



AFFHO Newsflash

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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

How did your family history month events work out? The launch of family history month was held in Adelaide hosted by National Archives of Australia. I was not able to be present but I understand that the event went well. The 2015 Nick Vine Hall Award for large societies was presented to Tony Arthur representing the Genealogical Society of Victoria. This was for the best family history journal published in 2014. The other winners and runners up are reported elsewhere in this newsletter and the Awards will be presented to those societies at other family history events.

My society celebrated 31 days of family history and had events nearly every day so that there was something of interest for everyone. My contribution was a talk on Newspapers, where you can find them, what they contain and how best to do searches. Newspapers can provide us with the stories we can use in our family histories. They

don't necessarily have to name our family. If they lived in a city or town they will probably have experienced the same weather patterns and have been aware of the various events and particular happenings held in the area. The wonderful websites of *Trove* and *PapersPast* have more digitized newspapers added regularly for Australia and New Zealand. Now the month is over it would be a good idea to review your events and to plan for next year's family history month..

Wishing all a new 'find' soon.

Robyn Williams
President

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

Together we can achieve much more!

Family History — a work in progress

Family history is one of the most popular hobbies around the world. Family history is the second biggest subject on the web with sites receiving billions of hits per year. There are over 250,000 Australians who are members of family history related organisations.

Australian Family History month which is celebrated in August each year is an opportunity for family history societies across the nation to showcase their records and share the results of the research of those who have a passion for discovering the long lost stories about their ancestors.

This year the Lithgow & District Family History Society accepted the invitation of the Lithgow Library & Learning Centre to do just this, and the result has been an exhibition of family trees, photographs, items of family memorabilia and more.

The 'more' includes information about some of the exclusive records held at our society's Resource Centre including copies of school admission registers, church registers and some colliery registers.

The Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum has showcased samples of some of the employee records and photos from their museum collection, all of which are

valuable resources in putting the flesh on the bones of the skeletons whose names appear on the family charts. The idea that "the internet is just the tip of the iceberg" when it comes to family history research is one that keeps our society searching for new records and information to add to its collections.

Our society's first President Yvonne Jenkins was a prolific artist and author and encouraged everyone she met to research their family and write down the family stories so they would not be lost to future generations. Examples of Yvonne's work are highlighted in the display cases and in 2013 the society chose to honour Yvonne's memory with an annual essay writing competition. The subject chosen for the 2015 essay was "What my ancestor did in World War I", with

the note that the subject of the essay did not have to be about a soldier.

The presentation of the Yvonne Jenkins Memorial Award for 2105 will be announced at a public function to be held on Saturday 29th August 2015 at the society's Resource Centre, Ewen Smith Memorial Hall, Cnr Tank and Donald Streets, Lithgow commencing at 2 p.m.

Michelle Nichols, Community History Librarian at Hawkesbury Library for over 30 years, well known in both local and family history circles, will be the guest speaker and her subject is "Researching your World War I Soldier". Please RSVP by phone to the society on 02 6353 1089 during opening hours, or e-mail <ldfhs@lisp.com.au> by 22 August.

Contributed by Jan Saundercock, Publicity Officer L&DFHS.



Kathleen Compton and Eleanor Martin at Lithgow Family History Society's display at Lithgow Library & Learning Centre.

2015 Winner
Nick Vine Hall Award

Congratulations to the societies who won or were runners up for the 2015 Nick Vine Hall Award. The Congratulations to the societies who won or were runners up for the 2015 Nick Vine Hall Award. The winners were announced at the launch of Family History Month held in Adelaide and supported by the National Archives of Australia.

Category A —

1st: Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.
Kith & Kin, issue No. 114 - September 2014

Runner-up: Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc.
Genie Allergy, issue No. 74 - June 2014

Category B —

1st: The Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc.
Ancestor, volume 32 issue 4 - December 2014

Runner-up Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.
Western Ancestor, volume 12 issue 12 - December 2014.

Really Useful Leaflet
 A new edition of the Really Useful Leaflet put out by the FFHS is available on the website <www.affho.org>.

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The Western Australian Genealogical Society Runner-up award was presented to President Liana Fitzpatrick by Lorraine Clarke, WA AFFHO representative at this year's National Family History month talks at the State Library of Western Australia.

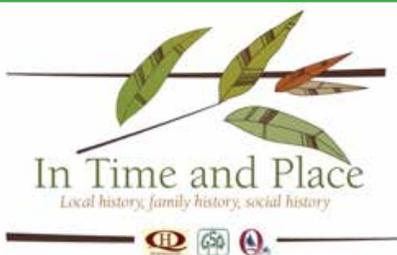
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Family History is Cool!

Do you know the story about...

31 days of Family History August 2015

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.
 FAMILY HISTORY - PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE



In Time and Place

3 - 4 October 2015

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For the first time, local historians and family historians from across Queensland will come together for a program of talks which will cover the two areas of historical study, and to make a selection of talks from either field.

The keynote speakers – Dave Obee, Editor-in-Chief, Times Colonist, British Columbia; Janis Wilton, University of New England and Shauna Hicks, Shauna Hicks Enterprises – will explore links between family and local history. Seventeen other presentations cover a variety of topics in both areas, including those dealing with research strategies and the use of repositories central to research and publication.

Societies and Brisbane repositories have joined commercial enterprises to provide exhibition and trade stands.

The event has been organised by the combined efforts of History Queensland, Genealogical Society of Queensland and Queensland Family History Society members. It has received generous sponsorship including financial assistance for regional Queenslanders to attend.

The programme, presentation abstracts, registration forms as well as other details and updates are available on the website.



Young & District Family History Group's

2nd Annual Antique and Collectables Appraisal Day

Celebrating National Family History Month

Saturday 15 August 2015

9 am – 4 pm

St Mary's Parish Centre

Campbell Street, Young, NSW 2594

(Opposite the Young Museum)

Cost \$5.00 per item or 3 items for \$10.00

Refreshments Available

BY request NO FURNITURE or LARGE ITEMS

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