



# *Casino and District Family History Group Inc*

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## **Opening Times:**

Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm  
Wednesdays 12pm – 4pm  
Saturdays open 3<sup>rd</sup> only 9am – 11.30am  
Closed mid-December – late January  
Open by appointment mid Dec – late Jan

## **Membership:**

Single \$45  
Family \$55 (2 People same address)  
Pensioner \$40 Pensioner Couple \$50  
Student \$30 (needs to show card)  
Joining Fee \$5 All prices include GST  
(Membership year Jan to Dec)

The Crossing Place

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### NEW COMMITTEE 2025-26

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### President's AGM Report February 2024 – March 2025

Another year has passed for our family history group, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April we will celebrate our 38<sup>th</sup> birthday. I wish to thank our outgoing committee members for their dedication to our group over the past year. I especially want to thank Vice President Cherryl for filling in for me for most of the past year while I was absent caring for my husband Max until his passing. 2024 was the toughest and saddest year of my life not being able to save a loved one from insidious cancer.

#### Overview of the past year 2024

#### **February 2024**

- **Guest Speaker Laszlo Biro.** He told us about his family history, of living in Hungry at the time of the Russian invasion of Hungry, his father being arrested and his escape from a prison camp by hanging underneath a train. The escape of his mother, brother, and himself, aged nine, making their way to the Austrian border. His parents meeting up again in London and later sending him and his brother away for safety and the eventual immigration of the family to Australia in about 1960. Most interesting talk.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> we held a **"Members Morning Tea"**

#### **March 2024**

- AGM held.
- 8<sup>th</sup> March we had a **Workshop:** Question and Answers about Computer Family History Programs such as Family Tree Maker, Legacy, Brother's Keeper.

#### **April 2024**

- **Guest Speaker member Jann Rowe** who spoke about "The Cedar Log" at Lismore and her family connection.
- We were given research material, books etc. from the Aub Lavis Estate

#### **May 2024**

- After our General Meeting members went for **lunch at Windara.**
- We commissioned Peter Elwood to build a **new group website**

#### **June 2024**

- We subscribed to the Biographical Database of Australia
- Working bee held to start sorting Aub Lavis's family history research

### **July 2024**

- General Meeting

### **August 2024**

- **Guest Speaker - Adele Wessell** spoke on how recipe and cookbooks can be used as historical documents and adding to the history of the family.
- **Working bee** 28 August to complete sorting the late Aub Lavis family history research.
- Several members enjoyed a 3-hour **Clarence River Cruise** excursion All who attended enjoyed the trip.

### **September 2024**

- **Talk and demonstration by member Robyn Nesbitt** on using the Biographical Index of Australia.
- We held a successful **Trivia Night** on 21 September at the Anglican Church Hall with 56 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who organised and helped run the night.

### **October**

- Brenda Armfield attended our meeting to say goodbye to members before leaving the district.
- It was moved and seconded that **2025 memberships be raised** by \$5.00 except for student membership to stay the same. This is to be presented to today's AGM.
- A Workshop with **Michelle Hurcum** 11 October 2024 on NSW Land Records. Well attended.
- An **Open Afternoon** was held for the public on Saturday 26 October
- There was more discussion about our new website.
- It was suggested we start a Writers Group. The idea is to help each other begin or improve how to go about writing up their family history stories.

### **November 2024**

- General Meeting followed by **Questions & Answers**
- A meeting of the website committee was held on Wednesday 27 November

### **December 2024**

- General Meeting – followed by our **Christmas party**. What a great spread of food our self-catering provided. Those who attended enjoyed sharing the day with likeminded friends. Those who organised the day and decorated the room must be congratulated on a job well done.

### **January 2025**

- We held a **Planning Meeting Day**, and it was pleasing to have a good roll up to put together a program for 2025 year.

### **February 2025**

- After the meeting our group's **Constitution** was revised in order to be presented to AGM in March.
- At long last our new website is nearing completion.

### **March 2025**

- We made a concerted effort to advertise ourselves by opening a popup shop in the empty old Williams chemist shop in Barker Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March. But unfortunately, the week was hampered by the wind and rain of Cyclone Alfred. We only had a few visitors as people were staying close to home and not walking the streets. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and pack up the shop and thanks to those who did a roster day. Your help was much appreciated.
- Robyn and Cheryl ran a Hands-on Workshop on "using NSW Land Records" – as a follow up to Michelle Hurcum's earlier October workshop. Eight people attended.

It is disappointing to see our membership declining and less and less members attending meetings, or participating in organised workshops, classes, excursions, or coming to listen and learn from guest speakers. I would hope 2025 will see more participation by members.

**Vale** - Condolences have been passed on to: Michael Farrell on the death of his father.

Member Olga Baglin on the death of her husband. Phillip Johnson on the death of wife and our member Hendrika. Member Robyn Nesbitt on the death of husband Peter. Member Barbara Hollis on the death of husband Max and member Shirlee McPherson on the death of brother Neil.

To our incoming committee we wish you well and hope you will continue to keep our group a happy place to be and keep us moving forward.

I thank you all for your friendship and you support.

*Regards Barbara Hollis*

## SPECIAL AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS



Member of the Year – Sharin Gill



Life Membership – Robyn Nesbitt

Member of the Year  
Jo – Anne Wilton



## HAPPY 38<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CASINO & DISTRICT FHG



FHG Members at our “Birthday - Meeting & Lunch”



## **Bobbed and Shingled**

### **HOW A CHANGE OF HAIRSTYLE BECAME BIG NEWS**

My grandmother's photographs from the 1920s and an article in the Richmond River Express of 1925 have led me on a merry chase these past few weeks. Who would have thought a simple hairstyle would have made such an impact as that of the "Bobbed and Shingled" look of the 1920s and that our grandmothers were to become unsuspecting trailblazers of fashion.

The photograph at right is my paternal grandmother Lilly (Lil) McPherson, second from left), born 9 September 1911, posing with her sisters Jessie, Amy (May), Margaret (Peg) and Mary after their father's funeral in 1928. Although not a clear image you will notice that all the McPherson girls have their hair bobbed maybe even shingled. I am sure many of you will have similar images of your own grandmothers or great aunts. It was a hairstyle that would continue to be fashionable long after its demise was predicted.



By 1928, when the above photograph was taken, the bobbed and shingled hairstyles had been in vogue in Australia since the early 1920s and like several other countries many women had followed this new style introduced by the American actresses, celebrities and socialites. Today, women's changing hairstyles are considered the norm and yet I was soon to discover just how controversial the bobbed and shingled look had been. The styles were taken up with a passion and even our local country show committee could see the benefit of jumping on board the craze.

#### **BOBBED OR SHINGLED – NOVEL SHOW COMPETITION**

The Casino show committee has been racking its collective brain for ideas, novel, amusing or otherwise, with which to brighten the ring events at the next show. Many schemes were propounded, some of which were not lacking in originality. The most daring proposal, and one which, if adopted, will probably attract very keen competition amongst the fair sex, emanated from the fertile brain of a youthful member of the committee. It was that a substantial prize or prizes should be offered for the best bobbed or shingled head, and he went so far as to signify his willingness to donate a prize himself. The idea caught on immensely, particularly with some of the committeemen, who if age be any criterion, should have far outdistanced the frivolous age. It was unanimously decided to refer the suggestion to the sports committee. Other suggestions made, and which the sports committee will be asked to consider, were the staging of a bush raging stunt, pillow fight, "buried treasure," musical chairs on motor bikes, buckjumping, etc.

*Richmond River Express, 14 January 1925, page*

Unfortunately, I don't think the Casino sports committee adopted the suggestion for the show that year. Although the idea was well publicised and reprinted in several newspapers, I could not find any mention of the competition going ahead and if it did what the results were. My interest in this craze continued and reading back twelve months, from that article to 1924 it became apparent that the "Bobbing" and "Shingling" of hair was not altogether approved of. Why? I asked myself. The newspapers again were full of articles but this time some were almost laughable in today's terms.

## A WARNING AGAINST HAIR BOBBING

The habit of hair-bobbing and shingling has met with a sharp rebuff from an unexpected quarter. The doctors of Harley Street have declared against the practice, and many hairdressers are warning their clients that indiscriminate cutting is likely to lead to premature greyness. Unless the hair is in excellent condition, shingling may ruin it in a few months. One West End hairdresser states that a woman of about 45 years, with a beautifully shaped head, asked to have her hair “bobbed.” She was advised not to risk the operation but insisted. When she saw the result she burst into tears, as genuine as those of Mrs. James Dillingham Young, in that classic of hair-bobbing, “The Gift of the Magi,” by O. Henry. The doctors condemn bobbing because it brings on rheumatism and neuralgia of the scalp. One Harley Street doctor said that he treated two women last week for “shingles,” arising from a chill to the nerve centres of the head and face due to “bobbing.” He pointed out that a woman’s scalp is more sensitive than a man’s owing to the greater resisting power due to short hair of men. Speaking with the utmost seriousness, Harley Street denounces shingling as likely to lead to shingles, a very unexpected dictum.

*The Toowoomba Chronicle and Darling Downs Gazette*, 12 March 1924, page 7

## ANOTHER CAUSE OF GREY HAIR

“Shingling,” the new method of “doing” the hair, which recently arrived here from America, and is rather fetching on a young and vivid head, is now accused of being the cause of premature grey hair among women than anything else, except its kindred dressings, “bobbing” and clipping, says our London representative. Such is the verdict of hairdressers in London, who, against their own interests, are warning their customers not to have it done.

*Truth*, 20 January 1924, page 12



## BOBBING AND SHINGLING

The problem of bobbing and shingling the hair of women workers continues to be discussed in the British newspapers. Recently Messrs Lyons and Company (the London caterers) decided that their teashop girls who had not been allowed to bob their hair could now do as they liked. The right of hospital nurses to bob or shingle was questioned by the Romford Board of Guardians last week, when it was decided that no member of the nursing staff should be allowed to bob or shingle, and that short-haired women must allow their hair to grow. A female member of the board urged that bobbed hair was

### “SHALL I HAVE IT BOBBED OR SHINGLED?”

The popular song found its answer – and Dame Fashion’s decree was obeyed, as this girl sacrificed her tresses to the hairdresser’s scissors.

*The Sun News Pictorial*, 24 Oct 1924, page 12

Follow this link to the above song:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYNIfJRG-Xs>

hygienic, and she asked whether patients wanted hairs in their food. Other members inquired whether the board proposed to forbid face powder and high heels.

*Western Mail*, 20 November 1924, page 37

### **“BOBBING” DANGER - Professor on Hair Styles – London,, December 11.**

Events falsify the recent assertions from Paris that “Bobbing” and “Shingling” are doomed. They are more popular than ever. A professor of physiology asserts that bobbing does not strengthen weak hair. It exposes the sensitive part of the neck, which often breaks out in a rash, rendering it dangerous to wear dyed furs.

*Herald*, 12 December 1924, page 5

### **WIGS FOR WOMEN – Shingling Out of Fashion – Preparing for Transition PARIS, 4 October 1926**

According to the speakers at a meeting of the National Hairdressers, bobbing, shingling and Eton cropping will shortly disappear, and long hair will return. Hairdressers are laying in supplies of wigs for use during the transition period. Milliners are expected to resist the change, because they carry huge stocks of small pull-on hats.

*Age*, 6 October 1926, page 11

Not all newspapers reported on how unfavourable the craze of hair Bobbing and Shingling was. They also pointed out how the craze had created business opportunities for hairdressers and the fashion industry and highlighted how women, especially those in the workforce, had begun to challenge the restrictions and dress codes of their professions. Although some requests for hair cutting expenses may have been taking things a little too far, it did make good reading!

### **BOBBING AND SHINGLING – London, May 24**

“Twenty million sterling annually were spent by women in Britian upon bobbing and shingling,” said Mr. J. Stewart, hairdresser, and a Labour member of the House of Commons for Glasgow today. “Consequently, the new occupation has inaugurated the employing of thousands of men. The women have saved hundreds of hairdressers from ruin. The average woman spends 25s to 40s, annually on haircuts, and compares favourably with the cost to the male on shaves, haircuts and shampoos”

*Western Mail*, 2 June 1927, page 18

### **THE HIGH COST OF SHINGLING**

Their decision of an Adelaide court the other week to give girl clerks an increased salary to meet the expense of bobbing and shingling sounds like a joke, but it is nevertheless a fact and some of the girl clerks in Sydney heartened up by the “commonsense” of the Adelaide Court, have given notice to their own court for a similar ruling. Moreover, they point out that, as Sydney hairdressers are more expensive than those of the South Australian capital, a bigger increase must be demanded, and as it is imperative for shingled clerks to have permanent waves (at £6/6/- a head) it is also intended to ask the court to allow a day off every six months for the process. The publicity given to the extravagant idiosyncrasies of girl clerks has renewed the outcry against girls ousting men from their jobs and male clerks who can't get jobs, whether they wave their hair or wear it plain, are naturally incensed when they read of girl employees getting days off to make themselves more beautiful and more alluring to their employers, and their bitter criticism of the damsels who take jobs for pocket money is not altogether unjustified.

*Table Talk*, 25 September 1924, page 13

## BOBBING AND SHINGLING

The other day I asked a clever barber (says a writer in "John o' London's Weekly) whether he thought bobbing and shingling would continue. He made the illuminating reply: "Yes, because they are something more than mere fashions. They are part and parcel of the movement for the emancipation of women. They are the triumph of convenience over convention. No doubt, women think they can make themselves especially attractive by bobbing or shingling, more so even than when they wore their hair in the old fashioned way; but the real reason of the change is a desire to save trouble and to free women from the incubus of a mass of hair, which performs no useful purpose, except to please the other sex!" One of the most famous artists in the world describes shingling as the most hideous fashion ever invented. Who can tell whether my barber is right, or whether bobbing and shingling will go the way of all fashions.

*Sunday Times* 16 August 1925, page 19

I believe the barber was right. It is now over 100 years since the Bobbing and Shingling craze was introduced to women of the world and not too much has changed. I for one am a fan of short hair and have almost always worn my own hair in a bob style or similar. However, I must admit being the inheritor of fine, thin hair I have little choice. I'm afraid my hair type was inherited from my maternal side and not paternal as in the photo above. Some women did defy the Bobbing and Shingling craze and even a "Bobless Hair Club" was formed. See the image below. It may look like their hair is short, but their long hair is tucked up at the back and pinned close to the neck. If you are interested in reading more about the Bobbing and Shingling craze and watching a couple YouTube videos, one of an original film taken in the 1920s, these websites and links below might be a good start.

Submitted by Editor - Shirlee McPherson

<https://isabellaalden.com/2018/12/02/the-great-bob-debate/>

<https://glamourdaze.com/2014/04/1920s-hairstyles-the-bobbed-hair-phenomenon-of-1924.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c-giu7zgpU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXIAI5V8LYM>



**"WE WILL NEVER SHINGLE."**—Seven American Senatorial secretaries, members of the Bobless Hair Club, recently took this oath. "We swear never to bob our hair."



# NAVADA THE BUSH GIRL

One of the chief attractions in the amusement section at the Casino Show this year will be Navada, Australia's beautiful bush girl. Navada was born in the Newcastle district, and in her childhood, she would wander into the bush and make playmates of the most venomous snakes in Australia. Navada has brought with her a wonderful collection of all kinds of reptiles including the Guylah monster, huge pythons, death adders, etc., and the whole of her collection of snakes are exhibited in a huge pit which the carpenters are now busily engaged building. Navada reports record business at the Royal Show in Sydney. Visitors to the show should not fail to see this daring Australian. — *Richmond River Express & Kyogle Advertiser*, 22 April 1925, page 5.

LOCATION : CENTRAL POSITION. **CASINO SHOW.** LOCATION : CENTRAL POSITION.  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—THIS WEEK.  
**NAVADA—THE BUSH GIRL.**



Australia's Beautiful Bush Girl, with the Greatest Collection of Reptiles on Earth—DON'T MISS THIS.  
**THE GIRL WITH A CHARMED LIFE, WHOM DANGER DOES NOT RESTRAIN.**  
A FASCINATING, THRILLING, DEATH-DEFYING, DEVIL-MAY-CARE PERFORMANCE.  
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**AND AN AUSTRALIAN GIRL IN THE REE-ONE.**

I was born at Stockton, near Newcastle. I loved playing in the bush when a kiddie and was never afraid of snakes. Somehow, I just naturally took a fancy to snakes, and used to catch them and bottle them. Then I grew up, and decided to be a snake charmer, taking the name of Navada, adapting it from the State in U.S.A. famed for its rattle snakes. In my time I have handled five thousand snakes, and have been bitten three times, once by a death adder, twice by a tiger snake. But I feel no ill effects. The biggest scare I ever got was when a 30ft python wound round me, started to crush me! I had to get some of the audience to pull it off me. They were brave enough to

help a lady in distress, but I somehow don't think they were too keen about the job. Snakes are moody than men. Snakes get very snappish, especially when getting old. Oh, no. it is not because they get indigestion. Snakes don't eat much in captivity, because they fret. Take it from me, I find it easier to manage one hundred snakes than one husband! — Extracted from - *The Arrow*, 25 March 1932, page 5

Navada was born Georgina Burt in 1904 to Robert Henry and Elizabeth Burt nee Coates. When she was 19, she married Arthur Rodella Greenhalgh on 18 December 1923 under the name Esmee Georgina Burt at Waverley NSW. Arthur described himself as an auctioneer from Bondi and in 1924 he was charged along with two other men for selling fake gold jewellery and watches as real gold. The men appealed with only Greenhalgh winning.

During this time Arthur Greenhalgh was also a showbiz entrepreneur who formed a partnership known as Greenhalgh & Jackson. He worked the show circuits all along the East coast of Australia and Adelaide and Perth, bringing all sorts of weird and wonderful acts to the sideshows. Esme, along with Essie Bradley and better known as 'Cleopatra' (Queen of the Snakes) worked the 1923 Sydney Royal Easter Show for Greenhalgh.

**HOBART**  
**ROYAL SHOW**  
—  
**ARTHUR GREENHALGH**  
**PRESENTS**  
**NAVADA**  
**AUSTRALIA'S**  
**BEAUTIFUL BUSH GIRL**  
See the  
**LIVE REPTILES**

Esme continued her act travelling the show circuits as Nevada until 1932 when she was no longer billed with Greenhalgh. You can read more about Arthur Greenhalgh in the Australia Dictionary of Biography and by following the links at the end of this article.



*NAVADA, the bush girl, who will appear with her strange pets at the Mordialloc Carnival, commencing on December 24, to raise funds for foreshore improvements.*

Esme and Arthur's marriage was short-lived, but their actual date of separation is unclear, and a divorce record has not been found for the couple. They had no children. It is possible Esme continued to work the Greenhalgh & Jackson show circuit for some years after their separation.

In 1928 Esme was living in Paddington where her car, a 1927 Buick limousine, was reported stolen from a garage. It seems at that time she was not short of money to have ownership of such an expensive car.

I am not sure if I have followed the right path for Esme, but it seems she retained the surname Greenhalgh and appeared on the NSW Electoral Rolls from 1946 to 1958 as Esme Georgina Greenhalgh living at Ettalong working as a

milkmaid. However, a milkmaid is a far cry from a renowned snake charmer. There was a Greenhalgh couple also living in Ettalong. Isabella and Stanley Greenhalgh, which might have had a family connection to Esme's husband Arthur. By 1958 Esme would have been 54 years old, so we can assume her snake handling days would have been over. Finding her death and burial place has been somewhat problematic and I have tried several avenues so far without success.



Arthur (at left in 1924) continued with his sideshow acts and in 1938 a new lady snake charmer appeared on his circuit. Labelled La Belle, La Bella and or Venetia this woman appeared at first to be Esme reinvented.

I was soon to discover "Venetia" was a Venetia Wade and almost 10 years younger than Esme. Images also showed Esme and Venetia looking somewhat different in their costumes. The name of La Belle continued to be publicised until at least 1947. If this was Venetia Wade she would have been aged about 34 by 1947.

Oddly, though, the show advertising labelled Venetia as the "Australian Bush Girl" and almost word for word described her act the same as Navada's. At times she was billed as the La Belle the "African Snake Charmer" or "African Snake Girl" and "Queen of the Snakes". It seems, not surprisingly, the description of side show acts was grossly overstated just to attract audiences.





**LA BELLE,**  
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AN OUTSTANDING SHOW ATTRACTION !

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**in the pit of deadly  
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GIANT MONITOR LIZARDS AND PYTHONS.

200 — DEADLY REPTILES — 200

So Don't MISS LA BELLE when you visit the Show.

**SHE BUYS ALL SNAKES**

## LANCE & VIOLET SKUTHORPE

Famous Australian Rough Riders, who have just recently arrived back from America. See these Daredevils riding outlaw Horses at the Brisbane Show.

See Aristocrat, the Famous Buckjumper you have heard and read about.

OUTSTANDING SHOW  
ATTRACTION

## VENETIA

LADY SNAKE  
CHARMER



VENETIA WILL SHOW THE  
FANGS AND POISONS OF THE  
MOST VENEMOUS REPTILES.

"The outbreak of World War II put a temporary end to show business and in 1943 Greenhalgh bought the Beach Hotel, Newcastle, where he housed 'the Snake-charmer', 'the Skeleton Man' and others who were stranded for the duration" It is not clear whether the 'Snake Charmer' referred to was Esme or Venetia. By this time Arthur was living with another woman Fuchsia Lillian Lupton. "After the enforced idleness of wartime came a boom, and Greenhalgh's tents resumed their journeys to shows and race day carnivals from Brisbane to Perth. His business involved the employment of 'freaks', but he acquired a reputation for honesty."

— Chris Cunneen, 'Greenhalgh, Arthur Rodella (1896-1972), Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre, of Biography, Australian National University.



After the war along came another snake charmer for Greenhalgh and Jackson. This was Paula Pratt, a Sydney night-club fan-dancer, who had spent 3 years as a prisoner of war, interned by the Japanese in Santa Tomas prison camp, Manilla. After the war, Paula returned to Australia and added a snake to her dance routine. She married Michael Joseph Perry, 13 Years her senior, and worked under her new surname as Paula or "Paulette" Perry

In 1947 Paula was part of a travelling vaudeville show "Coles Varieties". By 1950 she had joined the Greenhalgh and Jackson show circuit. However once again in 1954 another 'Queen of Snakes' had appeared. This was "Margo" advertised without an image and so far, advertised only for one year.

Ironically my story has come full circle. It began with the appearance of Navada at the Casino show and has now almost concluded with Paula Pratt, to my surprise Paula was a Casino girl. Paula (shown above) was born Paula Boyd Pratt in 1912 to John Boyd Pratt and Mary Ernestina Theresa Knoetzsch. Her

# **WATCHING THE WEB – RESOURCES**

## **LOCAL & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY & HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

### **CASINO**

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~auscdfhg/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/casinofamilyhistorygroup/>  
<https://www.casinohistoricalsociety.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/auscdhs/>

### **KYOGLE**

<https://www.facebook.com/kyoglemuseum/>

### **CORAKI**

<https://mgns.org.au/organisations/mid-richmond-historical-society-inc/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Mid-Richmond-Historical-Society-Inc-and-Museum-100082507495785/>

### **LISMORE**

<https://www.richhistory.org.au/richmond-river-historical-society/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondRiverHistoricalSocietyInc/>

### **BALLINA**

<https://www.ballinahistoricalsociety.org.au>

### **NEW ITALY**

<https://www.newitaly.org.au/the-new-italy-museum/>

### **ALSTONVILLE**

<https://mgns.org.au/organisations/crawford-house-museum/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/aphs.crawfordhouse/>

### **MACLEAN**

<http://www.macleanhistory.org.au>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MacleanMuseum/>

### **GRAFTON – CLARENCE VALLEY**

<https://www.clarencehistory.org.au/>  
<https://www.crl.nsw.gov.au/services/research/mackey-archives/>  
<https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/Residents/Cemeteries>

### **YAMBA**

<https://www.pyhsmuseum.org.au>  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Yamba-Historical-Museum/100089359203630>

### **BYRON BAY & BANGALOW**

<http://byronbayhistoricalsociety.org.au>  
<https://bangalowhistoricalsociety.org.au>



parents farmed and lived on a property in Back Creek, near Casino during the early 1900s before moving to Brisbane in the 1920s and later to Sydney where her father died in 1950.

Paula's career and life story was so interesting and varied that I will endeavour to set aside time to research her further and write another article for a future newsletter. I've already found and download a wealth of information on Paula.

Returning to "Navada" the original Australian Bush Girl, Esme Georgina Greenhalgh nee Burt, I would love to know what happened to her. Where did our first female snake handler go?

I have been unable to trace her after the 1958 NSW electoral roll. If she remarried then the indexes are not available for that period and without a new surname, she is unable to be traced for a death or burial. She may have left the country and once again shipping records are fragmented or unavailable. I have tried looking for her death via her parents' names but no luck there either. Also looked via maiden name and married name on the Ryerson Index. Once again, no luck. Any suggestions or if you uncover something I may have missed then a new lead would be most welcome - Editor

<https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/greenhalgh-arthur-rodella-10359>

<https://www.newcastleherald.com.au/story/5229037/snake-shows-are-a-bygone-attraction-but-this-is-what-they-were-like-back-in-the-day/>



## SHARE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY STORIES

Looking for members to share their family history stories. We would love to receive something from you for the newsletter. Many of us have been researching and compiling our family histories for a long time. Over those years, like me, you have very likely collected a lot of stories, photographs, certificates and documents. Maybe you have even written a family history book! Our newsletter is distributed to all members and other societies and groups all over Australia. Perhaps you have a research tip you would like to share. You can send your items to me via email anytime. An A4 page or more, a paragraph or just a photograph are all welcome. - Editor

Send your items to: [shirleemcpherson@gmail.com](mailto:shirleemcpherson@gmail.com)

## RESEARCH – GENERAL INFORMATION

(per family name e.g.: Mr and Mrs Smith and children)

\$25 for initial enquiry using resources available at rooms with 10 photocopies included in initial fee.

You will be advised of any additional information available over the fee with extra photocopies charged at 20 cents per page. Please supply basic information i.e., BDM dates and parents if known. Inform research officer **exactly** what you are looking for and what you already know so time is not wasted doubling up on research.

Research will not be undertaken until research fee is received. Research may take 4-6 weeks depending on number of enquiries received and availability of the research team.

**Research where reference given from book or newsletter:** \$5.00 includes 2 photocopies – 20 cents each for any additional pages

## MEMBER'S NOTICE BOARD – JUN 2025 - AUG 2025

27-29 May – **BEEF WEEK** – Research room open normal times.

6 June – Fri - **Writer's Group** - 10.30am at our research room

11 June – **General Meeting** – 10am Lunch at Windara after the meeting. RSVP by 4<sup>th</sup> June

28 June – **"Come & Find an Ancestor"** 1.30pm - An afternoon open to all

4 July - Fri - **Writer's Group** - 10.30am at our research room

9 July – **General Meeting** – 10am "Webinar on using GEDCOM in Family History"

21 July - **Workshop** – Details to be advised

1 August - Fri - **Writer's Group** - 10.30am at our research room

13 August – **General Meeting** – 10am Speaker Shane Hays "Family Aged Care Advocates"

23 August – **Trivia Night** – Details TBA – Lucky Door Prize & 100 Club

## MEMBERSHIPS

### Have you paid your membership for 2025?

If you haven't paid your membership yet, this will be your last newsletter.

Payments can be made by post, by electronics transfer or by coming to our rooms.

Electronic transfers (EFT) require a reference, use your surname as a reference.

Please note, membership has increased by \$5.

Please check your membership form and return it either by email, post or drop into the rooms. Be sure you mark which age group, for insurance purposes, and don't forget to sign your name.

We welcome new Members: Beverley McIntosh, Rachel Johns, Elizabeth Lane & Charlie Meirs. We also welcome back member Heather Dennis.

Don't be afraid to ask for help from roster persons. Happy Hunting

Kaylene Morris - Membership Secretary.

## RESEARCH INQUIRIES

Justine: looking for Keith Walker & wife Isobel Pidcock who ran Glynn's department store in Casino. Info or photographs.

Jackie: after information on Maggie Rose Taylor who married Tony Slockee. Lived in Brunswick River area

Bronwyn: looking for Albert Philip Elmore & sister Mrs M. Amos and family

Veronica: looking for occupation of James Walsh on a hard to read marriage certificate – the general consensus was "Harness Maker"

Brendan: looking for Madden family

Shari-lei: wanting to know plot no. for a grave of Winifred Christine White. There is no headstone, but she was buried in the Anglican section of West St Cemetery

Kevin is looking for the grave of Kevin John Baskerville, died 22 Nov 1956 buried in Kyogle Cemetery.

# ROSTER

It is the Roster volunteer's responsibility to find a replacement if they cannot do their Roster. If you cannot get a replacement for your roster, please ring the rooms or ring Roseanne on 0414 397 474 and leave as message as soon as you know you are not available.  
**WE URGENTLY NEED ROSTER PEOPLE. We will place you with an experienced person.**

## JUNE 2025

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
3 <sup>rd</sup> June R Nesbitt, P McDonald	4 <sup>th</sup> June M Goodlad, C. Houlihan, G. McAteer	5 <sup>th</sup> June C Mison, L Reynolds,	
10 <sup>th</sup> June Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen	11 <sup>th</sup> June M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	12 <sup>th</sup> June C Houlihan, N Cowen,	
17 <sup>th</sup> June J. Gorry, K. Morris	18 <sup>th</sup> June R. Nesbitt, J. Griffiths	19 <sup>th</sup> June K. Francis, J Rowe S. Gill	21 <sup>st</sup> June L Yates
24 <sup>th</sup> June K Morris, R. Birmingham, S. Gill	25 <sup>th</sup> June R. Nesbitt, C. Mison	26 <sup>th</sup> June K. Morris, J. Wilton, B Hollis	

## JULY 2025

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> July R Nesbitt, P McDonald	2 <sup>nd</sup> July M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	3 <sup>rd</sup> July C Mison, L Reynolds	
8 <sup>th</sup> July Y Stevenson, M Goodlad, N Cowen	9 <sup>th</sup> July M Goodlad C Houlihan G McAteer	10 <sup>th</sup> July C Houlihan, N Cowen,	
15 <sup>th</sup> July J. Gorry, K. Morris	16 <sup>th</sup> July R Nesbitt, J Griffiths	17 <sup>th</sup> July K Francis, S Gill, <b>J Rowe</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July L Yates,
22 <sup>nd</sup> July K Morris, R. Birmingham, S Gill	23 <sup>rd</sup> July R Nesbitt, C Mison, B Hollis	24 <sup>th</sup> July <b>K Morris</b> , J Wilton	
29 <sup>th</sup> July M Goodlad, N Cowen, Y Stevenson	30 <sup>th</sup> July C Mison, B Hollis	31 July N. Cowan, C. Houlihan	

## AUGUST 2025

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
5 <sup>th</sup> August R Nesbitt, P McDonald	6 <sup>th</sup> August M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	7 <sup>th</sup> August C Mison, L Reynolds	
12 <sup>th</sup> August Y Stevenson M Goodlad, N Cowen	13 <sup>th</sup> August M Goodlad, C Houlihan, G McAteer	14 <sup>th</sup> August C Houlihan, N Cowen	16 <sup>th</sup> August L Yates,
19 <sup>th</sup> August K Morris, J Gorry	20 <sup>th</sup> August R Nesbitt, J Griffiths	21 <sup>st</sup> August K. Francis, S Gill, <b>J Rowe</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> August K Morris, R Birmingham S Gill	27 <sup>th</sup> August C Mison, R Nesbitt, B Hollis	28 <sup>th</sup> August <b>K Morris</b> , J Wilton	

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### Postage

Under 500 gms = \$9.00 p&h per book  
Over 500gms & under 3kg - \$15.00 p&h for up to 2 books (If ordering more than 2 books contact group for postage costs)

All prices include GST

Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery

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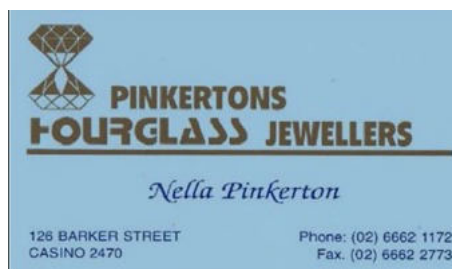
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