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'The signing of the Armistice remained unconfirmed until the night of Monday 11 November. The following day there were jubilant celebrations in Townsville.

Early in the morning the whistles of vessels in the harbour were set going and continued for hours. The waterside workers took up the movement by ceasing all work, and headed by two motor lorries bedecked with flags and accompanied by a couple of pipers, marched into town and along Flinders Street.

The procession then grew to include an estimated 55 motor vehicles, 36 motor and horse lorries and about 100 cabs, buggies and spring carts, all of which were elaborately decorated. Stretching over a mile and a half, it passed through Flinders Street three times.'

*1918 Townsville, Queensland, Australia Armistice Day Celebrations
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1918 Townsville Armistice Day Celebrations, © Townsville Library.

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‘Victory Celebrations in Sydney’ from ‘The Sydney Mail’, 20 Nov. 1918.



Editorial

Editor’s Message by Carol Donaghey

There is much excitement amongst members as we reach our 35th anniversary. We’ve come a long way from the beginnings of this Society in December 1983 and we owe a great deal of gratitude to Marie Hart for her interest, efforts and foresight in getting it off the ground. A sub-committee is working on plans for a celebratory luncheon to be held on our meeting day Saturday 6 July 2019 so please pencil that date in your diary.

In honour of the anniversary the team decided to reprint the Society’s first Newsletter in September 1984 (see page 2). A big effort by Marie on her trusty typewriter.

There is a wide variety of stories in this issue which will provide you with reading material over the coming break. Thanks to those members who contribute tales about their ancestors. We love reading them.

The First World War ended on 11 November 1918 and along with the rest of the world Australia celebrated. Our centre pages are dedicated to photos of that time.

You will see on page 21 a general statement on Privacy/Data Protection. Please take the time to read this statement relating to the protection of your personal details.

We need to offer an apology for an oversight on the back cover of the June and September journals this year. It was inadvertently printed that our December meeting day was 2 December instead of 1 December. We hope it didn’t inconvenience any members.

Included in this journal is a Membership Renewal form for 2019 which also has the Privacy Statement printed on the back. Fees remain the same.

The Marie Hart Library will close on Saturday 15 December and re-open on Mon 14 January 2019.

A very happy Christmas to all! The Editorial team wishes each and every member a joyful festive season and a fresh and positive new year that sparkles with love and laughter. May your family tree prosper and grow!

Our First Newsletter September 1984

by Marie Hart

*Our Society started life 35 years ago as the **Far North Coast Family History Group**. In honour of our Anniversary in December this year we have reprinted the first Newsletter as produced by Marie Hart, Member No 1 and the first President.*

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Ballina and the *Far North Coast Family History Group*. I acknowledge with gratitude the Newsletters and good wishes received from other Groups and Societies upon the announcement of our existence in the June issue of *Descent*.

I suppose it could be said that history is in the making as we issue our very first Newsletter! Our Group is a small but enthusiastic one, which came into being on December 17, 1983 when five ladies, in response to an item in the *Notebook* section of the *Northern Star* on December 10, gathered around my dining room table to discuss our shared interest in family history.

After three meetings, and a growth in membership to eleven, we were delighted to be given the use of the Ballina Library for our meetings at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

We were still a small group but had made our mark with a letter published in *The Australian* expressing our concern at the inability of the Public Record Office in Victoria and the State Archives in Queensland to supply information to researchers by correspondence. A note from the Director of the *Society of Australian Genealogists*, Mr Nick Vine Hall, arrived to say "well said", but sadly these Departments have not yet changed their policies.

On June 29, 1984 we were privileged to be visited by Noel and Madeleine Layton. Mr Layton is well known to genealogists as an entertaining and informative speaker and we considered ourselves honoured to have him come to our little corner of the world to talk on various methods of record keeping.

Under the direction of our Research Officer Mrs Edna Tucker several members are assisting in the work of cemetery transcriptions begun by her some time earlier.

Our Secretary, Mrs Betty Aberdeen has cleverly acquired a microfiche reader for us, but since a reader is of little use without the fiche we have embarked on fund raising. To get the ball rolling our Treasurer, Mrs Raylene McLaren, crocheted a double bedspread for us to raffle. We are still stunned at her completion of this task in the month between meetings, while caring for her family and nursing part-time at our local hospital. Perhaps her husband is the phantom crocheter!

All members have contributed in one way or another to the growth and interest of the Group and it is vital that they continue to do so. It will only be with the consistent effort of all that we shall be able to grow and fulfil our aims to promote the study of genealogy and associated subjects, to assist members and others in their individual research projects, and to collect and preserve material related to family, local and Australian history.



*First President of RTFHS, Marie Hart with Current President, Robyn Hilan
Captured by Paulette Flint from Genealogical Society Gladstone District*

Clapham Family of Soldiers



by Bert Clapham

Not many families can say that they sent ten soldiers to the Second World War and that all returned, including one who was a prisoner of war in Malaya/Thailand.

My great grandparents, William and Harriet Clapham (nee Styles) migrated from England in the 1850s. They had a large family and moved around frequently between New South Wales and Queensland. Three of their sons, Alfred, John and William, all married and settled in the Nimbin area as farmers, clearing the land and then dairying.



The Clapham Family

Of the ten soldiers who enlisted, eight were the sons of Alfred and Mabel Clapham. They were Alfred John (Jack), Archibald Edward (Archie), Donald Raymond (Don), Gordon Wallace (Gordon), Henry Horace (Harry), Oswald Ferris (Ossie), Robert James Bloomfield (Bob), and William George (Bill).

Archie was the youngest son and served in the Signals Corps. He was a prisoner of war in Malaya, later working on the notorious Burma Railway.

Cousins Thomas Edward (son of John and Sarah Clapham) and Arthur Donald (son of William and Clara Clapham) completed the family of soldiers.

On his return to Australia Archie spent a year recuperating from his ordeals. He then married and became a dairy farmer. In 1952 he enlisted in the permanent Army. Apparently this was something many ex-prisoners of war did, maybe to help prevent future conflicts or perhaps it was to regain the mateship found in POW camps. Archie was involved in the hotel business after leaving the Army and died in 2002 at Urbenville.

Donald and Bob made names for themselves as boxers. Donald had been the North Coast Welterweight Champion in the 1930s and later was the Welterweight Champion in the Army.

Ossie had enlisted in 1942 at the age of 34. Luckily, he was not sent overseas but served out his Army life in the local Volunteer Defence Corps, an especially important role in the Nimbin area because of the plans to move all stock on the North Coast over the ranges to the tablelands in the event of a Japanese invasion. Ossie and Jack eventually joined the Tick Board along with their cousin Thomas.

Apart from Donald who died in 1960 and Thomas in 1963, most of the Clapham soldiers had long lives. Ossie died in 1999 aged 90 after being married for over 70 years to Alice Saxby. Even POW Archie lived until he was 80. A staunch member of the RSL, Archie often spoke at local schools about war, promoting negotiation rather than conflict. He was a popular and well-liked member of the community receiving Citizen of the Year awards from Nimbin, Urbenville and Redcliffe, Queensland.

Jack, my father, was born at Nimbin in 1905. He was one of 14 children to Alfred and Mabel Helen Clapham. Jack married Edith May Saxby in 1925 and they had a family of four of which I am the youngest. Jack lived and worked in the Northern Rivers area in dairy farming and The Butter Factory at Byron Bay. He died on 2 January 1976 at the age of 72. He was not a well man for many years following the effects the War had on him.



Jack Clapham

I also loved the Nimbin area and after Joann and I were married we bought the Nimbin Post Office and built a house, spending ten years servicing the community.

I am proud to be a member of this patriotic and hard-working family. It was quite an achievement that so many members of the one family went to war, returned home and rebuilt their lives to the benefit of many.

Some text in this article is reprinted with the kind permission of Margaret Henderson, Richmond River Historical Society.

They Wouldn't Believe Me



by Dawn Lotty

In this day and age the discovery of a convict ancestor is something most Australian family historians are happy to find. But I have discovered that this is often the case when the convict was sentenced for a trivial offence that can be justified – like stealing a loaf of bread – and the authorities can be accused of acting harshly.

For many years family members and I had searched for the parents of my great grandmother Mary Ann Walpole whose parents were purported to be free settlers, John and Sarah Walpole, possibly from Plymouth UK. In frustration I turned to a UK Genealogist. What we uncovered showed that Mary Ann's parents were the convicts William and Sarah Ralph. I happily contacted other family researchers with this discovery but they didn't believe me. Why? Because William Ralph was not your average convict.

A number of records show that Mary Ann was born in Parramatta in 1843 to John and Sarah Walpole. The truth is that 'John Walpole' was the alias of her father William Ralph.

William was born in Norfolk UK in approximately 1800. In 1826 he was listed as a tailor when he joined the British Army and was sent to Sierra Leone. There is a probability that William was involved in criminal activities and was given the option of the army or gaol. William was at that time recorded as having the alias of 'John Walpole'.

It is plain to see from William's army record that he did not like the army as he was frequently reported and punished for desertion and was only on active service for eight weeks of the 17 months he was stationed at that garrison.

On 30 January 1828 he was convicted at the Sierra Leone Quarter Sessions for stealing a time piece and sentenced to be transported to New South Wales for seven years. He sailed aboard the *Vittoria* arriving that same year. His alias of 'John Walpole' was again listed beside his name.

Upon arrival he was assigned to Archibald Bell Esq at Richmond NSW. Unfortunately, farming was also something that William did not like and he was committed for trial on the charge of arson having set fire to two

of Archibald Bell's barns. Despite ten eye witnesses to this act the trial, luckily for William, was a farce and he was acquitted on a technicality.

He was granted his Certificate of Freedom on 26 February 1835. The Certificate again states that he was a tailor and soldier and his alias is 'John Walpole'.

William set himself up in his trade as a tailor in Parramatta. However within months, on 6 July, William, annoyed at the lack of payment for his work from the Durham family, imprisoned ten year old Ellen Durham in a storeroom at the back of his shop. Ellen escaped and went straight to the police maintaining that she had been beaten and raped. William was arrested and was originally committed for trial on that charge before it was changed to one of 'beating, bruising, wounding and ill treatment'. The trial papers and the newspapers at the time made it clear that William Ralph used an alias of 'John Walpole'.

William was sentenced to 12 months gaol and was transferred from Sydney to Newcastle Gaol on 31 July 1835. It was during this time that William Ralph met the convict Sarah Slack sentenced to seven years for stealing wearing apparel. On 10 August 1836 William and Sarah were married. The documentation from the Newcastle Church records and the marriage certificate both again state that William Ralph's alias was 'John Walpole'.

William and Sarah returned to Parramatta as John and Sarah Walpole during which time Sarah was remanded to the Parramatta Female Factory for stealing food while she was pregnant with Mary Ann. Given their



*William Ralph and Sarah Slack
Marriage Certificate 10 August 1836*

use of the Walpole alias at that time Mary Ann's surname was listed as Walpole. They then moved to Richmond as William and Sarah Ralph where their son John was baptised as 'John Ralph'. Soon after William completely disappeared.

With one exception, a very distant relative who had similar findings from an Australian Genealogist, the recipients of my research were adamant that John Walpole was their ancestor. Didn't I know that 'John and Sarah Walpole' are recorded in the *Camden Pioneer Register* as Mary Ann's father and mother? It didn't help that I could identify dozens of mistakes about my family in that Register. They also pointed out that Mary Ann had always used the surname 'Walpole' on BDM certificates but then so had her brother John Ralph. Their response to the findings of a professional genealogist was that they were merely a waste of money.

They sent me an eight page family tree that they were referencing to prove that I was wrong. I was shocked at the enormous amount of mistakes and to some degree they were laughable. My mother had become Eleanor Mildred Madge Smith, a far cry from her real name of Annie Bertha Smith, but then six of her eleven siblings did not rate a mention.

My comment that William was who he was and without him we would not be here made some upset that I could think that such a disreputable person could be related to them in any way. Would they have believed me if he was a 'nice' convict?

To save my sanity I stopped trying to explain and filed away my documents thinking of the old saying:

You can take a horse to water but you can not make it drink.

Proposed Changes to Notice of Intended Marriage Form

The Federal Attorney-General's Department is proposing changes that will remove several items, including:

- Usual occupation
- Usual place of residence (full address)
- Father's name in full
- Mother's maiden name in full
- Children by previous marriage or out of wedlock.

Removing these items will impact on future family history researchers making it harder to understand their family history if this information is no longer recorded on *Official Certificates of Marriage*.

A short turn around time was provided for submissions for this proposal so if you missed the deadline of 28 October 2018 you may still be able to make a contribution by writing or emailing the AG's Department.



'D' for 'Driver'

by Jackie Chalmers

When I think of Grandfather, Windsor Charles Dodd, my mind pictures him coming into town to Goondiwindi from whatever property he was overseeing, calling in at our home to visit my Mother, Ida, and then heading off on foot to the main street.

I watched him through the louvres on the front verandah crossing the wide, dusty road with its narrow strip of bitumen in the middle, his small, sprightly footsteps reminiscent of the silent movies! His gait so marked with determination and purpose.

Immaculately groomed for his visit to town, his dark hair with grey edges was fashioned into a curl on his forehead. 'Charlie' as he was called, always wore a vest from which he would take out his fob watch, and a silk handkerchief in his coat pocket. He was dressed for town.

This was my picture of my grandfather before I ever became involved with researching family history. He had retired to a shed built with mainly wrought iron, situated on the banks of the Macintyre River, outside Boggabilla, New South Wales and shared this modest dwelling with his second wife, Isobel. The ten-minute road trip to Goondiwindi was made in his shiny, blue Buick, with the long black running board. And now, when writing of 'Driver' Charlie Dodd, the old blue Buick was the only thing I imagined him driving!

Born 10 February 1882 at Angledool NSW, Charlie Dodd was the son of Joseph Dodd, a farmer and drover from Windsor NSW, and Alice Maude Court. Like his father before him, Charlie became a stockman.

Before and after World War 1, Charlie the horseman worked on several country properties both as station manager and overseer. Some of those properties included Dolgelly Station, Garah; Yeronga Station; and Tarewinnabar, Goondiwindi – all in and around the Walgett, Moree, Dirranbandi and Goondiwindi areas of western New South Wales and Queensland. His duties required him to look after the stock whilst on horseback. When I began my research into his role as a 'driver' in World War 1, I realised that this role involved driving horses – not trucks and cars!

The military term of 'driver' was used in both the British Army and the armies of other Commonwealth countries. It was equivalent to the rank of private. The rank was initially used in the Royal Artillery for the men who drove the teams of horses that pulled the guns. It was phased out after the First World War when all Royal Artillery men of the lowest rank were redesignated as gunners.



*Driver 'Charlie' Dodd
on leaving England for France*

Charlie joined up on 30 August 1916. Like so many of his fellow soldiers, he never spoke of the War. For my research, I turned to the website of the Australian War Memorial and found the diaries of two other Australian Drivers: Claude Harold Ewart and John Henry Llewellyn Turnbull.

Driver Ewart, from West Richmond, Victoria, fought in the 10th Battery, 4th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) driving mainly horses. Driver Turnbull, also from Victoria, served on several fronts, and had written a number of diaries. He drove mostly mules but without the mules and the brave horses, the allies would have struggled to win through. These diaries were a great resource enabling me to understand the drivers' daily routines.

The driver was a soldier trained in the management and use of horses. He was responsible for his horse at all times. The driver and his horses were inseparable even on the train to the front. Drivers stayed with the horses or mules in the rear carriages while the rest of the soldiers stayed up front in the leading carriages.

Driver Ewart comments on boarding the train to Ypres:

We left Doullens about 6:00pm ... we were in a box with eight horses so you see we do not get very comfortable ... travelling in first class here for soldiers ...

The management, condition and state of health of both horses and mules were regarded as important functions in the battery. The driver was responsible for their feeding, watering, resting and grooming. Sometimes the animals were loaded up singly with ammunition. Other times they were harnessed in teams of two, four or six to haul the limbers.

To feed the animals in the depots, they had horselines. The object was for the drivers to establish drained standing for the horses and mules, surrounding them with a wall to protect them from artillery fire – a satisfactory arrangement when the group was away from the frontline and during periods of low activity.

However, with the stress of grounded motor transport, poor going in the mud, long turnarounds or high activity, the wagons were kept going for up to 20 hours a day. The dugout horselines and enclosures became impractical and the horse casualty rate escalated.

The horses could not get into the trenches. The driver had to stay with his horse or mule, heads together, standing in an exposed position whilst the shells whistled past their ears.

Driver Ewart continues:

We took a lovely cross up to Gunner Greenham's grave today. One of the boys made it. There are a lot of graves near our Battery. You can see the Drivers do not have a good time of it. They can't get into dugouts. They have to stick to their horses.

It is wonderful how the horses stand the noise of the guns. You will be going past a battery of guns when they will open up. You can feel the wind of the shell as it goes past your head. You think your head is coming off.



A driver checks the fitting of the horses' gas masks

Then there was the gas! Millions died from exhaustion, disease and poison gas attacks.

As the majority of transport in every army during WW1 was horse or mule transport these animals became as much affected by the gas as their human masters. Just as gas masks were developed for the troops, masks were equally introduced for horses.

Horses were not just useful in a practical sense – they also boosted the morale of their human counterparts who often grew a very strong bond with their horse. This closeness is so evident in the effort made by both horse/mule and driver in the muddy conditions.

Driver Turnbull:

My lead mule fell into a shell hole and went under in the mud ... he could not scramble out on account of the load on his back. He had 8 shells in his pack. I had to jump in and cut away the saddle girths and let the shells go ... the donkey's head went under. I grabbed him by the ears ... one has plenty of ears to get a good hold on, and pulled his head up and wiped the mud from his eyes while he snorted mud all over my face. After a lot of persuasion with my boots he consented to leave the shell hole.

They gradually moved to the front, to the closest point where the wagon lines were set up. This is where Grandfather found himself in August 1918 – the Somme.

The horses were used to transport everything from supplies for the men to ammunition and heavy artillery, often in deep mud that covered the entire battlefield. The horses faced the same hazards that faced the men including the horrors of shellfire, terrible weather and gas attacks and the heavy toll their individual deaths took on the men who had lovingly cared for them.

Amongst the drivers' tasks, their team of six horses and three drivers had to draw heavy artillery. Two teams drew light artillery. Sometimes the team of six horses pulled wagons loaded with ammunition. Drivers' roles also included carrying despatches and returning as an ambulance after delivering ammunition.

Charlie could well have found himself drawing a limber of the Australian Field Artillery bringing ammunition to one of their howitzer batteries in action at Morcourt Gully.

Following the end of the War in 1918 those who survived, including Drivers Dodd, Ewart and Turnbull returned home. Grandfather departed from Okehampton on 16 June 1919.

Of the 169,000 war horses that served in World War 1, only one, 'Sandy' returned home to Australia. Sandy had been assigned to the commander of the Australian 1st division, the first ashore at Gallipoli. It was the dying wish of General Sir William Bridges, who was shot by a sniper, that his horse be returned to Melbourne at war's end.



Driver 'Charlie' Dodd on leaving from Okehampton 16 June 1919

Grandfather, Driver Windsor Charles Dodd, died 19 September 1963 and is buried at Goondiwindi Cemetery.

On a brighter note another four-legged animal that survived the war and was smuggled back into Australia was Driver the Dog. A terrier puppy, Driver travelled on board the troopship Suffolk as a mascot when it left Australia in November 1915. Driver died in Australia in 1926. His mounted hide is in place in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



Grave of Driver Windsor Charles Dodd, Goondiwindi Cemetery, Qld

Note: story taken from a presentation by Jackie on Saturday 2 April 2016.

The Peter Hibbs Story



by Hendrika Johnson

While working on the family tree of my husband, Phillip Johnson of Casino, New South Wales, we were delighted to receive and find quite a lot of information on his direct ancestor, Peter Hibbs.

This seaman never reached the top in the ranks of famous pioneers but we can conclude that he is one of the very few who discovered and lived in Australia between 1770 and 1847. He has a unique place in history as he arrived as a youngster in Botany Bay in 1770 with the *Endeavour*. It has been claimed that he set foot on Australian soil after (Sir) Joseph Banks and while carrying Captain Cook on his back.

In 1788 he returned as an able seaman on the *Sirius*, being the only person of the First Fleet who had been in Australia before. In June 1789 he was selected as one of a picked crew to explore land with Governor Phillip; this journey resulted in the discovery of the Hawkesbury River. On the voyage up the river he took a great fancy to a piece of land where they camped and Governor Phillip granted him this.

In 1790 he went on the *Sirius* to Norfolk Island where a settlement was established but the vessel was wrecked close to the coast of the Island and Peter Hibbs was forced to stay on land after years at sea. He did not waste time as he took up farming and found a partner for life in the convict Mary Pardoe who arrived in the *Juliana*. In 1792 60 acres were granted him on the island. Peter and Mary had six children. He helped build the *Norfolk*, a sloop of 16 tons, and became master. He was selected in 1798 to assist Matthew Flinders on his historic circumnavigation of Van Diemen's Land and Cape Hibbs was named after him.

After 1804 he lived on the Hawkesbury and farmed at intervals; he owned and part-owned several ships. He returned to the sea and in 1814 acquired the *Recovery*, a sloop of 14 tons which plied between Sydney, Port Stevens and the Hawkesbury. In May 1816 the vessel went down off Port Stevens without loss of life and Peter, son George, and a female passenger walked 50 miles to Newcastle during which they were forced to forfeit their clothes to a group of aboriginals. There they boarded the *Windsor* to travel to Sydney. However, the *Windsor* struck Long Reef; again no one was lost but again the survivors had to take to the land and walk along the coast to Sydney Harbour.

Peter returned to the land and lived in a huge cave near Pumpkin Point while waiting for another grant. He acquired and sold more land and the last part of his life was spent farming on the Hawkesbury. He passed away on 12 September 1847 in his 91st year, one of the few people who saw Australia from the very beginning of European influence become an established colony.

This story by an early member is from Cedar Log December 1986

Do you remember these Office Bearers?

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These are the names of our first Office Bearers, some of whom continued their roles for many, many years. Just in these first three years are the names of some who are still active members today.

It's Over

By Carol Donaghey

At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the armistice, signed by Germany earlier that morning, came into effect, finally signifying the long-awaited end to the war. As soon as the news was known, cities and towns around Australia erupted into celebrations.

However, for those troops still on active duty in France, the cause for celebration was harder to enjoy, as they were still surrounded by the devastation caused by the war and the memories of all they had been through, and of those who would not be returning.

Many soldiers wrote of a sense of numbness. It took several days for the implications of the armistice to sink in, to believe fully that this war was over, and that they had survived, and would soon be returning home to Australia.

In Australia Tuesday 12 November was declared a public holiday. The bell in the General Post Office tower rang for ten minutes from 9 am and for five minutes every half hour thereafter until noon. Church bells also rang out. Enormous crowds filled the city, waving flags, throwing confetti. Brass bands played and everyone seemed to have a whistle or a rattle – the noise was deafening.

The Perth Mint has produced a commemorative End of World War 1 100th Anniversary 2018 Stamp and Coin Cover. The coin, showing a dove carrying a poppy, comes in a presentation envelope picturing soldiers celebrating the armistice. The official Australia Post \$1 stamp depicts an armistice badge.



Commemorative Coin – reverse view



Commemorative Coin – obverse view



Crowd celebrates in North Terrace, Adelaide



Street celebrations in Macksville, NSW



Australia's Prime Minister in London
11 November, 1918



Celebrating
Martin Place 1918



Anxiously awaiting loved ones
at a Buffet in Hyde Park, Sydney



Gray Street, Glen Innes, NSW
celebrates 11 November 1918

The Times They are A-Changin'

by Frank Harvey



No. 8 Norton Street, Ballina c. 1920

I thought of this song title by Bob Dylan when I recently received an old photograph of No: 8 Norton Street, Ballina, from Margaret Henderson (well-known as a frequent contributor to the history pages of the Northern Star newspaper). The photo was possibly taken in the 1920s.

Earlier I had given a PowerPoint presentation to our Society entitled: 'Taking A Walk down Norton Street' – which detailed some of the history of significant buildings along that street. As a consequence, several people have since offered additional information to update my knowledge of this well-known and early residential street in Ballina.

A Fruitless Search

I certainly did not recognise the house in the photograph – named 'The Moorings' – so, before knowing that it was No: 8, I drove up and down the street looking unsuccessfully for anything like the building in the photograph.

Imagine my surprise when Margaret Henderson filled me in with the history of this house, and of her own past association with it.

Margaret says:

The Moorings – you can see the name on the back of the veranda wall in the photograph – is right next door to 'Riversleigh House' (on the left). The old wooden house next door on the right in the photograph was McCullys house. It was later pulled down and replaced with a brick house.

There was a lane next to it and the back entrance to 'The Moorings' was from that lane. The old galvanised iron fence on the left side of 'The Moorings' was the back fence of 'Riversleigh'.

I don't know who built No: 8 – but family stories say it was an old sea captain, and that's how it came to be called 'The Moorings'. It was a very solid old building.

When my people lived there – and I did too, while I went to primary school – there were no houses on the other side of Norton street, up as far as Winton Lane, until they were built after the Second World War. In those days you could look straight across to the Bar, so it would have been a good place for a sailor to build his home.

Margaret also adds:

This photo was taken before the house was altered apparently. My Aunt Amy Wright is standing at the gate. After the First World War my Uncle, who was a carpenter, made it into flats and the family rented these for some years. The family sold it in 1959 and it has since been changed again – and the last time I was in Ballina it was operating as a little shop.

Margaret's brother Geoff adds:

Aunt Amy's mother was Clara Wright who used to manage Riversleigh House ... and these flats (at No: 8) were very popular with the Northern Rivers Italian community who would visit Ballina for their holidays.

Architectural Style



No. 34 Norton Street

The architectural style of No: 8 Norton Street is rather unusual. It looks as though the first half has been constructed – and then a ‘mirror-image’ of the first half has been added. There is one other house in Norton Street (No: 34) which is built this way, but the windows and roof-line are quite different to that of ‘The Moorings’.

The Best Burgers in Ballina



Bondie's At The Bay

In 2018 No: 8 Norton Street looks like this (photo courtesy of Facebook). The old house has received a shop-front extension – and operates as ‘Bondie’s At The Bay’ – a fast food restaurant operated by Garry and Kelly Bond. Many of their customers claim they sell ‘The Best Burgers in Ballina.’

‘Times they’ve been a-changing’ – so let’s hope the old Mariner would approve!

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The Society requires your personal information to track payments and ensure current membership; to provide access to members’ only areas on the website; to send out communications including the quarterly journal and monthly newsletter.

A member’s information may be shared with other **Society administrators** who may need to contact a member, for example regarding a specific matter such as participation in a meeting, the cancellation of an event or in conjunction with an article submitted to the journal.

The **register** of your personal details is held by the Membership Secretary. Limited details are held by the administrative person responsible for a specific task, an example being the despatch of Society publications.

We do not publish members’ personal details in the journal without first gaining consent.

We will only share your personal information with a **non-administrative member** after you give your permission.

Should a non-member **researcher** wish to contact you through this Society we will first liaise with you before facilitating any contact.

We do not share personal information from the Membership Register **outside this Society**.

A member may decide to have some of this personal information (eg email address) withheld from the records but this will result in some services being unavailable.

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All in the Family

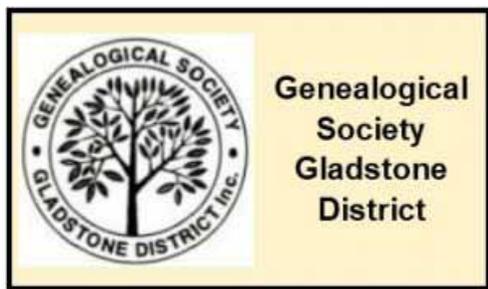


News From Within the Society by Marie Hart

What a thrill it was to see the magical words on the cover of the September *Cedar Log* announcing that our Society was a winner in Category A of the Nick Vine Hall Award for 2018. Our grateful thanks and congratulations go to our editorial team for their enthusiasm and skills and to all contributors to all issues during our soon to be celebrated thirty-five years.

Leigh and Bev Wilson departed in August seeking more adventures in USA and Europe, while Yvonne Randle's big birthday was celebrated with a more modest trip to enjoy whale watching a few miles out to sea from Ballina! Carol Brown also made another trip to the UK and is convinced it is getting to be further away each time she goes. Alf and Jill Clark recently celebrated sixty wonderful years of marriage and Anna Wutte turned 80 which meant we enjoyed her fabulous cup cakes which she cooked for our afternoon tea!

Thank you Joann Clapham and helpers for the bright smiles that greet us as we line up for our cups of tea on meeting days and a warm welcome to Jan Ousby who is our newest Committee member. Joan Fraser recently won the Crowley Retirement Village writing competition and we hope that Chris Reeves' injured foot has healed well by now. We like to know if you are unwell at any time, so do let us know.



Genealogical
Society
Gladstone
District

It was a pleasure to welcome the Secretary of the *Genealogical Society Gladstone District*, Paulette Flint, to our October meeting. Her husband was in the area playing hockey so she was pleased it allowed her time to visit us and exchange ideas over afternoon tea. Remember to check out any area you may visit too and perhaps attend the

Paulette Flint, Secretary of the Genealogical Society Gladstone District visits us.

regular gathering of a Group or Society or explore their holdings.

Dorothy Crawford was a former early member number 107 who died in July just three months short of her 100th birthday and many will also remember another member, Stan Gibbs, who also died recently. A sympathy card was sent to Jean Cummins following the death of her husband in August; I'm sure you will remember that Jean looked after our trading table for us many years ago.

Don Howell had grandchildren visiting from Holland, followed by others from Queensland during September school holidays so probably needed a break himself afterwards, while Eldon Wright has been busy accessioning many excellent new books which you can borrow from our library. You are reminded that in our earliest years we wrote to every Shire and Municipality in Australia requesting books on their area and these are still on our shelves and packed with information about the beginnings of those places – which may well include details of your ancestors' early arrival in those localities.

The President and Committee hope you will find the festive season a time of peace and joy with family and will enjoy a new year of good health and exciting genealogical surprises. After our January break we look forward to your company on the first Saturday in February 2019 when you may like to bring a visitor with you to enjoy our meeting and perhaps be inspired to begin delving into family history with its accompanying thrills and disappointments – but, with our help, many more of the former I'm sure. However, let's all enjoy Jingle Bells time first!

New Members

A Warm Welcome to new members from Membership Secretary, Nola Rodey

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined our Society within the past few weeks:

993 Miss Dorothy O'Driscoll East Ballina NSW 2478
994 Miss Kim Turner North Lismore 2480

We welcome the renewal of members:

686 Mrs Patricia Jean Wilson Ballina NSW 2478
816 Ms Lyle Proudfoot East Ballina 2478

In the Loop



From the Media... by Marie Hart

The July issue of *Relatively Speaking* from the Family History Association of North Queensland contains an interesting account of the Commissariat Store Museum in Brisbane. Built by convicts in 1828, it is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 4pm and costs \$7 for adults, with concessions for others. It could be a worthwhile experience to take grandchildren there during school holidays if you should be visiting Brisbane – and of course you will enjoy it too. Do let us know if you go.

It is hoped the new Kyogle History Museum will open early in 2019. The Society President, Doug Campbell, is thrilled with donations of timber flooring and art deco lighting for the Bloore Street building.

Geoff and Margaret Henderson have faithfully contributed excellent local history articles to The Northern Star for many years. In their July 2018 page they listed another 68 local men who died at Gallipoli. The Richmond River Historical Society at 165 Molesworth Street in Lismore is open Monday to Friday or can be contacted at info@richhistory.org.au.

Traces Volumes 3 and 4 for 2018 await you in the Marie Hart Library and there is a tempting pile of *Who Do You Think You Are* magazines inviting exploration too. We always hope to read of the outcomes of those overseas trips made by some of our members but they haven't yet appeared. Come on you lucky people – tell all and make us stay-at-homes envious. Have you advanced your research by those visits?

In *Cleveland FHS* July journal Brian Stockton said it all. 'Painstaking research should be just that, and time consuming, confusing, full of blind alleys, brick walls, sighs and those Eureka moments when it all becomes worthwhile and you know you have the facts right'.

The New Zealand Genealogist is always a good read too whether or not you have any history in that country. Take some home to read at your leisure!

It is a marvellous cover on *Glamorgan FHS* September 2018 journal of 1911 Welsh suffragists at a Women's Coronation Procession. They are resplendent in long dresses, aprons and those remarkable tall black Welsh hats. *Ancestor* from the Genealogical Society of Victoria has a great account of *SS Great Britain* which made 34 voyages to Australia from 1852 bringing about 20,000 emigrants to swell our population.

There is another *Western Ancestor* for you to enjoy too from a vigorous Society of 14,000 members. The Ballina Library holds a large collection of books on Aboriginal traditions, art and histories which of course can be borrowed, along with wonderfully illustrated books on all areas of Australia.



Women's Coronation Procession 1911 Welsh Suffragists from the cover of Glamorgan FHS Sep 2018 Journal

Woolwich and District FHS journal for August contains an interesting article about thousands of Australian munitions workers who volunteered to travel to England in 1916 to work in their factories. Anyone with connections to those people is invited to contact Sue Holmes who submitted the article. Also in that journal is a full description of the holdings of Greenwich Heritage Centre in Woolwich where over 100,000 people worked during World War I.

Gwydir FHS has reluctantly closed its doors due to falling membership after 34 years. All their assets and unsold copies of their seven published books have been handed to the Moree & District Historical Society. Our secretary Kerrie had a lot to do with that Society when setting up the *Illawarra FHG* so was particularly sad to hear their news, as we were too. Even London's Society of Genealogists is experiencing falling membership.



Woolwich and District FHS August Journal

Jane Griffin will be coordinating our February meeting based on legends in our families and I'm sure we all have them – some true, but many unfounded. She will be grateful if you will work on a small presentation during the Christmas and New Year break when, in theory, you will have plenty of time on your hands! Do keep in touch with her.

If your interests are in the Yorkshire area of England please take time to read the *Cleveland FHS* October 2018 printed issue in the MHL for many worthy articles and reviews of four splendid books. Like our Nick Vine Hall award, this journal was Highly Commended for the Elizabeth Simpson Award 2014 – an award which was instituted very soon after the formation of so many UK Societies over thirty years ago so clearly is still going strong.

And so here we are, close to the end of another year which we hope you have all enjoyed as we fly towards 2019. Remember our Society depends on the goodwill of our dedicated committee and many members who give much of their valuable time to keep us functioning. We hope you will support us in every way you can so, as President Robyn has reminded us, we may continue like dear Hyacinth, in ‘keeping up appearances’!

Journal Gleanings

Australian

These journals are on the shelves in our Library and may be borrowed so you can read them at your leisure. You may well pick up some clues that are unlikely to be found in other places.

Italian PoWs in Queensland 1943–1946	<i>Relatively Speaking July 18</i>
The Irish Orphan Girls	<i>Traces Vol 3 2018</i>
Researching Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders	<i>Traces Vol 3 2018</i>
The SS Great Britain	<i>Ancestor Vol 34 Issue 3 Sept 18</i>
Brief History Liverpool NSW City	<i>Links ‘n’ Chains Oct 18</i>
DNA to Trace Your Family Tree	<i>Links ‘n’ Chains Oct 18</i>

Overseas

Archives & Resources for Cheshire	<i>WDYTIA Jan 18</i>
Reviews of Four New Family History Books	<i>Cleveland FHS Oct 18</i>
What Happened on HMNZT Troopship 107	<i>The New Zealand Genealogist Oct 18</i>
Crossing Paths with CRIPPEN	<i>The New Zealand Genealogist Oct 18</i>

eJournals by Jackie Chalmers

The following eJournals may be read on the computer in the Marie Hart Library.

Australian (G-Y)

Memories of Meroo Meadow	<i>Lake Macquarie FHG, The Chronicle, May 18</i>
Faces Behind the Facades	<i>Lithgow FHG, Lithgow Pioneer Press, Jun 18</i>

Aboriginal Family Research

	<i>Maitland and Beyond FH Inc., Tracks and Trails, Jun 18</i>
What You Can Find at the Barracks	<i>Maitland and Beyond FH Inc., Tracks and Trails, Jul 18</i>
The Van Cooten Family	<i>Maryborough District FHS Inc., Forebears, May 18</i>
Evan’s Drome – ‘Finishing’ School for RAAF	<i>Mid-Richmond HS Inc., Newsletter, May 18</i>
Boyden to Boyde	<i>Milton–Ulladulla FHS Inc., Pigeon House Tidings, Dec 17</i>
What! A Pity	<i>Milton–Ulladulla FHS Inc., Pigeon House Tidings, Jun 18</i>
Nobbys	<i>Newcastle FHS, Journal, Mar 18</i>
Someone Told a Lie!	<i>Newcastle FHS, Journal, Jun 18</i>
Albert Chalmers Borella VC., MM., MID. Life After the Great War	<i>GS of Northern Territory, Progenitor, Jun 18</i>
How did the Name PINAZO get into the Family Grave?	<i>FHS of Rockingham & District, Between the Lines, Jun 18</i>
Historic Somerset Records donated to GSV	<i>South Gippsland GS, Newsletter, Jun 18</i>
Three Ways to Evaluate What You Have	<i>Tenterfield FHG, Tenterfield Generations, Jun 18</i>
Daniel CORKILL and Family	<i>Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS, The Gazette, Jul 18</i>
William Ewart HART	<i>Wyalong District FHG Inc., The Mallee Stump, Mar 18</i>
Secretarial College	<i>Wyong FHG Inc., Tree of Life, May 18</i>
George MOOHONG	<i>Young and District FHG Inc., The Lambing Flat Leader, May 18</i>

Overseas (G-W)

Towers and Spires of Glasgow	<i>Glasgow & W of Scotland FHS, Gallus, Jun 18</i>
Harefield to Harefield	<i>Hillingdon FHS, Journal, Jun 18</i>
My Willoughby Family	<i>Northamptonshire FHS, Footprints, May 18</i>
The Montague Monuments	<i>Northamptonshire FHS, Footprints, Aug 18</i>
Poor Law Information at The National Archives	<i>Nottinghamshire FHS, Journal, Jan 18</i>
Robert Barlow COOLEY of Nottingham (1821-1883)	<i>Nottinghamshire FHS, Journal, Apr 18</i>
Shoulder to Shoulder Part 1	<i>Ormskirk FHS, Family Historian, Jul 18</i>
Marriage Licence Bonds and Affidavits	<i>Suffolk FHS, Suffolk Roots, Jun 18</i>
Two Grannies	<i>Troon & Ayrshire FHS, Journal, Spring 18</i>
The Whiteoak Family of Lothersdale	<i>Wharfedale FHS, Journal, Jun 18</i>

Snippets from Don



by Don Howell

Snippet – British Newspapers

In recent years access to historic newspapers has been revolutionised by the publication of many titles online by the British Newspaper Archive on:

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

in association with The British Library. The main advantage here is that it is possible to search for words and phrases but caution is needed because the optical character recognition process often incorrectly reads the original characters.

The same titles are also available on *Findmypast* but the search facility on BNA is more advanced. About half of the British Library's titles have already been digitised.

What might you find?

The list is almost endless but includes:

- Announcements of births, deaths and marriages, sometimes with reports of marriages or funerals and obituaries.
- Court reports: your ancestors may have been the victim of or perpetrator of a crime or misdemeanour or a witness to a crime.
- Trade reports or advertisements.
- Sports news if your ancestor was in the local team

This item was found by Don Howell in one of the journals. It bears a lot of similarity to TROVE but Don has tried it and found it good. A subscription is necessary after the initial free trial.

Snippet – Who Do You Think You Are

Who Do You Think You Are magazine has recommended the website

<http://www.digitalpanopticon.org>

for use in tracing people who have fallen foul of the English Criminal Justice system between 1780 and 1925. It is an attempt to bring together data found on several other websites, some of which have been around for some years, to coordinate the information about known felons, including those who were transported to Australia.

This site is a free indexing service with links to where the information is held. However, you may need a *Findmypast* subscription to view some of the original documents. It is certainly well worth a look and don't forget you can access *Findmypast* for free in the Marie Hart Library.

Don Howell provided this item on researching criminals courtesy of the Sussex Family History Group in England.

Snippet – more web sites from Cambridgeshire newsletter Remembering Conscientious Objectors

Between May 1916 and the armistice in November 1918 some 20,000 men, for a variety of reasons, refused to be conscripted into the British army. Many felt that it was wrong to kill under any circumstance and that war was not the solution to any problem. In the Second World War over 60,000 men refused to fight. Today, around the world, many still end up in prison for refusing to be conscripted

<http://www.menwhosaidno.org/>

The History of NAAFI

NAAFI was created by the British Government in 1921 when the Expeditionary Force Canteens (EFC) and the Navy and Army Canteen Board (NACB) were combined to run the recreational establishments needed by the Armed Forces, and to sell goods to servicemen and their families.

<http://www.naafi.co.uk>

Snippet – from March edition of *Maitland Tracks and Trails*

The www.familysearch.org website has an amazing amount of information, and there are many things you can do to improve your skills in navigating this website so you can get the most out of it. One place to start is youtube. There are many instructional videos on youtube provided by FamilySearch, most lasting just a few minutes each. Just go to youtube and type 'FamilySearch tutorial' into the search box.

Here are links to a few of the videos:

using Batch numbers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvwgsA9i9g4>

navigating unindexed images:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn2VY-wSfkW>

filter search results by Collection:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mjQ_LFo6Ek

searching with wildcards:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sP6Hg8c-Pno>

My Word Cloud



35th Birthday Sub-Committee

The Committee for the Society's 35th Birthday Celebrations are working towards providing members with mementos and souvenirs of the occasion. These will be given out at the celebratory luncheon/party in July next year.

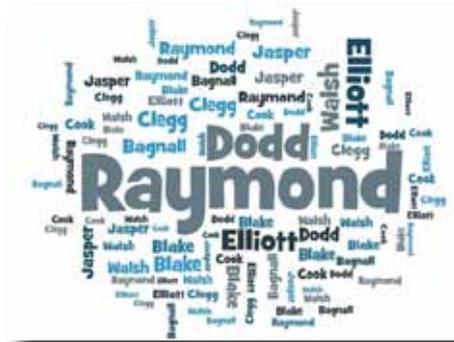
One of these souvenirs will be a customised, individual Word Cloud, printed in colour, laminated, and in the shape and size of a place mat.

What is a Word Cloud? A Word Cloud is a picture or image that is made up of single words, arranged horizontally and vertically, and printed in different font sizes or height.

The words used can be sourced from paragraphs of text, such as a speech, or single sentences such as definitions, or lists of words such as a list of ingredients for a recipe. The more often a word appears in the text, the larger and bolder it will appear.

For your individual Word Cloud you will need to list out surnames of your family tree, starting with your father and mother, or nearest relative. Then list the surnames of their parents and so on. Naturally, the father's line will be the same surname. You don't have to list it each time. Because it is listed in position one, the program/computer will repeat it for you.

In the following sample the first surname is Raymond – it is the largest size because it was first and therefore repeated the most. Then Dodd, then Elliott and so on.



A Table will be provided, for you to complete your list of surnames, at least 8, maximum 16. Could you complete these as soon as possible, so that they can be returned early in the New Year, by February – March meeting.

Thanks from the Sub-Committee.



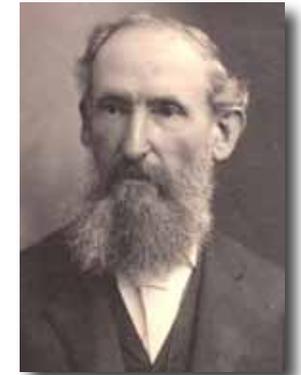
Monthly Speakers

by Carol Donaghey

For those members who were unable to attend meetings over the last three months this is a summary of the topics presented by our guest speakers.

September

Kevin Olivieri was our guest speaker relating stories about Dr Ludwig Bernstein, an early Mayor of Lismore (1886–1887). Born in Poland Dr Bernstein arrived in Australia in February 1866 as a medical superintendent.



Kevin described Dr Bernstein as a man of energy and determination. He had a fiery temperament but was generous with his time and money. Dr Bernstein is well remembered for his support of the building of the first public hospital in Lismore.

Dr Ludwig Bernstein - 'Fifty Golden Milestones Lismore's Jubilee' Lismore Municipal Council

October

President Robyn introduced the newest Committee member, Jan Ousby. Jan trained as a nurse at St George Hospital Kogarah and moved to the Northern Rivers in 1989. She joined our Society in 1996 after meeting Nola Rodey. Welcome to the Committee Jan.

Don Howell advised that all *Cedar Logs* from No 1 have been digitised and are on the computer in the Marie Hart Library. Do go to the MHL and have a look at some of the early journals. You'll be rewarded with some fascinating insights into our origins.

Members viewed a podcast presented by Dr Bruce Durie about researching in Scotland. He suggested starting with a Census if you can because it gives you a snapshot of a person or family in one place at one time. According to Dr Durie Scotland has the longest-reaching, best preserved and most accessible records. Go to:

scotlandspeople.gov.uk and scotlandsplaces.gov.uk

Many records start in 1841 but old Parish Registers go back to the 1500s. Members saw a screen shot of the marriage record of Mary, Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley in Edinburgh 1565.



If you are interested in Scottish research and would like a copy of the extensive notes by Dr Durie email Kerrie or Don Howell and they can be sent to you.

*Dr Bruce Durie from
The Durie Family Association*

November

Phillip Bradley, ex scientist and author of six books on Australians at war, presented an in-depth coverage of the last three months of WW1 on both the Western Front and in the Middle East.



Phillip's talk was accompanied by a series of maps and photos tracing the advance of the allied troops along the Somme in 1918 and the slow withdrawal of the German army after 8 August until Germany signed the Armistice on 11 November.

Also of interest was a series of photographs of the small French or Belgian towns and villages firstly taken before the war, then of the same scene showing the destruction caused by the battles and lastly their amazing restoration.

*Author and ex-scientist,
Phillip Bradley*

The presentation then moved on to the war in the Middle East and the campaign, by the Australian Light Horse, that continued until March 1919 before Turkey finally surrendered and concluded with a fascinating history of the monuments and cemeteries that now cover the sites of the various battles.

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The Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc. was established in 1983 to serve the family history needs of researchers initially with a special interest in Northern New South Wales, Australia in the area bounded by the Richmond and Tweed Rivers, often referred to as the Northern Rivers.

The Marie Hart Library holds numerous local records including the Local Schools Admission Registers, Cemetery Records, Burial Records and Honour and Memorial Rolls from many locations within the Northern Rivers.

Over the years the library has expanded and now holds a wealth of information from across Australia including historical and pioneer records, war records, shipping lists, probate records, landholder returns, Colonial Secretary papers, cemetery books etc. and journals including those from other English speaking countries. Access to Microfiche, CDs and a computer connected to the genealogical website *Findmypast* is also available. Contact Carol Brown on 02 6687 8443 if you need assistance.

The Society is able to do small family history searches for a fee of \$15 per hour. Please include a 22 x 11 cm SAE and research fees where applicable.



THE Cedar Log

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The Editor, Carol Donaghey, would be pleased to accept articles for inclusion in this journal. Ideally they should be sent by email to Carol at carold2478@gmail.com but typed hard copy is also welcomed. The format preferred is Times New Roman font; 12 point; single spacing.

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Your input is important and makes for interesting and diverse reading for our members as well as to the other readers of our journal throughout Australia and overseas. We would love to hear about how you broke down those brick walls or any interesting information you have found out about an ancestor, so get those fingers typing.

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SOCIETY EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 1 December: Christmas luncheon/meeting at Summerland House Farm. Set meal two courses including tea/coffee and bread roll with alternate service menu. Raffles, Competitions as well as Trivia! 11.30 am arrival for 12 o'clock start.

Christmas/New Year Closure of the Marie Hart Library: The Marie Hart Library will close after Saturday 15 December 2018 for the Holiday Season. It will re-open on Monday 14 January 2019.

Saturday 2 February: Subject: 'Tall Tales, Myths and Legends'. Members to contribute. Coordinated by Jane Griffin.

Tuesday 5 February: The RTFHS Writers' Group meets on the first TUESDAY of each month – at 1.00 pm – at the Marie Hart Library. Phone Group Leader Joan Fraser (6686 9664) for further details.

Saturday 2 March: Subject: 'Bush Poetry'. Speaker: Ray Essery.

Saturday 6 April: Subject: 'Early Sugar Millers of Ballina'. Speaker: Frank Harvey.

Saturday 4 May: tba.

Saturday 1 June: tba.

Saturday 6 July: RTFHS celebrates 35th Birthday at Summerland House Farm.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for the year 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 are \$35 Individual/\$45 Joint Membership. Journals will be sent to financial members only.

The Society meets at the Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina – unless otherwise advised. Society meetings are held every month except January. The Society meets at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of each month except for April and July when it meets at 1.00 pm.