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Spanning the Years



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OPENING TIMES 2019

Saturday – 2nd & 4th 10am-2pm
Sunday and Monday – 10am-2pm

Internet Available \$3.00 per hour
Printing @ 20 cents per sheet – colour extra

Ancestry and Find My Past available

Non-Members \$5.00 to research + printing

Morning Tea – 50 cents donation

Flip Scanner & Slide Scanner

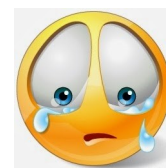
Extensive Library – borrow for members

Members of other Societies most welcome.

NOTE:

Unfortunately our fees will increase on 1st August, as voted at the last Annual meeting.

Only a small rise, our first since 2002!



OUR FAMILY RESEARCH OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



*Lions President Sandra Bell presenting Jan her certificate and flowers.
Lions also made a donation in Jan's name to the Lions Disaster Relief Foundation*

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Citizen of the Year 2018—Lions Club Australia Day Breakfast.

What a lovely surprise, our esteem Patron and member Janis Winn received the Senior Award 'Citizen of the Year 2018' for her tireless work collating the history of our area. Jan, a long time resident, whose family have been in the area for five generations has written four books with photographic illustrations and personal stories going back to the 1800s. These books are an invaluable record of the region.

A copy of each one can be found in our library in Shop 3.

**2000: Tea Gardens Hawks Nest—Northern Port Stephens: 2013: Pioneers – History from Winda Woppa to Tahlee
2014: Pioneers and History of the Myall River and Lakes : 2017: A Birds Eye View – History of Hawks Nest**

Copies of the early Nota from 1970 were on display at the Lions Australia Day BBQ Breakfast. It gave visitors the opportunity to read about the opening of the bridge, the swimming pool (built with money raised by the residents of Hawks Nest and Tea Gardens) and many other great stories including a visit by a Royal family member, The Duke of Edinburgh .



Some of our members showcasing our group and our 'Nota to Trove' campaign on Australia Day plus we were there to support Jan for her Australia Day Award.



Did this family drive all the way from Darwin, just to support our Nota to Trove campaign?

Or, just visiting relatives? We do thank them for their generous support and donation.

OUR FAMILY RESEARCH OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY cont'd



On Saturday 16th February Palm Lake Resort at Tea Gardens held an Expo in their Promenade Country Club.

This was for our local community groups, services and organisations, to showcase for residents and prospective residents what makes life so wonderful in these twin towns. Over 30 local community groups took part on this day. Family Research was well represented and have 13 names of prospective members, who will be most welcome to come and visit .

The wonders of TROVE

The Cessnock Eagle and South Maitland Recorder (NSW : 1913 - 1954) / Tue 14 Nov 1939 / Page 4 / PERSONAL

DAVE BROADLEY found getting a living selling vegetables was proving too hard, particularly after the housewives began to economise on the costly potato. Dave has gone to the South Coast to work, but it is quite likely he will return to Cessnock when the opportunity occurs.

While searching for where my mother was born in 1913, I came across these notices which answered my question. Where was Nurse Brown's private hospital? Thanks to the 'digitised' Cessnock Eagle .

The stork visited Mrs. Milton Fletcher at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fisher, of Bellbird, on Wednesday last, leaving a bonny baby girl (Gloria Dawn). **Nurse Brown** was in attendance, and both mother and baby are doing well.

3 - 1954) / Fri 11 Oct 1940 / Page 7 / PERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. ("Ted") Harris, of Dairy Arm, via Wolloombl, are rejoicing in the advent of a bonny little daughter, born at **Nurse Brown's** private hospital, Allandale-road, Cessnock. Both mother and baby are doing splendidly. "Ted" has been showered with congratulations from his many Cessnock friends.

DEFINITIONS OF TROVE

<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/trove->

Definition of trove - a store of valuable or delightful things.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trove>

Definition of trove. : discovery, find: a valuable collection : treasure : haul, collection.

<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/trove> A [treasure trove](#); a collection of [treasure](#). A [collection](#) of things.

NOTA TO TROVE

TROVE most genealogists know the value of Trove, but when we were out in the public domain, a lot of people had never heard of Trove, so we have had to do a lot of publicity and explain its value to everyone, hoping to inspire them to start looking.

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Family Research Group have taken on a mammoth task to get our local Nota paper into Trove. On Monday 18th February we invited Kate Washington to officially launch our project. Back in 2003 the Hawks Nest-Tea Gardens Progress Association gave the original Nota newspaper (1970-1996) to our group for safe keeping and since then papers have been copied to microfilm, but you need a film reader to view them.

Over the following years TGHNFRG committee applied for many grants to have the 8 reels of microfilm digitised by Trove, without any success, until last year when the Royal Australian Historical Society, along with the NSW Government and the Heritage Council of NSW approved a \$5,000 grant to us. This has to be spent before we can reclaim the grant. We were delighted with the response from various groups within our twin towns and we have been able to add another \$3000 to *our well received Grant from the Royal Australian Historical Society*,

To have the 8 reels of film digitised, the process is to scan the master copy of microfilm, perform content analysis, apply Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and quality assurance of the text images and text. So far stage one, to have them microfilmed has been completed, now stage two involves the OCR and quality assurance at a cost of \$2.31 per page (today's price). To complete the eight reels, it is estimated the cost is close to \$20,000.

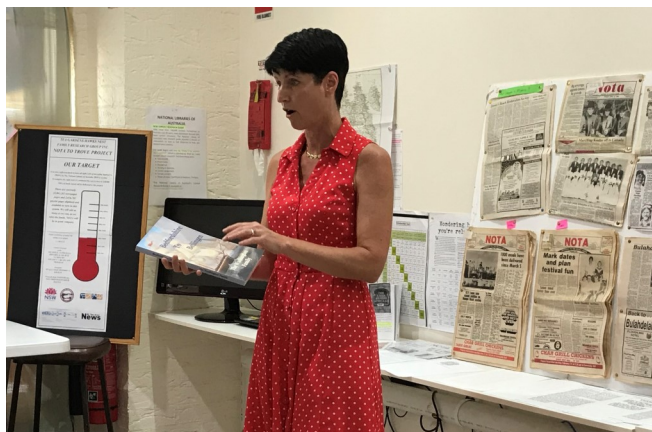
We are sure Shirley Barron, who was the 2nd editor (Mr Peter Richards April 1970-July 1971, the first) and editor for the next 12 years, would be absolutely chuffed to think that her paper, 4 foolscap pages, run off on a Roneo machine, and delivered door to door by the milkman, held at the Post Office for the 'weekend visitors', will be able to be read by people World Wide. The paper was later printed from 1973 by the Cape Hawks Advocate.

We are seeking support from our members, other groups and communities by way of a donations to help complete this project. Every dollar helps get us closer to having the 8 reels digitised. Donations can be made to -

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Family Research Group Inc—BSB 721 000 Account No 67652 Please add on the deposit slip - **A/c S14.2** and your name—thank you.



We were absolutely blown away with the generous donations amounting to \$3000 from various groups in our twin towns. Lion, Craft, Progress Association, Historical Society, RSCC Club, Hugo Estermann—Hawks Nest Newsagency plus many private donations.



Standing room only, maybe we 'need a bigger boat' oops rooms!

The project is launched—thanks Kate.



Delma proudly showing her completed book

Delma is one of our 'newer' members and when asked how she felt when she first joined, "I was very apprehensive when I arrived at the door, but I was made most welcome by everyone, and I now look forward to Monday mornings, it has given me new direction and another interest". Delma set about to compile her book:-

A WALK THROUGH THE WARK FAMILY

"It has been an interesting and rewarding journey compiling and researching my late husband, John Wark's family tree. The help and assistance from the members at the Tea Gardens Family Research Group was invaluable. Many thanks, especially to Lesley Turner, who when I came to a 'dead-end', (quite a few times!!) would say, "Now lets go back". I am very thrilled and happy with my completed book, thank you all."

Delma is now compiling another book of children's stories as told to their grandchildren by their grandfather John.

Researching your family tree isn't just names and dates on paper or in the computer. These names need 'flesh and bringing to life' for your future generations to read when they feel the need to know more about their family.



HOT OFF THE PRESS - New Records on FamilySearch—February 4, 2019

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-january-2019-records/>

FamilySearch expanded its free online archives in January 2019 with over 25 million new indexed family history records and over 170,000 digital images from around the world. New historical records were added from **Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States, which includes Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia.** Records were also added from **United States Cemetery Abstracts, Native American eastern Cherokee Indian Reservation Rolls, United States Obituaries, and United States Veterans Administration Master Index.** New digital images were added from **BillionGraves.**

Find your ancestors using these free archives online, including birth, marriage, death, and church records. Millions of new genealogy records are added each month to make your search easier.

GENEALOGY ON FACEBOOK— <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook>— Katherine R Wilson

Katherine R. Wilson of Ann Arbor, Michigan is an engaging & dynamic [genealogy lecturer](#) at local, regional and national conferences; an educator teaching beginning, intermediate, and advanced [genealogy classes in Michigan](#) since 2001; the author of [The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan](#) (published in 2018 by [The In-Depth Genealogist](#)), and a [professional researcher for private clients](#).

Her genealogy interests began when she was a Junior Girl Scout working towards a “My Heritage” badge, and her passion was fuelled when, after college, both her mother’s and father’s relatives gave her binders containing generations’ worth of family information.

Her success in using Facebook to break down genealogical brick walls (both personally and in her classroom) inspired her to compile [a list of 13,200+ Facebook genealogy links \(updated November 2018\)](#). Additionally, she has created [a compilation of 160+ instructional genealogical channels on YouTube](#).

Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps Katherine’s audience fully engaged and actively participating in her energetic and entertaining presentations. Participants leave with the tools necessary to do their own research, as well as the inspiration to do it!

Download the 351 page PDF file containing 13,200+ links (updated in November 2018) to English-speaking Facebook groups & pages related to genealogy & history here: [“Genealogy on Facebook” List](#)

Please note that the first section of the list is a clickable table of contents – if you click on the country you’re interested in, you’ll be immediately directed to that portion of the list. Also note that the links within the list are clickable and will take you directly to that page or group.

To be notified each time the list is updated, please “like” my professional Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SocialMediaGenealogy.org.

Gail Dever has a broader Canadian list that includes French-speaking groups & pages, and that can be downloaded at [Facebook for Canadian Genealogy](#). Alona Tester has an Australian list that can be downloaded at [Facebook for Australian History & Genealogy](#)

FreeBMD is a website that is hugely useful for English and Welsh researchers. Their Administrators ask; Can you help us to improve FreeBMD?

The FreeBMD website will be undergoing a revamp over the next few months. The new website, which will run alongside the current one, will be in line with the design used for sister projects FreeCEN and FreeREG. We want to make sure that it continues to provide the service that family history researchers know and love, whilst possibly incorporating new features that will improve your experience.

We're asking you in this form, for how and why you use FreeBMD, and what, if any, improvements you would like to see. Please make your responses as clear as possible.

We understand that due to the nature of genealogy research, answers will be approximate, or 'your best guess'. If you feel you have more to say than the question structure allows, please make a note and use the answer space in the final question to tell us.

If you're wanting to help them out, [CLICK HERE](#) (Ctrl+ click) to go to their survey.

You can find out about how we'll use your personal data on our Privacy Notice:

<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/files/Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>

DNA: AncestryDNA FAQ <https://www.ancestry.com.au/dna/legal/faq> answers all your questions for DNA

LEARN HOW TO (AND WHY YOU SHOULD) CITE YOUR GENEALOGICAL SOURCES [HIGHLIGHT]

Posted by [Alona Tester](#) | Feb 15, 2019 | this page - copied with permission from **The Latest from Genealogy & History News** for 02/15/2019 <https://gould.com.au> - free newsletter with lots of new tips.

There's a popular quote that "Genealogy Without Sources is Mythology", and it's true to a degree. While you may well have the facts correct, others looking at your tree, or whoever you pass your tree on to, don't know the validity of it without seeing the sources. So yes, they really are important. Besides, do you really think you'll remember where you got that death date from, or the name of your great great grandpa's 3rd wife in 5 or 10 years time? So it's as much for you as anyone else.

But HOW do you cite a source? There's plenty of great advice on just how to do this.

'[Referencing for Genealogists: Sources and Citation](#)', is a new book that is written by Ian Macdonald, Chairman of the [Register of Qualified Genealogists](#) organisation, and suggests the following ...

Reliable genealogical conclusions depend on reliable data. Central to any good investigation is an appreciation of where the data came from, so that other investigators can re-examine it and re-establish the conclusions reached. Genealogy is little more than anecdote when the sources for facts are not cited and where clear references to sources are not given.

'Referencing for Genealogists' will enable others to follow in your footsteps because it gives you the means to write clear, unambiguous references that provide solid support to the evidence you offer towards your conclusions. It is packed with examples that the reader can learn from and that also provide a treasure trove of sources invaluable to any genealogist.

RootsFinder Joins the Findmypast Family *By Alona Tester on Feb 26, 2019 09:09 pm*

The latest big genealogy news is that Findmypast has just acquired RootsFinder, which consists of their "RootsFinder family tree product", along with the new features to help customers analyse their DNA results.

The post [RootsFinder Joins the Findmypast Family](#) appeared first on [Genealogy & History News](#).

Find My Past Have added to their Yorkshire list;

Baptisms – over 135,000 new additions covering 81 new parishes. Each record contains transcript, an image of the original register which reveals your ancestor's baptism date, place and denomination and parent's names.

Marriage Banns: . Over 35,000 new records covering 57 additional parishes, covering original transcript and image entry with banns date, marriage year, residence, spouse's name and spouse's residence.

Marriages:- over 35,000 additional records covering 68 new parishes containing transcript and image of original, marriage date, location, birth year, residence, occupation, marital status, father's name and witnesses' names for both bride and groom.

1939 Register update – over 287,000 additional 'open' records have been added.

Historical Newspapers:

Buckinghamshire Examiner covering the years 1889-1895, 1897-1910, 1912-1941, 1955-1970, 1972-1978, 1980

East Kent Gazette covering the years 1857-1887, 1889-1894, 1912-1918, 1925-1930, 1946-1964.

FMP are also offering a 40% discount on any 1 month or 6 month subscription <https://www.findmypast.co.uk> or come to shop 3 where we have a subscription.

AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY AND HISTORY SNIPPETS – 27th February 2019

Who Do You Think You Are? Australia Season 10 (2019) is Coming

Good news folks, Who Do You Think You Are? Australia is returning in 2019 for a 10th season and will feature stars such as Casey Donovan (singer), Kurt Fearnley (paralympian), Scott Cam (television personality) and Rodger Corser (actor) with others still to be announced. The air date has not yet been announced.

STATE RECORDS: Subscribe to their free Newsletter—**Now and Then**—so much information and notices re Webinars. <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au>

Their free webinars focus on the wonderful resources of the NSW State Archive collection and how to access them. If you log into the above address and go to Webinars, there are instructions and a list of upcoming sessions.

RAILWAY RECORDS will be on Thursday 11th April 2019 10-11 am.

MARRIAGE, LOVE & LAW behind the exhibition will be Tuesday 7th May 2019 10-11am

RECORDS OF THE LOWER COURTS—Wednesday 19th June 2019 10-11am

TRACING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES— Tuesday 27th August 2019 10-11am

PRE-1856 LAND TENURE RECORDS— Thursday 24th October 2019 10-11am

PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE NSW STATE ARCHIVES COLLECTION—Tuesday 12th November 2019 10-11am

You need to register to 'attend' a live webinar below - you'll receive an email with a link that you click on at the appointed time. Joining and participating is easy, if you are new to webinars have a look at the [QuickStart tutorial](#). If you are having trouble registering, please contact us at info@records.nsw.gov.au.

All webinars are recorded and past webinars appear in the library so you can view them at a time convenient to you at <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

If you are interested, if possible, we will open Shop 3 and view it together on the big screen—just let us know.

GRO – England and Wales births and deaths – <https://www.gro.gov.uk>—

The pilot scheme for supplying certificates for births and deaths in England and Wales, has finished and now is a permanent service. Births 1837-1918 and Deaths 1837-1957. The certificates are transcribed with full names and the birth indexes from 1837 onwards show the mothers' maiden surname. Death indexes from 1837 onwards show the age at death, but they don't state whether it is years or months.

These are an 'online certificate' must include the GRO index reference. To find the reference numbers online search [GRO Indexes of historic births \(1837 – 1916\) and deaths \(1837- 1957\)](#) - (Ctrl+Click)

To Order Certificates Online

GRO Indexes 1837-1918 Births & 1837-1957 Deaths

Search the registration indexes to find a GRO reference within the above years, this will help locate these entries. (Current and Marriage indexes are not available to search here:

Please see 'Find out about researching my family history' or 'place an order')

GRO also has some other records, starting at a later date, for example for civil partnerships and adopted children. You can check which records are held by the GRO. There's a different process for getting certificates in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

From 16th February 2019 GRO have increased the price of certificates and made changes to delivery options.

*You need to register and log-on and have one of the following credit cards below:

*Full name and postal address

*An e-mail address

*Details of the registration event you are applying for—eg birth, death, marriage, civil partnership or adoption.

*If you are using for the first time, you will need to complete the registration process. You only need to do this once.



This is a great and very quick service.