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

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

WEDNESDAY: 10.00 am - 2.30 pm

SATURDAY: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

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 **\$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.

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.

Books or a gift voucher make perfect Christmas gifts.

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
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Burials in Young Shire and Surrounding Areas, up to February 1998	\$15.00 + P&H
News from Marengo 1929 – 1939	\$20.00 + P&H
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by Karen Smith	\$25.00 + P&H
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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)	
‘The Wayback’ to Burrangong, Beyond the Myths and Stories	\$40.00+ P&H
Young 120 Years of Local Government 1882-2002	\$15.00 + P&H
by Maree E Lamb and Margaret J Hall	

We also have an interesting collection of second hand books at various prices and good quality second hand maps for sale at \$10.

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President's Message

Hello to you all, we have been consistently busy at the research room which is always enjoyable. It is lovely to have you call in to check items on your research, to say hello and stay in touch or to just come and have us help you to sort out your research to make life easier for yourself so you can continue searching.

We recently had a lovely couple of hours at the research room to enjoy a Christmas cuppa and nibbles and some old photos of Young on the big screen, these old photos created a lot of discussion, and we were able to put some names and locations to a lot of them.

We have recently had John Hamblin's Pharmacy Book printed and it is now available for sale at the research room. This book is all about the pharmacies in Young from the early 1860's and is a very interesting read. Thank you to Janet Hamblin for her assistance with this book.

Don't forget we also have Gift Vouchers available if you would like to let the family know about a Christmas gift for you. These can be used for books or research so are a good investment.

The Committee and I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Kind Regards

Kay McDonald, President.



News From the Rooms

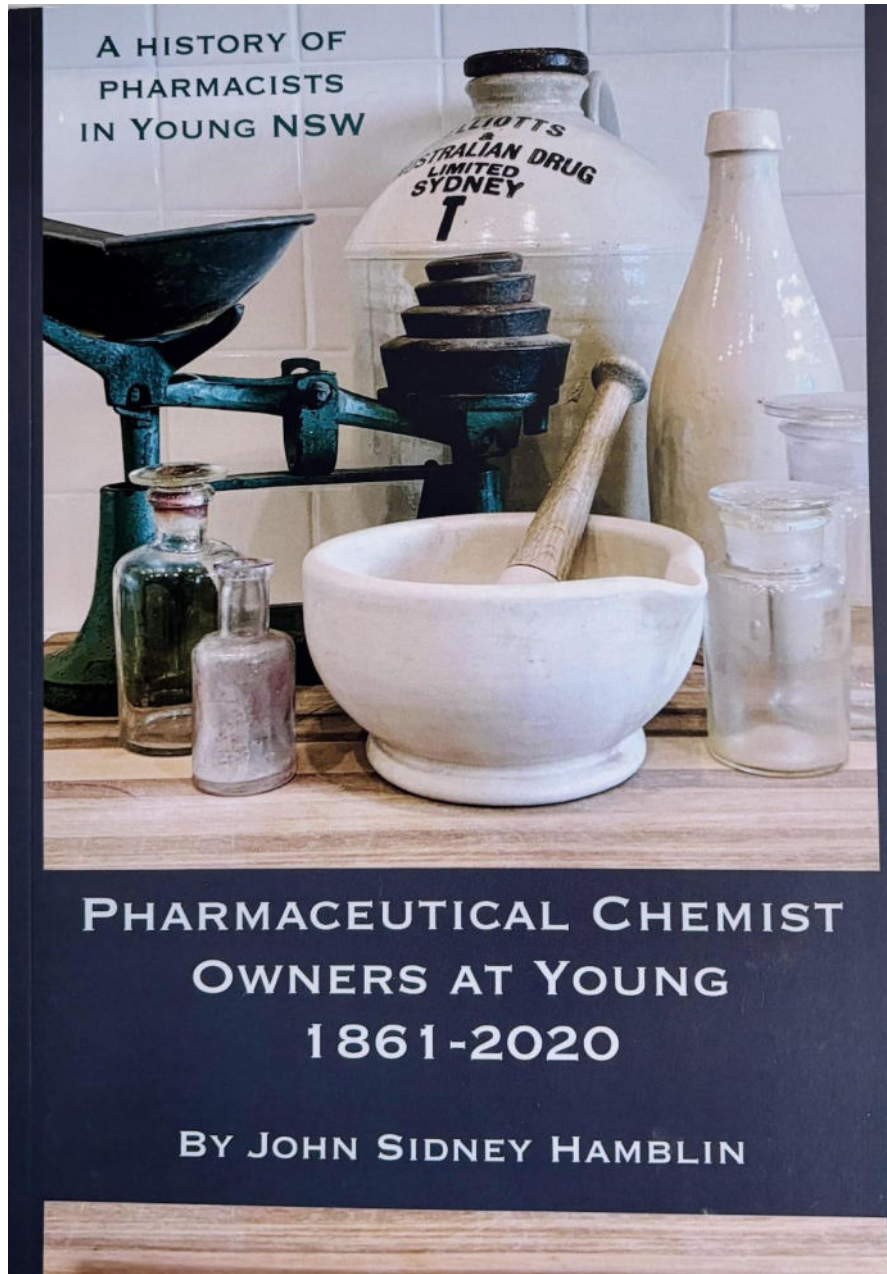
The resources at the room continue to expand and we have recently added People & Places NSW 1832 to 1919 by Terry Callaghan. It is available on our computers at the room and is a searchable index transcribed from many New South Wales original records. Terry Callaghan's introduction tells us that,

This work is the third in this series which aims to provide information enabling the researcher to add foliage to the family tree and move from the 'womb to tomb', 'cradle to grave' approaches of some.

Serious researchers realise that it is not enough to regurgitate, born here, died and wed there and boast how many names they have found and how far in the past they can trace.

Details such as occupation, salary, land ownership, licenses etc provide a picture of an individual's life.

****A New Book by John S. Hamblin****
Limited Edition



Now available for sale at Young & District Family History Room.
\$35.00 + P&H

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new members, Julia Burns, Margaret Chapman, Kylie Parish and Susan Zeizeinger.

A welcome also to Lily Payne. Lily is a history student at Charles Sturt University and has joined us in the room for the summer to learn how we research and preserve genealogy records as an adjunct to her degree.

Christmas in the Research Room

An enjoyable afternoon Christmas tea was held in the research room on Saturday 23 November. The members and guests were able to enjoy a short power point presentation of old photographs of Young recently unearthed from a storage room in town. A lively discussion took place as everyone presented their thoughts about localities and dates.





Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our members, families and friends

Lynch Street fun from the Old Photographs Collection



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

In 1911 in Sydney Miss Ada Alice M Hopwood and Mr George Sharp were married in Sydney. She was a young lady from Young, and he a mounted constable with the police force stationed in Northern New South Wales. A descendant asked us to throw light on how they might have met. This research involved following the early career of George, the mounted constable as well as research into the social life of Young in the early 1900s.

George Frederick Sharp joined the New South Wales police as a mounted constable in 1904, stationed at Queanbeyan. He spent his first year there before being moved on to Burrowa in 1905. The Burrowa News reported just six months later that Mounted Constable Sharp had been promoted and would be leaving for West Wyalong.

The article tells of a popular young man who was an efficient and intelligent officer and one they were sorry to lose. In 1908 following a transfer to Young he took up residence in a boarding house for young ladies and gentlemen run by a Mrs Toland who had also recently moved to town from West Wyalong. While employed in Young he and two other officers, Constables Brown and Tame, were sent to Broken Hill prompting this paragraph in *The Young Chronicle* on their return.

*'That three of the Young constables have gone to Broken Hill to assist in the maintaining law and order- they were **Brown** enough when they left, quite **Sharp** in the execution of their duty, and will be **Tame** enough when they return.'*

Constable Sharp was a mounted officer but he also a motor bike. In 1910 *The Young Chronicle* reported an incident where he and his motorbike parted ways and he was plummeted headlong on to the road at the corner of Main and Short Streets. He was stationed in town until his transfer North at the end of 1910.

Ada Alice Hopwood was born in Young in 1890, and was an accomplished young woman, who won awards during her school years, and later for her needlework. She was very active in the community and a sociable and capable young woman who became secretary of the Wisteria Lodge of the woman's branch of the Oddfellows. As such, she would have been involved in all the social fundraising balls and events held by them. At the launch of Wisteria Lodge, Miss Ada Hopwood was elected as the financial secretary and the *Young Chronicle* reported a lively meeting hosted by the gentlemen's lodge where 'dancing was kept up till three o'clock the next morning and the enjoyableness of the proceedings was added to by songs and recitals.'

This is one of many such evenings reported in the local paper over 1909 and 1910 and seems a likely place for an introduction between a popular young police constable and a sociable young lady.

In January 1911 Ada resigned her position as financial secretary before heading to Sydney to be married. Only two months after the announcement of George's transfer. The young couple moved north and there followed the births of two sons and a daughter however Ada Alice died just days after the birth of their fourth child in October 1915. George served with the 2nd Light Horse in World War I. He never remarried.

"Tip of the Issue."



Have you visited our research room recently?



We are here to help and the room has space and peace to spread out your paper work or turn on your laptop while you work out your next move. We have access to *findmypast* and affiliate library access to *familysearch* to help your research.

We are open

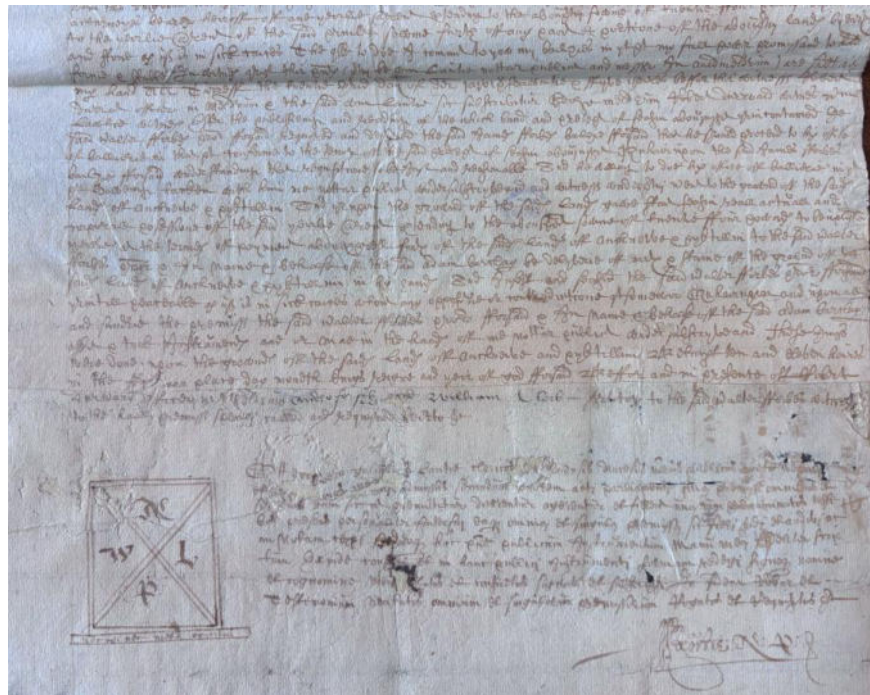
Wednesday, 10.00 am-2.30 pm
Saturday between 10.00am-1.00 pm.

Christmas Closure

The Research Room will be closed on Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December 2024, Saturday 28 Dec 2024 and on New Years Day 1 January 2025.

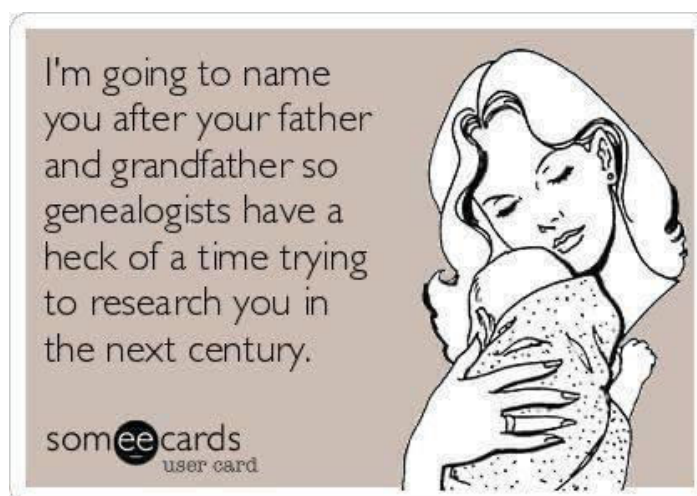


A Visit to the National Records of Scotland




The Scotlandspeople website is a great resource for family historians to search their Scottish ancestors and the records kept in Edinburgh go further back than those available on line. During a recent visit to these premises, I was privileged to be able to view many documents from the archives which record land, wills and property transaction for the Barclay clan from the 16th to 18th centuries. Difficult to read and understand but a pleasurable experience to touch the parchment.

Marty Barclay



Upcoming Events

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**


**Young & District Family History Group Inc.**

Family History in the Digital Age

Full Day Seminar

AM


Using AI & Technology in
Family History




Lunch available at club
at own expense

PM


Dr Redfern - His Story &
Legacy including DNA
testing of hair samples




Saturday, 1 March 2025



10am - 3pm



Young Services Club
42 Cloete St, Young



Andrew Redfern is an enthusiastic family historian and accomplished speaker, having delivered presentations globally. Andrew is always looking for creative ways to engage his audience and share his learnings and research findings.

Cost \$20 pp, payable when booking
Cash, Direct Deposit & Credit Card

Bookings: 0409 606 429, youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com or at
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MONITORS ROSTER.

<u>JANUARY 2025</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2025</u>
<u>WED. 1 CLOSED – NEW YEARS DAY</u>	SAT. 1 KAY McDONALD
SAT. 4 MARGARET HALL	WED. 5 MARGARET HALL
WED. 8 LEA DAVIS	SAT. 8 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 11 KAY McDONALD	WED. 12 LEA DAVIS
WED. 15 MARTY BARCLAY	SAT. 15 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT. 18 LEA DAVIS	WED. 19 MARGARET HALL
WED. 22 KAY McDONALD	SAT. 22 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 25 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 26 KAY McDONALD
WED. 29 MARTY BARCLAY	
<u>MARCH 2025</u>	<u>APRIL 2025</u>
<u>SAT. 1 ANDREW REDFERN'S SEMINAR</u>	WED. 2 KAY McDONALD
WED. 5 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 5 MARTY BARCLAY
SAT. 8 MARTY BARCLAY	WED. 9 LEA DAVIS
WED.12 LEA DAVIS	SAT.12 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 15 EMMA COCKBURN	WED. 16 MARGARET HALL
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WED. 26 MARGARET HALL	SAT. 26 EMMA COCKBURN
SAT. 29 LEA DAVIS	WED. 30 LEA DAVIS

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

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