



# AFFHO Newsflash

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### Current Projects

Save the Census      Index of Indexes  
National Family History Month (AUS)  
National Family History Month (NZ)

### Membership

Full membership is open to any organisation based in Australasia, which satisfies the Council that it is primarily concerned with family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

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## *A word from the President*

National Family History Month is over for another year – and it has been a great success. From the launch in the National Archives of Australia in Canberra to drawing the wonderful prizes donated by sponsors and supporters. At the launch I was privileged to present the Nick Vine Hall Award to Clive Smith, representing the Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society and to Carolann Thomson representing the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. It is always a pleasure to meet members of our societies and to hear what they have been up to.

Shauna Hicks coordinated the month's activities but I am sure that everyone appreciates that the work done during the month is only a small part of the overall workload. Garnering support of sponsors and promotion and marketing of NFHM takes many hours of work over many months. Shauna's work benefits all family history societies and, on behalf of all who participated and benefited, I thank her.

I am pleased to welcome a number of societies to AFFHO. Maryborough Family Heritage Institute joined us in July and the following societies joined as a result of the prize draw in NFHM:

Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory  
Dublin History Group (South Australia)  
Holroyd Family History Group (NSW)  
Gladstone District Genealogical Society (QLD)  
Gisborne Genealogical Group (Vic)

Both Shauna and I look forward to NFHM2015 when we hope to see even greater participation in NFHM activities. Societies that weren't involved this year really did miss out on the opportunity to be involved in a great national event which allowed local societies to attract media attention and provided an opportunity to win some great prizes. Time to start thinking about NFHM2015.

Our next big event is, of course, Congress 2015 in Canberra at the end of March. Plans for this are really moving along and registrations rolling in. Early Bird registrations close at the end of October so do make sure that your members know about this. You will find all the information on the website at <[www.congress2015.org.au](http://www.congress2015.org.au)>.

Happy researching

*Kerrie Gray*  
President

*Together we can achieve much more!*

## A Long March from Lithgow

The Lithgow & District Family History Society Inc. launch of their War Hero Project was very fittingly held on Remembrance Day 2012 at Club Lithgow.

Federal Member for Calare, John Cobb and Lithgow Mayor, Maree Statham spoke on the importance of remembering our diggers and wished the society all the best for the publishing of the book in 2014.

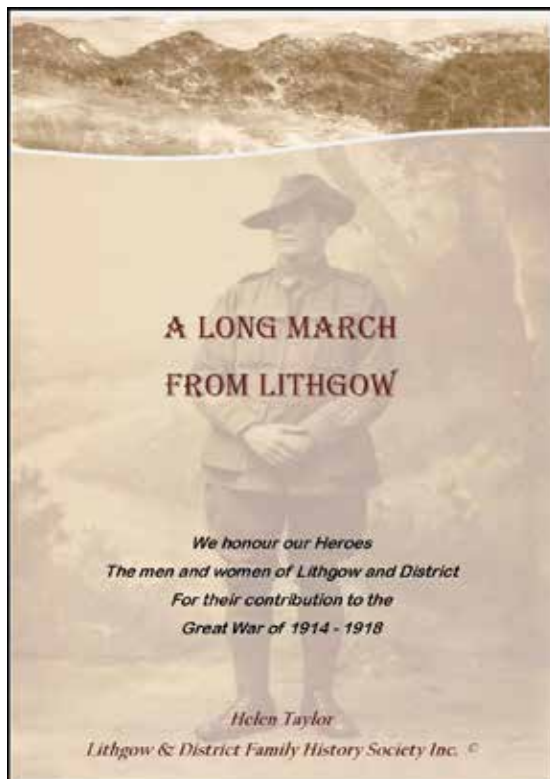
The book, titled *A Long March from Lithgow*, will be launched at a function to be held at Club Lithgow on 9 November 2014 and includes short biographies of over 1300 men and women who served their country in what was known as The Great War.

Information for the book has been sourced from Australian War Memorial, National Archives, Mapping our Anzacs, the *Lithgow Mercury* and *Lithgow Democrat* newspapers as well as from stories shared by families and friends. Photographs of those who served have been included where available.

Bathurst Historian, Denis Chamberlain will be the guest speaker at the Launch which is open to members of the public. Afternoon tea will follow the conclusion of official proceedings.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Society by e-mail to <ldfhs@lisp.com.au> or phone 02 6353 1089 during LDFHS library hours or by mail to The Secretary, LDFHS Inc, PO Box 516, Lithgow NSW 2790.

Books may be pre-ordered by contacting the Society. Orders



placed before and including 3 October 2014 Pre Publication price will be \$50 plus postage \$13.40 (if required). For orders placed after 3 October 2014 the price will be \$60 plus postage \$13.40 (if required).

## South Australian news

State Records South Australia, together with the SA Branch of the National Archives of Australia, has recently relocated to the State Library of South Australia on North Terrace, Adelaide. While this has the advantage of a 'one-stop shop' for state, national and other records, the disadvantage is that state and national records are housed elsewhere and if not microfilmed, have to be brought in from the repository. Researchers will then have to pre-order records on-line, or return later in the day or the following day, to see records.

The State Government has also appointed a consultant to investigate the merger of State Records with the State Library. This is largely driven by budgetary constraints, and is actively opposed by the history community. There is also a concurrent review of the *State Records Act*, which has yet to report to government.

**Copy deadline for December Newsflash:  
15 November  
make a note in your Diary NOW**

## For Sale

*Cemeteries,  
War Memorials  
and  
Honour Rolls  
in the  
Bombala Council Area*

*Book 1 – Bombala  
\$50.00*

*Book 2 – Aston, Bibbenluke, Cathcart,  
Corrrowong, Craigie, Delegate,  
Mount Cooper, Tombong  
\$45.00*



Available at Delegate - RTC and General Store; Bombala - Cosmo Cafe, Newsagency and Family History Group; Eden - Killer Whale Museum; Bega - Pioneer Museum and Pambula-Bega Valley Genealogy Group

## **Milton Ulladulla Family History Society Inc.**

After 30 years of moving from one location to another, the Milton Ulladulla Family History Society Inc. has finally found a permanent home in the Ulladulla Civic Centre, Lower Level, 61B Princes Highway, Ulladulla.

The Grand Opening was on 12 July and our Patron, The Hon. Shelley Hancock officially declared our new rooms open for research.

A lot of fun was had by all with lucky door prizes, raffles and a sausage sizzle with cuppa and biscuits to celebrate and raise funds for resources.

A reporter from *Milton Ulladulla Times*, our local newspaper, attended the opening and interviewed and photographed members, friends and visitors and a lovely article was presented in the following week's paper.

Our facility, on the lower level, has access by wheelchair if required and plenty of parking.

The research facility is open from 10 am - 2 pm Monday and Wednesday and 9.30 am - 1.30 pm Saturday every week.

For further information, phone President Elaine Holloway on 4454 2217 or e-mail the secretary at <secretary@mufhsi.org>. The society's website is <www.mufhsi.org>.



*Patron The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly and Member for South Coast officially opening our room at 11.00 a.m.*



*Members at the Grand Opening of new Research Room*



**Caloundra Family History Research Inc.**

### **An afternoon with Lady Mary Teviot**

*For everyone who has an interest in English Research*

**Saturday 6 December 2014**

**Seminar 12.30 pm to 4 pm**

Registration and Cuppa from Noon  
at

**Caloundra District Indoor Bowling Assoc. Inc.**

Western end of Burke Street, Golden Beach, Caloundra  
Hall entrance and parking at the rear of the building

**Bookings essential:**

Roz Kuss, phone 5493 1197, e-mail <kenroz@caloundra.net>;  
Dawn Kemp, phone 5492 2208, e-mail <kk999@bigpond.com>.

Direct Payment BSB 633-108 A/c 146 865 399. Please add "Lady Teviot+your name"  
in Reference Box.

<caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au>

#### **PROGRAM**

(Each Session 50 minutes including Q & A)

- Wills and Administrations
- I Never Thought of That - A Second Look at Problems
- Afternoon Tea
- Workhouses

**Cost \$20 includes afternoon tea.**

RSVP before Thursday 27 November, final date for names and payment

To secure your seat

**No refund for cancellations after 29 November**

## **Caloundra Family History Research Inc.**

Our little group held a most successful Open Day at our research facility at Corbould Park on Saturday 16 August 2014. We celebrated for a number of reasons:

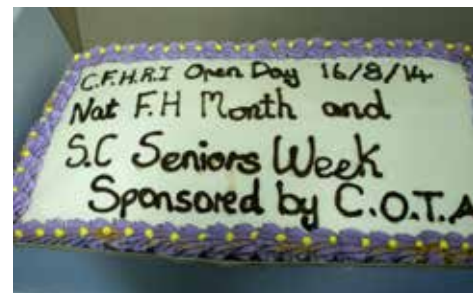
National Family History Month; Sunshine Coast Seniors Week; and thanked our very own Volunteers, without whom we could not survive.

While we hadn't had rain for many weeks on the Sunshine Coast, Saturday proved to be a very wet day, so when more than twenty members of the public come into our rooms throughout the morning, we were very pleased. With twenty-three of our members on hand to assist, we happily gave them a tour of our facility, some genealogical tips and helped with research for a number of seniors. Some joined up immediately and others made arrangements to return when our library opens again next week.

A raffle was held and won by a member of the public, the prize being Annual Membership for one year plus copies of the group's index CDs and publications. A wonderful morning tea, supplied with the generosity of COTA Queensland followed, in our meeting room. The Committee, Volunteers and Members agreed that everyone's input contributed to the success of the day, which was most enjoyable.

Enter Gate 2 at the Corbould Park Racecourse at Pierce Avenue, Little Mountain to find the Caloundra Family History Research Inc library. There is plenty of parking and wheelchair access to the building. The group's website is <www.caloundrafamily-

history.org.au> and has a map to locate the building. All enquiries about the group are welcomed by contacting Valerie on 5437 3879, Roz on 5493 1197, or Dawn on 5492 2208. E-mail address is <caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com>.



### **Nick Vine Hall Award**

Each year we award the The Nick Vine Hall Award to member societies (in two categories based on membership) for the best family history journal/newsletter in Australia and New Zealand. AFFHO provides this award to encourage its member societies to produce quality journals/newsletters, and to honour Nick Vine Hall AM.

The late Nick Vine Hall fervently supported and represented AFFHO at a National level in a Save the Census Campaign in the mid 1980s. Nick utilised his personable skills as a researcher, author, radio presenter, and speaking engagements towards the final achievement that was announced by the Federal Government of their acceptance of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report Saving our Census and Preserving Our History. This permitted citizens across Australia to "opt in" and allow retention of their 2001 and future Census information, under closed access for 99 years, by the National Archives of Australia, and in so doing made a valuable contribu-

tion to preserving Australia's history for future generations.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Award this year and thank you to the judges for undertaking the very challenging task of selecting the winners. The winners were announced at the launch of NFHM2014 and were:

#### Category A

- 1st Footsteps, Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society
- 2nd The Crossing Place, Casino & District Family History Group Inc.

#### Category B

- 1st The Genealogist, Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies
- 2nd Western Ancestor, Western Australian Genealogical Society

Congratulations to the winners

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## **A Message from Shauna Hicks**

### **NFHM winners**

One 12 month membership of AFFHO for each State/Territory (for societies not already an AFFHO member). Winners are:

Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory for the NT  
Dublin History Group for South Australia  
Holroyd Family History Group for NSW  
Gladstone District Genealogical Society for Queensland  
Gisborne Genealogical Group for Victoria

There were no eligible societies from WA, Tasmania or the ACT.

Two Congress 2015 registrations (for individuals) Winners are:

Liz Pidgeon Victoria Jackie van Bergen NSW

Ten World Heritage twelve month subscriptions to *Ancestry.com.au* (for individuals) Winners are:

William Dudley ACT Kylie Willison South Australia  
Helen Davey Queensland Carmel Galvin Queensland  
Jan Whiteway Queensland Gerard Flannigan Victoria  
Linda Albertson NSW Alicia Kinsey NSW  
Janice Lawrenz NSW Marion Starr NSW

One twelve month subscription to *Australian Family Tree Connections* magazine (for societies):

Winner is Wyong Family History Group NSW

One twelve month subscription to the *Biographical Database of Australia* (for societies - to be used on one computer terminal only):

Winner is Hawkesbury Family History Group NSW

Calligraphic prize by Family Tree Scriptorium (Patricia Barth) *What Makes a Good Genealogist* written by American genealogist George Henry Preble in the 1850s - unframed (for societies):

Winner is Queensland Family History Society Queensland

Two twelve month subscriptions to *findmypast.com.au* (for individuals).

Winners are:

Lindsay Graham ACT Misha Lewis South Australia

Two \$100 vouchers for *GenEbooks* (for individuals). Winners are:

Jeanette Hahn ACT Phillip Cole Queensland

One \$200 voucher for *Unlock the Past* publications (for societies).

Winner is Bankstown Family History Group NSW

One twelve month subscription to *Inside History Magazine* (for societies).

Winner is Tweed & Gold Coast History & Heritage Association NSW

Three vouchers for a full NSW transcription from Joy Murrin (one prize of three vouchers for an individual and one prize of three vouchers for a society to be used as a raffle prize).

Winners are:

Josie Smith Victoria Casino & District Family History Group NSW

Two full access twelve month subscriptions to *MyHeritage* (for individuals).

Winners are:

Cheryl Gribble Queensland Kim Liddell NSW

One \$150 voucher for a *Memento* photo book (for individuals).

Winner is John Force ACT

Three Gift Certificates for the winner's choice of any online course from a choice of over 200 courses offered by the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (for societies to be used for fund-raising eg raffles, door prizes etc).  
Winners are:

Adelaide & Northern Districts Family History Group SA  
Logan River & District Family History Society Queensland  
Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society NSW

One 2014 ACT/NSW conference registration, not including dinner (for NSW/ACT societies or individuals).

Winner is Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society NSW

One \$150 voucher for research services from Shauna Hicks History Enterprises (for individuals).

Winner is Jan Whiteway Queensland

Two \$200 *Unlock the Past* cruise vouchers (for individuals).

Winners are:

Judy Webster Queensland  
Jenni Gay South Australia.

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15 August**

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