

# Tomaree Family History Group Newsletter

JANUARY 2011



## *From the Secretary*

A very warm welcome to you all. I trust everyone has had a very relaxing holiday and is now ready to get back into tracing those illusive ancestors.

### **Christmas Raffle:**

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Raffle.

Prize winners were:

1st Basket of goodies  
To a very excited Irma Foster  
2nd Gift Voucher Kmart \$50  
Jason Redden  
3rd Gift Voucher Keepsakes  
Juliet Bryson  
4th Pen  
Joan Frost  
5th Port & decoration  
Phyllis Hocking

### **Obituaries:**

Unfortunately I have to start the newsletter announcing the death of two of our members.

**Ian Holmes** who was on our Christmas bus trip passed away the following week. Elaine phoned and offered the group's condolences.

**Anne Short** passed away at the end of December. Members of the executive attended her funeral at Beresfield. If anyone would like to send a message of sympathy to Mike and his family his address is 23

Moorooba Cr, Nelson Bay  
2315.



Anne has been a member of our group for quite a long time and was a member of the executive until recently. She was always there to give a helping hand and will be sadly missed.

### **Birthday greetings are sent to:**

Neil Fraser 1<sup>st</sup>, Wendy Smith 5<sup>th</sup>, Ross Jennings 15<sup>th</sup>, David Watson 24<sup>th</sup>, Patricia Wardell 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Salamander Sales:**

We sold three copies of our book just prior to Christmas. These books all went to Norfolk Island.

### **Next workshop:**

Saturday 5  
February at  
9.30am. The theme for the morning will be What we have accomplished with our family trees over the holiday

period.

As always donations for morning tea will be most welcome.

Hope to see you on Saturday.

Marilynne sharp  
Secretary  
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*Best Wishes to all*  
**Marilynne Sharp**  
Secretary  
Phone: 49810177

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## Mailbag



Endeavour, Cessnock.  
 Sheep, Wool and other matters.  
 Wollombi

Murrumbidgee Ancestor No 101.  
 Were the Ancestors directing us? Or was it just “the 6 degrees of separation”?  
 The Genealogists Guide to Land Record Abbreviations within the NSW Old System Title and Real Property Act Registry –PART 2.

Maitland Reminiscences Vol 12 No 4  
 Maitland Group has moved to the old Barracks in East Maitland  
 Winifred Murphy & James Minslow  
 A Grave Situation

Journal of royal Australian Historical Society  
 Making tribes? Constructing Aboriginal tribal entities in Sydney & coastal NSW from the early colonial period to the present  
 Scottishness and Britishness in Australiasia 1875-1920

The Gazette from Toowoomba & Darling downs Family History Society Inc. **NEW!!**  
 London’s Churches  
 Charles Coxen 1809 – 1876  
 Brisbane 1824 – 1900

Footsteps from Port Macquarie  
 The Litchfields of Port Macquarie  
 Pioneer Women

History magazine of RAHS no 106  
 Sydney’s History online  
 Treasure Trove of Information

Newcastle Journal No 192  
 Were your in-laws really Outlaws?  
 British Research  
 Questions on a Photograph

Family Tree Connection November 2010  
 Chermshire Army camp 1916  
 Find your ancestors in church publications

Footsteps from Port Macquarie Nov 2010  
 Fromelles : Wilson Family Story

Family Tree Connection Dec 2010  
 40 things to ask your mum

Ghostbuster from Campbelltown  
 Six Family Histories and Historical Research Did your family operate a small business?

Worth a thought?

“IT HAS BEEN estimated that in 30% of families, the last child raised in the family was indeed the child of one of the elder DAUGHTERS”



*Tomaree Family History Group is proud to be partnering with Port Stephens Council on the Pioneer Project, through Culture Port Stephens and as a recipient from the Cultural Projects Fund.*



## Member Services

### **FOR NEW MEMBERS:**

- Books and magazines can be borrowed from the Resource Room [not cds], please see the duty person.
- Photocopying/printing in the Resource Room must be paid for. [money to duty person]
- Stuck for a gift for a special occasion? Enquire about our Family Tree Certificates
- Tomaree Family History Group's first book "The Lives and Crimes of the Convicts who arrived in Sydney in 1791 on the Salamander" is available for \$25.
- Donations of food for morning tea are always welcome.
- The Secretary writes the monthly newsletter and the Tomaree Tattler. It is then sent to Michelle for distribution. Any correspondence should be sent directly to Marilynne not Michelle.
- Transcription order forms are available in the Resource Room.
- Please give the names you are researching to Michelle who will put them on our website. Fill out the details on the My Research Interests Form at the end of this newsletter. If you are unsure of what is held at the repositories have a look at their website or the Archives folder in the Resource Room.

## Resource Room

Wyong Family History has released Palmdale Memorial Park 1963-2006 Cost \$10. Anyone interested?

New Book:

Australian Pictures, facsimile of the volume originally published in 1886  
Author: Howard Willoughby. Donated by Marilynne.

The group is now purchasing copies of Who do you think you are?

### **Web Site News:**

[http://www.genealogyintime.com/Genealogyresources/NewGenealogyRecords/newest\\_genealogy\\_records\\_on\\_the\\_internet.html?awt\\_](http://www.genealogyintime.com/Genealogyresources/NewGenealogyRecords/newest_genealogy_records_on_the_internet.html?awt_)  
From the Donegal Mailing List

HAT-History of Australian theatre – has articles, photos, and information about Australian theatre History. It also has an 18500 entry database of people who were associated with the Australian theatre between 1850 – 1970

[www.hat-archive.com](http://www.hat-archive.com)

{someone was asking about this recently...hope this helps}

Murwillumbah Catholic cemetery 1930 – 1990 can be found at

<http://www.chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Photos/>

Interested in Murwillumbah-Tweed?

Try

<http://www.brandis.com.au/genealogy/gendata/tweedhd/index.html>

<http://www.australianbookofmemories.com/index.htm>

this site has stories of Australians and is seeking more contributions. If interested send your stories to [cpross@bigpong.com](mailto:cpross@bigpong.com)

Another great website, particularly if interested immigration to Canada.

<http://retireess.uwaterloo.ca/~mari/genealogy/thevoyage.html>

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New transcription service for SA

<http://www.saghs.org.au/research.htm#transcription>

\$15 for nonmembers, cheaper than a certificate!

Wills from Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry

[http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search\\_the\\_archives/will\\_calendars.htm](http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm)

## Queensland Floods

The FAHS is deeply concerned about the damage to heritage sites and collections from the current floods. Just one site of which we are aware is the headquarters of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland which is in an 1820s convict-built Commissariat Store beside the Brisbane River. The building is far enough above the river not to have been flooded before (except in 1893, we believe) but the convict-built retaining wall behind the Store has partly collapsed, punching major breaches in the wall of the bottom storey of the Store. A broken water pipe then gushed water through the ground floor display area. The building has been assessed and has fortunately been judged to be structurally sound.



See

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/yourfloodstories/?directTarget=6556||special3d||22#anchor>

The FAHS is keen to hear of other flood damage to heritage structures and collections. We wish also to assist societies in accessing advice on how to deal with damage.

If you belong to a Society that has suffered from the 2011 floods and are wondering what you can do to care

for objects that have got wet a useful web site is the AMOL

Caring for Collections

<<http://archive.amol.org.au/recollections/foreword.htm>>

Another useful site, USA EPA web pages, explains how to cope with mould, and water damage <<http://www.epa.gov/mold/table1.html>> and more info <<http://www.epa.gov/mold/table2.html>>.

National Archives of Australia web page looks at recovering flood-damaged records <<http://www.naa.gov.au/records-management/secure-and-store/secure/business-continuity/flood-damaged.aspx>>

and the AICCM web page also has useful information <[http://www.aiccm.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=588&Itemid=74](http://www.aiccm.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=588&Itemid=74)>

The Queensland Disaster Information Network (Q-Dis) website is now operational at <http://manexus.ning.com/group/qdis> (Thank you to Judy Gale Rechner, Carolyn Nolan and Ruth Kerr of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, who have provided the information used in this e-mail)

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# Tomaree Family History Group Nelson Bay NSW Inc.



## APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

I \_\_\_\_\_ /  
We \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT full name of applicant(s))

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby apply to renew my membership of the Tomaree Family History Group Nelson Bay NSW Inc., an incorporated association. I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

Annual Subscription Due: (Please Tick):

Single \$30.00

Couple \$40.00

Enclosed is my cheque/cash for the above amount.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

