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covers the whole Manning Region as shown in the above map and includes the following areas:

Manning Valley, Wingham, Taree, Kendall, Cooperbrook, Old Bar, Forster, Harrington, Manning Point, Nabiac, Bulahdelah, Kew, Krambach, Oxley Island, Mitchells Island, Tinonee, Moorland, Lansdowne, Killabakh, Failford, Rawdon Vale, Tuncurry, Coolongolook, Bungwahl, Smiths Lake, Wallis Lake.

OFFICE BEARERS:

President:	G Rose		
Vice Presidents:	G Toohey	L Kidd	
Secretaries:	S Robinson	J Mitchell	
Treasurer:	J Parslow	L Haynes	
Librarians	J Mitchell	C Troth	
Committee:	I Hardy	L Kidd	P Jarman
Research:	G. Toohey	N. Swan	
Newsletyter:	I Hardy	J McGeachie	P Jarman
Public Officer:	L Haynes		
Publicity:	G Rose	G Toohey	

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

It gives me much pleasure to present my Annual Report.



Our Society has had another very successful year socially, financially and in asset acquisition.

Financially, our Bunnings barbecues have been a boon, although that avenue for raising funds has become so popular in our local area that allocation of a date is now difficult to obtain. We may have to consider an additional venue when it becomes available. In that regard I am referring to the future opening of Masters, where I assume Community Barbecues will also be available. Membership is growing steadily and remains a good source of revenue. Revenue from sales of our books etc is declining somewhat, possibly due to more information becoming readily available online, and I suspect that some hard copies of our resources are available from a secondary source. Consideration should now be given to production of a new Pioneer Register covering the period to say 1945.

During the year we purchased a “you beaut” printer/copier with all the bells and whistles with grant monies and we no longer need to outsource printing needs. This has been a great cost saving to our Society.

Our ongoing partnership with Greater City Library is very sound and I must thank Margie Wallis and her staff for their wonderful support. We do indeed appreciate our comfortable home within the City Library even though space on our shelves is a problem.

To my executive team, many thanks for all your hard work during the year. It is very much valued by me in what has been and continues to be a very trying year personally. To those, too many to name, who have been regular volunteers within the library and to Bunnings and functions, they all know who they are, a very hearty thanks. To our Vice president and Research Officer Gloria Toohey, thank you for stepping in during my absences and for your wonderful workshops and publicity efforts on radio, and production of the Fig tree.

I feel that I am now unable to give the Presidency the attention that it deserves and will not be available for any office this coming term. I do believe that I have been in the chair longer than needs be and new blood and ideas are needed to promote our Society. I will support the Society as much as I am able and wish the new executive every success for the future.

GEORGE SAWYER

SOCIETY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: *.Thank you to all who renewed their Membership*

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to, Doreen White, Barbara Thompson, Sharon Jones, Janice Warner, Bevan Swan, Evelyn Frampton, Geoffrey & Kellie Harrison, Delma Gorton, Desmond William, Jennifer Bryant, Daphne Simpson, Marilyn Bishop, Annette Giles, Judith Mason, Geoff Spencer, Pauline Williams, Jennifer Lee, Wendy Hogan, Kay Lane.

We would also like to welcome back, Steve Woodley, Janette & Tony Holland.

BUNNINGS BARBECUE: Remember the date: 27 October.

If you are able to spare an hour or two on any of these days, please add your name on the list at the Library. This will be the last BBQ for 2013.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday	12	September	Seminar
Saturday	21	September	General Meeting
Saturday	28	September	Workshop
Saturday	19	October	General Meeting
Saturday	26	October	Workshop
Sunday	27	October	Bunnings BBQ



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Thank you to Jan for organising lunch at Kowin in July. The next outing will be our Christmas Party .

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THE AGM



The AGM was held on 17 August 2013 when all positions were declared vacant. Following elections there are several changes to the committee line-up .

Congratulations to our new President, Graeme Rose, and a heartfelt thank you to George Sawyer for all his hard work while holding this position.

Other committee members retired due to personal commitments and others who wore many hats have handed some of these onto others.

The new scanner is closer to purchase with the Library agreeing to assist financially.

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LIFE MEMBER

The Society's new President, Graeme Rose's, first official job was to announce the elevation of GLORIA TOOHEY as a life member of our Society and present her with a life member badge..



George Sawyer, retired President, would like to congratulate Gloria on her special occasion and thank her for her help.

Gloria , as you know, has dedicated much of her time to our Society in many and varied ways vis: Research Officer

Vice President

Publicity Officer

Fig Tree Editor

Printer of Publications

Educator

There are tasks of a sundry nature too many to mention.

We all know the time Gloria has devoted many hours to the Society and this has been very much appreciated by us all.

Her workshops are legendary, and her ABC interviews on a regular basis have given us valued publicity.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS GLORIA ! WELL DONE

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA has announced that the first batch of the glass-plate negatives from the Fairfax Glass Plate Collection has now been digitised and published. The images capture significant events, news and everyday life in Australia during the early 1900. Fairfax Media donated more than 18,000 glass-plate photographic negatives to the National Library in December 2012. Since then, the Library has been undertaking an extensive project to restore, digitise and catalogue the collection. Search at.....

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/picture/result?q=text%3A%22Fairfax+archive+of+glass+plate+negatives%22>

GRAVESECRETS is a website with some valuable recourses. One is a “private collection” of cemetery headstones Photos, mainly in South Australia. Cemetery listing have names and for a small charge you can purchase a photo.

The site also has Pictorial Honour Rolls of Australia who served in ww1.

<http://www.gravesecrets.net/index.html>

The latest NSW State Records newsletter “Now and Then” has some interesting articles, one of which is Spotlight on the Newcastle Industrial School and the writings of researcher Jane Ison.

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/now-then-enewsletter/now-then-63-august-2013>

The Australian Monument to the Great Irish Famine (1845-1848) is located at the Hyde Park Barracks, on Macquarie Street, Sydney. The monument was inspired by the arrival in Australia of over 4,000 single young women, most of whom were teenage orphans. They arrived under a special emigration scheme designed to resettle destitute girls from the workhouses of Ireland during the great famine. The Famine Orphan Girl Database can be searched at.....

<http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/orphans/database/>

HELP FOR THOSE GETTING STARTED

1. Start with yourself - write down when and where you were born and married and details about your children. Do the same for your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents until you can go no further.
2. Sort out family papers, photographs and heirlooms. Some might seem unimportant, but you never know what may provide a clue further down the line.
3. Let everyone know you are researching your family tree. Ask to borrow family papers and heirlooms from relations. Naturally they may be unwilling to loan precious items, so offer to scan, photograph or photocopy them.
4. Take great care of family heirlooms. Store them in a dry room well away from sunlight or waterpipes.
5. Photocopy any documents you are going to refer to again and again, to prevent damage to the originals.
6. Do not use sticky tape to repair torn documents (or cheap plastic folders to store them). Doing so will cause irreparable damage.
7. Label and date any photograph you take and try to do the same for older family shots you come across. This will make it easier for your descendants to identify the family.
8. When possible talk to older members of the family about their memories of growing up and the relations who have passed on. They can provide information that you can't obtain from any other source. But remember that memories can deceive.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES:

McCLINTOCK: Could the person who sent information please contact the Research Office. The original enquirer would like to make contact with you.

BURNS/MOONEY/ SHEATHER (Taree, Wingham)

HIRST (Bulahdelah)

STORM Family (Taree)

HOGAN/STEWART (Victoria)

WOOTTON (Bulahdelah, Taree)

Newspaper Articles **PARKER/TURNER** (Tinonee)

Newspaper Articles **BADGER** (returning POW)

If you can help with any of these enquiries, please contact the Research Officer.

Federation of Family History Societies (UK)

In association with Society of Australian Genealogists and Australian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

Presents the Australasian really useful information leaflet.

These are available to all members.

Please come in and collect your copy.

Thank you to our Lancashire member Jennifer Benson for organising these leaflets.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is generally understood, that Sir Edward Parry has directions to commence a whaling establishment at Port Stephens, or on the River Manning, on a scale commensurate with so rich and extensive a Corporation, and to let all the farms and buildings at Port Stephens to farmers, who in the crews of the whalers are to find a proximate market for their meat, grain, and other produce. We consider whaling to be a rational adventure; and that while it will remunerate the Company, it will at the same time accelerate the wealth, importance, and prosperity generally of N. S. Wales. - Sydney Monitor 9 Jan 1830 (from Trove website)

MANNING WALLAMBA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

Presents

UNUSUAL AND ELUSIVE

with

GUEST SPEAKERS

Kaye Vernon

(From Teapot Genies)

***Unusual Records to enhance your
family history In NSW State Records***

Indexed by Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen, the Teapot Genies

Suzanne Voytas

(Author of "Elizabeth 1828—the Worst and Most Turbulent")

***Helpful hints to find your
elusive ancestors***

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013

10.15AM TO 2.00PM

In Greater Taree City Library Victoria St Taree

COST: \$10 per person

Limited to TWO (2) persons from each visiting Society.
(due to size of venue)

Please book by Friday 6th September

Email: secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au
Ph 02 65929219 (10am – 12noon)

RESEARCH SERVICE: Research Form can be downloaded from Society website. Initial Research Enquiry \$20.00. Research enquiries will be published in our newsletter 'Fig Tree'. All correspondence must be addressed to Secretary, PO Box 48 Taree NSW 2430

COMING CHANGES IN THE WORLD OF GENEALOGY:

- ◆ *Is the UK Census going - or simply changing?*
- ◆ *Missing baptism? Try June 1837*
- ◆ *Errors in online trees*
- ◆ *Ancestry to kill off Old Search*
- ◆ *1.2 million more Welsh records at findmypast*
- ◆ *Correction: ScotlandsPlaces*
- ◆ *Can the EU stop us researching our ancestors?*
- ◆ *False rumours spook Canadian genealogists*
- ◆ *Does Prince William really have Indian ancestry?*
- ◆ *Social class is inherited from grandparents say Researchers*
- ◆ *Recycling of graves in London cemeteries*
- ◆ *Danger is my middle name*
- ◆ *Genealogy in the Sunshine*

(Details can be found at Lost Cousins Newsletter

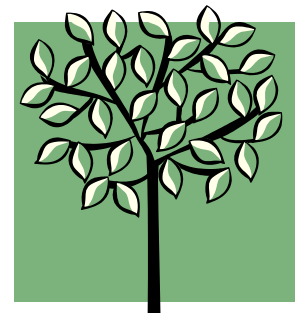
<http://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters/jul13news.htm>



REMEMBER: *Find My Past can be accessed on the three computers in the Family History area of the Greater Taree City library.*

Ancestry.com can be accessed on all computers in the Greater Taree City Libraries (not limited to Taree).

Thank you to the GTCC Library staff for making these available.



WANTED: ARTICLES FOR THE FIG TREE

We are always looking for Articles, Things of Interest or Upcoming events to be included in "The Fig Tree". If you have anything you would like included, please email them to editor@manningwallambafhs.com.au



GORTON FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of Noel and Elizabeth (Adams) Gorton are invited to a family reunion to be held on Saturday 5 October 2013 at the Nabiac Showground Hall. Morning and afternoon tea supplied, BYO lunch., displays, photos, memorabilia, games, a little bit of history and a lot of reminiscing.

On Sunday 6 October 2013 family members are invited to visit Stroud, home of our ancestors, see the sights at your own pace and gather for an informal BYO picnic lunch at the showground.

Updates on all descendants is sought for inclusion in the family tree. Associated names include Bailey, Britton, Fernance, Hancock and Harragon.

To register your interest or to find out more information please contact Joanne Gorton at 496 Comboyne Road, Wingham NSW 2429, or wayneandjo_gorton@hotmail.com or on Facebook - Gorton Family Reunion 2013

Why spend money on tracing your family tree?

Just go into politics and your opponents

will do it for you.

