



# Newsletter

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Welcome to another Spring. The gardens are blooming and the house is demanding its annual Spring Clean but my family history addiction is strong. I find I still make time for a bit of research or writing. Are you the same? And with the wind we've had recently, do you ever wonder what it must have been like for those early settlers in Australia? There were a lot more trees around back then and it must have been frightening, especially for those who lived in small, isolated homes. I once again give thanks that I live now and not then, but I would still love to make a quick visit back in time to see how my imagination holds up to the reality.

We are going ahead with another street stall. The date is confirmed for the 16<sup>th</sup> November so please put the date in your diary and consider what you might be able to donate to the tables. Sadly, the items left over from the last stall were thrown out when the church had a clean up so we will need to start from scratch.

We all need to offer suggestions regarding topics or guest speakers for next year. Alternatively, do you have a particular interest that you could present. The committee members are very willing to help you out if you'd like to give it a go.

Thank you to Ann for last month's excellent presentation. I found myself in tears one moment and smiling the next. I also found myself buzzing with ideas for how to share my family research and I'm sure I was not the only one.

**This month's meeting** of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, right in the centre of town. Visitors are warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

This month's meeting will be quite brief as Vicki Edmunds will be presenting the Bob Howard and the Coolgardie Safe awards. Then after morning tea, Allan Murrin will present on the topic: Mastering the Family Search Website.

**Trade table** - Our trade table will be operating again, so you can donate any unwanted good quality items to the table display. If something from the table catches your fancy, please drop some cash in the Society's moneybox for the item, then take it. Remember that if your donated items don't sell, you will need to take them home again.

## **Library News**

There have been a few queries about having volunteers start up on a second day of the week but we are not getting enough queries to make it worth it so we will continue with Thursday mornings only.

Ann and Alison are slowly working their way through the books in order to cull them. It's a huge undertaking so thank you both for your efforts.

Remember, that free access to Ancestry, Find My Past and Newspapers is available through the Library computers.

## Explorer's Tree Magazine

As always, your writing is needed to fill the pages of our magazine. Please send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. [j.koperberg@bigpond.com](mailto:j.koperberg@bigpond.com) for upcoming issues of "The Explorer's Tree". Remember to include references and sources if they come with the article.

**Next month's meeting** of the Family History Society will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. We will belatedly celebrate fathers. Members are asked to show and tell for 5 minutes about a father or grandfather.

## Research Tips

*The Family Historian* has a blog titled "How Can I Find My Family Tree Without Paying?" that has a few good tips. <https://thefamilyhistorian.com.au/how-can-i-find-my-family-tree-without-paying/>

*The National Library of Australia*: For National Family History Month this year we asked staff from the Special Collections Research & Support team to answer frequently asked questions about shipping and immigration. In our first blog, Leisa, Andrew and Qin Qin explored Australian passenger lists, convict transportation records, military pay lists and musters and naturalisation records. [Discovering your ancestors' migration story: Part 1 | National Library of Australia \(nla.gov.au\)](#)

In the second blog, Robert, Matthew and Damian answered questions about finding crew or mariner records, ship's pictures and specifications, as well as learning how to discover more about your ancestors' voyage to Australia. <https://www.nla.gov.au/stories/blog/discovering-your-ancestors-migration-story-part-2>

## Just for Fun

### Ancestors

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose—how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author said he could handle the story tactfully.

The book appeared. It said "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

