
HENNESSEY	William	1838-1916	Stoneyford	KIL	IRE
HOPKINS	Violet	1900-1985	Warwick	QLD	AUS
HUNTER	Robert	1821-1904	Manchester	LAN	ENG
KANE	Kate	1875-1933	Mullingar	WEM	IRE
MAHER	Mary	1846-1931	Templemore	TIP	IRE
MITCHELL	Patrick	1844-1912	Donegal	DON	IRE
MOLONEY/MALONEY	Ann(e)	1835-1910	Mahon	TIPP	IRE
MORRIS(S)	John	1822	Tyrone	TYR	IRE
O'BRIEN/HENNESSEY	Sarah	1871-1952	Springsure/Rockhampton	QLD	AUS
PIPER	Kezia	1838-1921	Findon	FIN	ENG
RYAN	Bridget	1832-1908	Thurles	TIP	IRE
TAYLOR	Thomas	1865-1938	Springsure	Qld	AUS

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- Surname
- Christian Name
- Time period
- Location
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# A Toowoomba Scandal

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*By Jeanette Finlayson*

My Great Grandfather, Johannes Schumann arrived in Moreton Bay from Gudensberg, Germany on 27 September 1861 aged 24. He applied for a Land Order for a piece of land in Toowoomba in October 1863 to the value of twelve pounds and was successful.

This story begins in February 1865 when Johannes was living on his land in Middle Ridge, Toowoomba, where he was growing potatoes. He had a live-in housekeeper named Christiana Gailsdorfer who had a child with her. Incidentally, Christiana later became his wife, and therefore my Great Grandmother.

On February 14 1865, a man named Henry Herzer was purchasing a bag of potatoes from Johannes Schumann at his Middle Ridge property. The men heard a little child crying and saw Christiana Gailsdorfer taking him inside. She told them the child had been abused by having a dog thrown in his face by the neighbour's eldest daughter. The neighbour was Elizabeth Berghoffer, mother of six children. Christiana told Mrs Berghoffer that she should keep a check on her children. Mrs Berghoffer later came into the Schumann house with a knife in her hand and started abusing Johannes. The abuse went on for some time and Henry Herzer ended up telling Johannes to take no notice of her and to show more sense than to answer her. She then fronted Henry Herzer and waved the knife in front of his face and also spat in his face. Johannes then told her to leave his house, which she did. She was quiet for about ten minutes, and then she started yelling at Henry Herzer and told him she would go to his house and tell his wife about his behaviour. He told her he wouldn't allow her in his house. He would throw her out and hoped she would break her neck.

Finally, Henry Herzer had filled his bag with about 140 pounds of potatoes, and Johannes helped put them on his back and he headed off. The next thing, Mrs Berghoffer appeared, and threw a bucket of almost boiling water in his face and down his chest! He was extremely badly scalded. Johannes helped him home and then ran to get a Doctor. Henry Herzer didn't leave his bed for twelve days and for eight days he had no sight at all.

It became a Police matter and in mid-July 1865 Mrs Elizabeth Berghoffer appeared in the Toowoomba Police Court to answer to the charge of having on February 14 1865, in Hume St Toowoomba, feloniously, unlawfully, and maliciously cast and threw at one, Henry Herzer, four gallons of boiling water, with intent to burn the said Henry Herzer. The indictment included a second Count, that of committing the act with the intent to disfigure.

Needless to say, Elizabeth Berghoffer pleaded “Not Guilty”. The whole of the evidence was interpreted into German seeing Berghoffer and Herzer were both German.

Eventually the Jury returned with a verdict of “Guilty” on the first Count of intent to burn, and actually burning. The Judge pointed out that had Berghoffer been found guilty of the second Count of committing the act with the intent to disfigure, the punishment provided by the Statute would have been “Transportation for Life”.

Berghoffer was sentenced to 9 months imprisonment in Brisbane Gaol.

Johannes and Christiana finally married on 28 May, 1873 in the Lutheran Church, Toowoomba. The delay had been caused by the fact that Christiana had been married previously to Frederick Gailsdorfer and they had parted company. The little boy, William, was from that marriage. Frederick Gailsdorfer went to live in Taroom and became ill with Dropsy in 1871, and finally died in June of that year. He was buried at Downfall Creek. Johannes and Christiana had five children before the marriage so it is obvious Christiana was more than a “Live-In” housekeeper! Four children were born after the marriage. My very loving, kind and generous Grandfather was John Schumann who was born in Toowoomba in 1879.

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*From TROVE “Toowoomba Chronicle” Feb 14 1865 and July 20 1865 page 3.*

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### **June Publication Correction**

*It has been brought to our attention that there was a typing error in the previous publication of which the Christian name of Ivan Alexander Archer wife. I would like to apologise for this mishap. The article in reference can be found in Publication 149 on page 14, titled **UK Air Crew, Operational**.*

Ivan Alexander Archer (Sandy) 425261 RAAF, Navigator for Crew 10, Pilot JT Rodgers, 462 Sqdn, Driffield, UK. He was born on 26 Nov 1909, at Rockhampton. He was the husband of **Junne** (married 1939 at St Pauls’ Cathedral, Rockhampton), and later, father of two children.

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# Margaret Jane Norton – Arsonist, women’s liberationist, or just a mother in a desperate situation?

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by Gwen Petersen



My father had a good memory and would tell this story about his grandmother, Margaret Jane Norton, (left) with a little twist of humour, and sometimes a few variations. Dad had lived through the leadup and final dramas as a child. My retelling of the story is based on his memory and my grandfather’s diary. That diary provides verification of the time and place, with some background for what happened on that memorable day in June, 1928.

The story begins in 1862 when William Norton, a 28-year-old shepherd from Yorkshire, his 26-year-old wife, Adelaide, along with their children Martha and Alice aged three and one, immigrated to Rockhampton on board the sailing ship *Utopia*. A son, William, was born in Rockhampton shortly after they arrived. The Nortons initially selected a small block of land at Cawarral (*Skipping Block*) living and dairying there for about six years. A further selection of over 10,000 acres from the Barmoya Run gave them a permanent home in the Bungundarra district. True to those times they carved a living area from the scrub and made good at *Welton Dale*, roughly 25 kilometres north-west of Yeppoon.

By the time of William’s death in 1907 *Welton Dale* was well established with a homestead, orchard, cattle, and a renowned Clydesdale horse stud. Newspaper reports spoke of Squire and Mrs Norton in glowing terms. Family connections were enhanced when Alice married William Cowan of *Manilla*, producing four children. Martha married William Vaughan of *Emu Plains* outside Yeppoon, establishing a Vaughan dynasty with their eight children.

William Norton Junior married Margaret Jane Gorrie (right) in 1889 - family folk lore says she was the daughter of a Mt Morgan Mine Manager, a Victorian but originally from South Africa. Their family began with two sons, Arthur Claude and Oliver Clive (my grandfather). From 1893 to 1904 seven daughters were born, then finally another son, Rutherford William Ronald Norton. He was three months old when his father died, aged 42, from complications after being thrown from his horse and suffering a punctured lung.



Despite those eleven children, life for Margaret Jane and William Junior had - with another reference to family folk lore - definite leanings towards free-spending social occasions. William Senior, with no idea that his son's badly-timed death in 1908 would follow so soon after his own, may have recognised a need for tighter control of his hard-won assets. His last will and testament placed the entire estate into the hands of two male friends to hold it in trust for his wife and son, and *after the death of the survivor of them then upon trust for all the children of my said son, William Norton, until the youngest child shall attain the age of twenty-one years.*

If Margaret Jane were still with us, she would point out some serious consequences resulting from those two deaths. Grief and devastation aside, the questionable harmony of her Rockhampton home was transferred to the *Welton Dale* house when sheer lack of funds forced them to move in with Adelaide. Arthur and Oliver were already living and working on the family property at *Welton Dale*, and in the process of building another house on an outlying block. (Here, in 1916, *Mt Olive* would become the home of Oliver and Olive Grewe and their three sons, Desmond, my father Ken, and George.) Margaret Jane had very little time for grieving, being forced to deal with the harsh conditions of bush life, little personal space, and an income that was controlled by her mother-in-law and the trustees of the Estate.

She could look forward to a lifetime of handouts. The two male trustees would be replaced over time. Eventually those older, and dare I say it, totally





unsympathetic sons would control the purse-strings. By 1916 Arthur and Oliver, signing themselves *Norton Bros*, assumed control of her payments from the *Welton Dale Estate* funds. While the restrictions of World War 1 were hitting the economy, they were attempting to manage the estate as well as the finances of the two households of *Welton Dale* and *Mt Olive*. Oliver Clive's diary entries show little or no tolerance for her situation – it would appear that they were frequently at odds. In September 1916, one telling entry states *that Mrs M J*

*Norton has been up to Hobler, the solicitor, about the estate. She is trying to get back and be boss or nothing. She says that she cannot live on £12 (twelve pounds) a month with six girls, one boy, herself and her mother-in-law.*

(For the record, with the 1966 conversion rate of dollars and pounds, twelve pounds was equal to twenty-four dollars. Can you imagine dealing with a household expense account of \$24 for the month? No child support or government cost-of-living handouts in those days. Modern families of the four-bedroom, two-bathroom variety would not have coped with six young Norton females ranging in age from 16 to 4 years, plus that one young son.)

Diary entries over the next fifteen years follow the same pattern where Oliver makes scathing references to his mother and her demands, but she was never going to take orders. Despite all males appearing to be determined to control and restrain her, she obviously managed for several years to maintain her sanity and a reasonable lifestyle for her daughters and young son. One diary entry lists her efforts to mortgage the property, along with a reference to the legality of the *old agreement*. Oliver often refers to his mother as *MJ Norton* – no affection lost in the telling. He quotes from her letter demanding the intervention of a third trustee (male) as *it will be the only protection I have against being bullied. So you two boys can think it over.*

Throughout the diary entries my sympathies fluctuate, most times leaning towards Margaret Jane and the hard times she was experiencing at the hands of those domineering males, with a legal system that gave her no support or rights. Ronald would turn 21 in April of 1929 but Margaret Jane reached breaking point in June of 1928. She had her own interpretation of the old saying *Where there's a will, there's a way*.

Dad's story was a simple one and he relished telling it. The family went to that year's Rocky Show from *Mt Olive* on the Friday morning, driving past a perfectly normal *Welton Dale*. They returned that night to find it a smouldering ruin. The twist in the tale came when he revealed there were items of furniture, including the family piano, found in the scrub, having miraculously escaped being burnt. He never passed any criticism on Margaret Jane, fondly referring to her as *Old Gran*. The feisty *old aunts* were loved companions throughout his life, with many happy days spent with them at the Rocky races.

Grandad's diary was also simple: *Dale house burned. Went to Rockhampton myself, wife and family. Passed The Dale Friday morning and everything looked alright. Went to the showgrounds and then the circus at night. Left the circus 11 pm and came home. When passing The Dale found that it had burned down. (Welton Dale)*

The next day's diary entry was again very ordinary but with a telling sentence of the whereabouts of the *Welton Dale* residents. *Went to Yeppoon myself, wife and family to report the fire to the police. Phoned Mrs R Harris (his sister Hilda) in Rockhampton and found that MJ, Evelyn, Stella and Ronald were there. At this time five of the sisters were married and no longer living at Welton Dale.*

Among more lengthy entries and copies of incriminating documents one of the previous trustees is reported as saying that the glare of the fire could be seen from his property that Friday evening at about 9.00 pm. Another damning comment from that same trustee says *that he never knew that the Dale was insured*. Oliver Clive's entries continue with more questioning of the event, where he seeks advice from brother Arthur and sister Alice (Reynolds), telling both that *MJ Norton had the place insured in her own name. Alice said that she would make a firm stand and agree with Arthur and myself on whatever we decided whenever we went up to get advice on the matter. Arthur and myself went up to Rockhampton for advice from Hobler (family solicitor).*

In an attempt to thwart Margaret Jane's run for freedom, the initial plan was for Hobler to request that the insurance payout be placed in a trust account. The daughters appear to have taken sides with the result being an attempt at family reconciliation which ended in *a big row at The Dale last night. MJ Norton told me that I burned the place.* Allegiances were shattered as Oliver shared his inside knowledge of Margaret Jane's enterprise and prior attempts at fundraising. The diary entries go into great detail to show that she had been doing some slightly underhand deals with one of the former trustees in an attempt to gain more funds from sale of the Estate cattle on a leased block. Further to that she had contacted a Yeppoon agent and convinced him that she had a life interest and ownership in the property, with the right to sell parts of the Estate. Oliver appears just as determined to unearth and document his mother's criminal activities as he is to clear himself of blame.

By August 1928 there is a copy of an interesting, no-holds-barred letter written by Margaret, through the solicitor, demanding compensation for her expenses in rearing the family from 1917 to 1928, with a charge of one pound per week for supervising the property and providing the very house that Oliver Clive and his family occupied. *I claim a refund of £350 for building and erecting a four-roomed cottage on Welton Dale Estate, at present occupied by O C Norton.* She states that the Estate will suffer no loss through the fire and demands that the insurance be paid to her. *Also will you be so good as to get a settlement of same for us without delay.*

Within a year of all this drama, with no home of her own, and the insurance money paid into the Estate, Ronald Norton attained his majority. The original will of William Senior was put into effect with the land being divided amongst his grandchildren as he wished. Margaret Jane, with daughters Stella and Evelyn, and son Ronald moved to another portion of the property known as The Knobs. Here they grew crops, ran both beef and dairy cattle, before selling the land and moving on to live in Rockhampton. While Ronald soon flew the coop to live and remain in Western Australia, droving and managing cattle stations, those fun-loving, horse-riding girls became hardworking wives and mothers. The profits from the sales of their *Welton Dale* inheritance helped to fund their continuing love of horses and associated gambling. Margaret Jane moved from one of their Rockhampton homes to the other until her death on 1 May, 1949. She continued to deny any involvement in the burning of Welton Dale, maintaining innocence of any wrongdoing, and demanding her full rights as a true forerunner of the women's liberation movement.

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## Favourite Photos – Three sisters then there were two

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*by Sharon Parkinson*

It's the middle of the week. A school night towards the end of 1962. My oldest sister, Jan who was eleven years older, chased me up to go and shower and get dressed in my favourite dress. "Where are we going?" I asked. "You'll see," was her reply.

I looked in my wardrobe to decide on the dress. There was my pretty hand-me-down blue party dress which I liked, but I chose the one mum had made. Grandma had given me some material for my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. The background was white, and there were multicoloured spots, about half an inch in diameter, all over it. It was sleeveless and mum had made a frill to go down the front. I loved spots and was so grateful to Grandma for knowing this.

Jan and I caught the bus into Brisbane, Qld, city. Remember it was a school night, I'm only eight, and didn't have late nights during the week. So, this definitely had to be something special. We then met our other sister, Helen, who was nine years older than me. We walked until we stood outside a photographic studio. Now I knew why I had to look my best.

Here we were, three sisters, Jan – 19, Helen – 17, and Sharon – 8, all being arranged by the camera man, all looking good in our "best" clothes, having a portrait done.

Why is this my favourite photo?

Jan left home a couple of months later to further her education at Avondale College Cooranbong, NSW. A different state from where we lived. She couldn't come home every night. I didn't see her as often. She only came home during term-end unless she had work to help pay for her college fees. Helen married six months later to Wayne who was in the army and a few months after that, he was transferred to Sydney. Both of my older sisters were no longer at home. There was just me left home with mum and dad.



*Helen, Sharon and Jan*



1966, Jan was still living in Cooranbong, NSW, Helen and Wayne were living in Sydney, NSW and Helen had become sick. She died 5 January 1967. There were now no further opportunities for three sisters to once again be photographed together.

Ten years later, 1973, Jan and Sharon returned to the city for another portrait as Sharon was now leaving home but sadly, there were now only two sisters.



Sharon and Jan

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## Christmas Celebrations

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### Christmas Fundraiser

Donations are required for our raffle. If you can please bring non-perishable to the rooms. Tickets will be on sale after the November meeting.

Prizes drawn following the December meeting.

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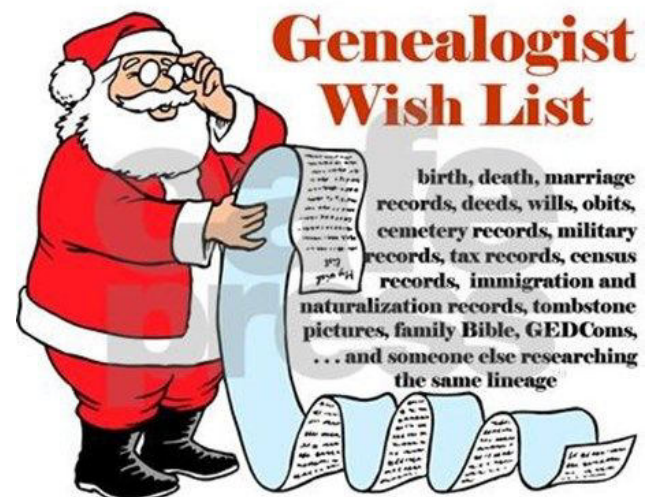
Let's celebrate together! Mark your calendar for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 for our Christmas lunch. This will follow on from our general meeting. Further information will be forwarded in the near future.

Please check the e-newsletter for updates.

### Christmas Closure Dates

The library will **close** for a much well-earned vacation for all our volunteers on **Saturday 14 December 2024.**

We will be **re-opening** on **Tuesday 4 February 2025.**



***“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart”***

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## Members' Interests

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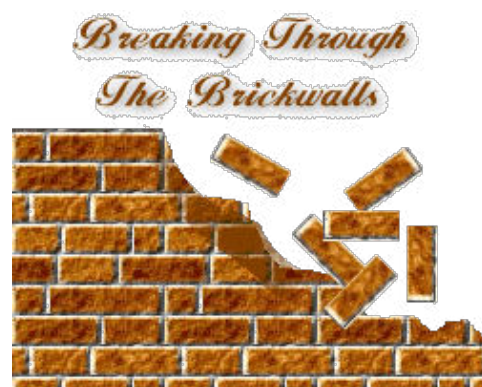
We have a very useful resource available to us on our website. All members are able to list their areas of research, which are in turn available for other researchers to, hopefully, find some common names.

You will find this resource on the website, [www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au) on the left hand side of the page under "Members' Interests".

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## DNA Sessions

Are you keen to breaking down that brick wall or just interested in genetic genealogy? Many of our members have had their DNA done and are interested in understanding this side of their research. We offer the following to cater for this area of interest.



### DNA One on One Sessions

- These will be held as required.
- These sessions will be run by Kay Page and bookings are necessary.
- Priority will be given to those whose DNA results have just come in.
- Assistance is also available by email.

For bookings or queries please contact: [dna@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:dna@cqfamilyhistory.org.au)

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## Fundraising - Containers for Change



Anyone from our community can donate their containers by quoting

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as the member number directly to a container refund point. The refund will be deposited directly to our bank account.

Our crate is still available here at the rooms to deposit your empties.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

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# Communications

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If you are a member and we don't have an email address for you, then you may not be getting all the goodies. If you aren't receiving the following emails:

**"CQFHA: Alerts & Updates" every Friday at 5:30pm**  
**and**  
**"CQFHA: It's Backup Day" on the 1st of every month**

Then you aren't getting the most from your association.

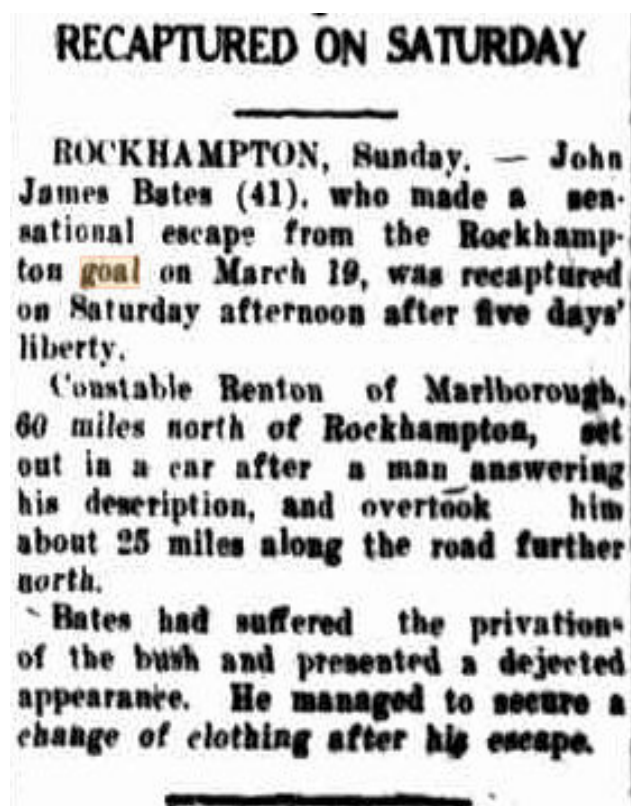
Email: [web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au](mailto:web@cqfamilyhistory.org.au) with your name and membership number and you will be added to the register.

Also, a reminder that there are many free resources on the 'Members' Only' section of our website. For website access you will require a Google account, then email as above, and you will be given access.

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## News of the past

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Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett  
Advertiser (Qld.: 1860-1947) Mon 26 Mar 1934 pg 4



Townsville Daily Bulletin (Qld.:1907-1954 Fri 10 Sep 1954  
pg 2

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# Through the Journals

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*by Narelle Fraser*

Journal hard copies are available for loan at our clubroom. Electronic copies are available on our website in the 'Member's Only' section and also at our Clubroom on the computers in the program Calibre. All electronic journals received are listed weekly in the e-newsletter.

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Below is a list of **hard copy journals** received since our June 2024 issue. Beneath the list are highlighted articles a selection.

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The Explorer's Tree (Blue Mountains FHS) No.124, June 2024

Kith & Kin (Cape Banks FHS) No.153, June 2024

Links 'N' Chains (Liverpool Gen Society Inc) No.137, June 2024

- The Explorer's Tree, Blue Mountains, Jun 2024, No.124: Soapie's Series of Unfortunate Events: The writer tells the story of a gentlemen nicknamed "Soapie" and how he keeps going in a series of unfortunate events, and his unusual life story.
- Kith & Kin, Cape Banks FHS, Jun 2024, No. 153: The Streets of Matraville Soldiers Settlement: This is the story following WW1, when thousands of Australians were repatriated back home and the Australian Government was faced to provide housing for the men, families, widows and children and how some of the names of the streets, to commemorate WW1 battles came about.
- Links 'N' Chains, Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc, Jun 2024, No. 137: "Tate & Lyle" Sugar Refinery: This story is a "sweet" little tale for those with a sweet tooth! It's about a sugar refinery and how it has developed over the years.



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## Electronic Journals

Below is a selection of highlighted articles from the **electronic journals** received since the June 2024 journal.

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- Progenitor (Genealogical Society of Northern Territory Inc), March 2024: Women Remembering Women During the War: This is three women's stories and their hard work during this time and conditions.
- New Zealand Family Tree, April 2024: Canterbury's 21st Birthday Present: The writer tells the story of Canterbury Provincial Superintendent William Rolleston's 21st birthday wish of an astronomical society and a goal of establishing a royal observatory.
- Swan Hill Genealogical Historical Society Inc, May 2024: Ernest (Ernie) Old 1874-1962, Inventor, Cyclist and Soldier: This is the story of Ernest Old a soldier, then convict, then cyclist and inventor and how his life story unfolds.
- QFHS (Queensland FHS), May 2024, Vol. 45, No. 2: Hannah Elizabeth Glover: The author tells the story of her Great Aunt, and her nursing life.
- ANESFHS (Aberdeen – North East Scotland FHS), May 2024: Journal 170: Black day in Longsdale - The Murder of Margaret Keith: A history of Margaret and her demise and how her Grandson wrote a novel of her story.
- Maryborough Forebear Journal (Maryborough District FHS), May 2024, Vol. 45, Issue 1: Arch Caswell: The story of Archibald Harold Caswell born in Murgon 1913 and his life when he joined The Royal Australian Airforce and overseas adventures.
- The Lancashire Family & Heraldry Society, May 2024, Vol. 46, No.2: Records of Visitations for Billington Asylum During the Proprietorship of James Chew (1800 – 1807) This is an analysis for the records of visitations of the beginnings of the nineteenth century and how dramatically things changed between 1799 and 1803.
- West Middlesex FHS Journal, June 2024, Vol. 42, No.2: Brick Walls: Why can't I find my grandfather in the 1921 Census? The author takes you on her own personal journey with her research and the conclusion.
- Family Ties (The Journal of The Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc) June 2024, Vol.27, No. 4: Lost In The Bush – Five Year Old Child's Ordeal: A short story about a five year old boy who was sent to bring in the horses and got lost and events that occurred.

- Newcastle FHS Inc, June 2024, Journal 246: Medical Services in the 1800's: The story of the Early Doctors in Newcastle in 1804 and the coming years.
- The Endeavour (Botany Bay FHS Inc) June 2024, No.1: Two Identities – Harold Katte and Marcel Caux: An interesting tale of one person assuming another name after being discharged from the army. He ended up cutting himself off from his family, and changed his name and reinvented himself.
- Bridges & Branches (Echuca – Moama FH Group), June 2024: Keith Lawrence Lacy: This is the life story of Keith Lawrence Lacy and his war record.
- Pyreenees Pioneers (Avoca & District) Edition 302, June 2024: Victoria Police Gazette: Local extracts from 1922 – 1930 to view.
- Hawkesbury Crier (Hawkesbury FH Group), June 2024: The Sad Demise of Dr Charles McClintock MD: The life story of Charles McClintock and the inquest that followed upon his sudden death.
- Lithgow Pioneer Press (Lithgow & District FHS), June 2024, Vol. 39, No. 1: Wallerawang 200th Anniversary Issue Part 2: Check out the general stories on the individual Churches and how they were established.
- Nottinghamshire FHS, July 2024, Vol. 17, No 11: How Scandal and Shame affect Genealogy: This is an interesting view of how we see things. The writer gave a talk and told the story of his grandfather's past. After researching he found some had disappeared from his family narrative, for the best of a century.
- Bremer Echoes (Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc), July 2024, Vol. 42, No 2: A Home for Those Less Fortunate: The writer has a short story on the Mental Hospital in the 1800's and how it was developed.
- The Gazette (Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society Inc), July 2024, Vol. 37, No. 2: Sarah Jane Murray -- A Woman Worth Knowing: The author writes an interesting story of Sarah Jane Murray, and how her life in the 1800's was. Then disaster struck in the year 1909, and she had to raise six children with ages between 2 – 16 at 39 years. At the end of the story what each of the children did in life.
- QFHS (Queensland Family Historian), August 2024, Vol. 45, No 3: Charles Keane, A Black Sheep In The Family: This is the story of Uncle Charles who died in 1921, and what he had done that his sisters children knew virtually nothing about him.

# Rockhampton Repositories

## **Other Rockhampton Repositories**

In Central Queensland, we are very fortunate to have a number of other fine repositories for local history and genealogical research. For your convenience, we have included their opening hours below.

**Please phone them as details may change.**

### **Southside Library | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton**

Monday – Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9am - 3pm

Phone: 4936 8265



### **History Centre | 230 Bolsover Street, South Rockhampton**

Monday – Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Phone: 4936 8040

#### **The LDS Family History Centre**

Talbot Street, North Rockhampton

Tuesday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

closed all school and public holidays

Please contact Richard  
on 0459 836 105 to book.

Please notify by 8am on the day if you  
then can't make it.

#### **Capricorn Coast Historical Society**

The Bunker  
(behind the Town Hall)  
Yeppoon

opening hours:

Tuesday: 9.30 am - 12 pm

Saturday: 9.30 am - 12 pm

or by appointment contact:

Mary O'Brien 4933 0246

#### **Capricornia CQ Collection**

CQUniversity Library  
University Campus,  
Yaamba Road,  
North Rockhampton  
by appointment only:  
tasac@cqu.edu.au

#### **Rockhampton and District Historical Society**

Borough Chambers, Stapleton Park,  
North Rockhampton  
opening hours: Tuesday: 10 am - 2 pm  
phone: 4927 8431 (opening hours only)

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# Coming Events

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Please stay tuned to our various means of contact:

- Fridays enewsletter
- Webpage: <https://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au>
- Facebook: <https://facebook.com/cqfamilyhistory/>



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<b>Weekly</b>	Wed 9am	Project Group all members welcome
<b>October</b>	Sat, 5 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Social BBQ BYO
<b>November</b>	Sat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10am	Committee Meeting
<b>December</b>	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting Christmas Luncheon Return all Library Loans Last Library Day of 2024 Deadline for Journal Submissions
<b>February 2025</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> 10am Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	Committee Meeting Library Re-opens

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<b>Dunwich Benevolent Asylum Weekly Returns</b> <i>May 1885-January 1907</i>	CD	\$50
<b>Gogango Divisional Board – precursor to Livingstone Shire Council</b> <i>Rates &amp; Valuation Books 1880-1903 (index only) plus postage</i>	CD	\$45
<b>Burials Rockhampton Cemetery (Southside)</b> <i>By N Woodhouse</i>	CD	\$25
<b>Headstone Photographs – 18 Cemeteries of North Qld</b>	DVD	\$35
<b>Miriam Vale &amp; Bororen Cemetery</b>	CD	\$10
<b>South Burnett Cemetery Headstones</b>	DVD	\$50
<b>Bits &amp; Pieces – Collection of mixed articles – Early CQ Newspapers</b> <i>Set of 5 Volumes (1 to 5)</i>	DVD	\$100
<b>Index to Historical Records of Rockhampton, Yeppoon &amp; Mount Morgan Fire Brigades</b>	CD	\$45
<b>Mixed Indexes</b> 1. <i>Rockhampton Fire Brigade Scrapbook</i> 2. <i>CQ Newspaper Scrapbook</i> 3. <i>Morning Bulletin – Births, Marriage, Deaths, Funeral Notice &amp; In Memoriam</i>	CD	\$15
BOOKS Plus Postage		
<b>Rockhampton Crematorium Index 1948-1992</b> <i>Volume 1 A-K; Volume 2 L-Z</i>	550g	\$25
<b>Headstone Inscriptions North Rockhampton Cemetery</b> 2 Volumes	1.5kg	\$50
<b>Collinsville Cemetery Burial Register Index</b>	90g	\$15
<b>Yeppoon and Emu Park Cemetery Index</b> <i>Part A Yeppoon 1882-2010; Part B Emu Pak 1885-2012</i>	195g	\$20
<b>Bowen Cemetery Burial Index 1861-2005</b>	400g	\$20
<b>Proserpine Burials and Cremations</b>	200g	\$20



<b>Battler's Tales of Early Rockhampton</b> <i>By J Grant Pattison</i>	250g	\$15
<b>On The Track</b> <i>By J Grant Pattison</i>	700g	\$25
<b>Rockhampton in the Early Days</b> <i>By Fitzroy</i>	650g	\$30
<b>Reminiscences of Queensland 1862-1899</b> <i>By W.H. Corfield</i>	300g	\$25
<b>The Rainbow Trail</b> <i>By Charles Grover</i>	1kg	\$30
<b>The Development of Rockhampton &amp; District</b> <i>By A E Hermann ** temporarily unavailable</i>	1.5kg	\$40
<b>The Rockhampton Fire Brigade – Their Fiery Past</b>	600g	\$25
<b>Central Qld Pioneer Register</b> <i>Set of 2 Volumes</i>	1.5kg	\$60
<b>Shipping Index to Assisted Immigrants arriving Moreton Bay Qld</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Period 1848-1859</i></li> <li><i>Period 1860-1869</i></li> <li><i>Period 1870-1879      2 Volumes</i></li> <li><i>Period 1880-1899      4 Volumes</i></li> <li><i>Period 1848-1899      8 Volumes</i></li> </ul>	300g 600g 1kg 2.5kg 5.3kg	\$23 \$30 \$40 \$80 \$170
<b>Bits &amp; Pieces – Collection of mixed articles in Early CQ Newspapers</b> <i>Singles Volume (1-10)</i> <i>Set of 5 Volumes (1 to 5 or 6 to 10)</i> <i>Set of 10 Volumes (1 to 10)</i>	700g 3kg/set 5kg/set	\$30 \$100 \$200
<b>Index to Non Europeans in Queensland</b>	500 g	\$10
<b>History of Rockhampton Orphanage (Birralelee)</b> <i>1866-1895</i>	30g	\$10
<b>The Great War – Stories from Home and Abroad</b>	1kg	\$15
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<b>OTHER BOOKS</b> Published by members, covering the Rockhampton District – available through our Association, all are plus Postage		
<b>By Any Criterion</b> <i>By Robert I J McFarlane</i>	2kg	\$55
<b>The McLaughlins</b> <i>By Tom McLaughlin</i> <i>Hard cover, A4, 353 pages</i>	2.7kg	\$65
<b>The 1862 Voyage of the Ship, Utopia to Queensland</b> <i>By Sylvia A Conaghan &amp; Nola Tom</i>	650g	\$30

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## Interest Groups & Fee Structure

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**Interest Groups**                      Project Group – Wednesday 09:00am CQFHA rooms  
Technology Session – as required

**Financial Year**                      **1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Membership Fees**

Single	\$50.00 +\$10 if journal posted
Family	\$60.00 +\$20 if journal is posted 2 members of a family
Membership	living at the same address (one Journal)
Journal Only	\$30.00

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## Management Committee 2024-2025

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# Volunteers 2024-2025

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## Library Assistants

Tuesday	Sharon Wright & Jamie Hibberd
Thursday	Carmel Hayman and Enid Bunt
Friday	Nola Harvey, Denise Haynes Trisha Brannigan (Resources)
Saturday	Linda Marshall and Jeanette Finlayson (alternate weeks) John Humphries and Jamie Hibberd
On Call	Narelle Fraser and Kay Page

## Research Officer

Carmel Hayman

## Assistant Research Officer

Denise Haynes

## Membership Secretary

Enid Bunt

## Projects Officer

Kay Page

## Education Officer

Chris Wright

## Grants Officer

Graham Creagh

## Publicity Officer

Vacant

## Technology Assistant

Roseann Creagh

## Facilities Team

Sharon Wright, Enid Bunt

## Journal Team

Roseann Creagh, Linda Marshall, Jeanette  
Finlayson & Narelle Fraser

## Web Team

Kay Page, Chris Wright, Roseann Creagh &  
Trisha Brannigan

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## Life Members

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Toni Philipoom  
Karl Makela

Margaret Larner  
Margaret Mason

Michael Warry  
John Humphries

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***Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help. Heather French Henry***