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WELCOME to all our members and any visitors we might have at today's meeting. For those members who weren't present at our February meeting the President put to the members some ideas of how the Society can proceed in 2019 and this will be followed up at today's meeting.

February Guest Speaker: Lorraine or Laurie Turtle, Transcription Agents, were our guest speakers at this meeting. Unfortunately, there was a problem with the internet connection so a disappointed Laurie was not able to present his talk as prepared. Nevertheless, Laurie did an excellent job on what he had to work with and it would appear that those members in attendance found it very informative. Trish Brown was lucky enough to win a free Birth, Deaths or Marriage Certificate transcription of her choice from the Turtles.

March Guest Speaker: One of our members, Barbara Gow, will be presenting a talk on her Gt Gt Gt Grandfather, William Pashington Terry Gow born around 1795, tried at the Old Bailey on 29 May 1816 for breaking and entering, was sentenced to death but later commuted to transportation for life. William arrived on the convict ship "Morley" in 1817. Find out more about this interesting character and his life following his Ticket of Leave, at our March meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Family History Society will be held on 12th April 2019 at 10am in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Craig Schubert, who is a descendant of the Austrian composer Franz Schubert, will be the April Guest Speaker.

The Committee met on Friday, 22nd February 2019. Committee meetings follow the same pattern as our general meetings. Following Ian's Treasurer's Report, he mentioned that, however small it may appear, what a difference the trade table, morning teas and raffles make to our finances over the year, so "thank you all for your contributions."

***Seminar for 2019** following the February committee meeting and February's general meeting it has been decided that our major event for 2019 will be a Seminar. Dates are yet to be decided but the committee is looking at holding it either on the 24th August or 7th September at the Anglican Church Hall, Springwood. The date will depend on whether the Church Hall will be available on either of those dates. This venue has been chosen as it proved suitable for last year's High Tea and was cost effective.

***A topic** has yet to be chosen, some topics under discussion were DNA, Lost or Missing People, Pursuing Family History. These topics will be up for discussion with our members at the March meeting.

***Guest Speakers:** No guest speaker for a meeting, what to do? As well as members bringing in family heirlooms for a "show and tell" another suggestion for future talks is using Scrabble tiles, where members at one meeting, select a tile, depending on the letter of the alphabet chosen, they have until the next meeting to prepare a short 5-minute talk on that tile relating to family history e.g. "G" Grandparents; "C" Convicts; "T" Ticket of Leave; "A" Ancestors.

***Street Stall:** Subject to availability it is planned to hold a street stall in the grounds of the Church on either the 11th or 18th May 2019 with another to be held 24th August or 7th September 2019 subject to Church availability.

In Sympathy: On behalf of our members, the Society wishes to offer our deepest sympathy to Anne Devrell, on the recent death of her husband, Graham.

Raffle – The raffle of the silver tray which commenced last meeting will be drawn at this month's meeting.

Trade table - Once again our trade will be operational, unwanted items happily accepted.

New Library Additions as follows -

Eureka – Dorothy Wickham

The Merchant's Women – Elizabeth Rushden & Penny McIntyre

Concord Public School 125 years – Pam Liell

The Jews in their Land – David Ben-Gurion

From Quarantine to Q Station – Arbon Publishing

Living with the Locals – John Maynard & Victoria Haskins
Armenia, Australia and the Great War – Vicken Bakkenian & Peter Stanley

The Secrets of the Anzacs – Clare Wright

Life in the Burraborang – Jim Barrett

Shack Country – Jim Barrett

Forbes Cemetery April 1863 – May 1994 – Forbes Family History Group

Forbes Cemetery Additions May 1863 – May 1994 – Forbes Family History Group

Australia as it really is – Historic Forbes and District – The Forbes Advocate

Index to Wedding, Death and Obituary Notices in the Forbes Advocate December 1911 - 1919 - Graham Williams

A Directory of Scots in Australasia 1788 – 1900 Part One – David Dobson

A Directory of Scots in Australasia 1788 – 1900 Part Two – David Dobson

A Directory of Scots in Australasia 1788 – 1900 Part Three – David Dobson

Bedgerebong Transcriptions – Forbes Family History Grp
Thomas Brown, founder of Lithgow and his home Esk Bank – E J McKenzie

A look into the past – Ellison – the Name – The School – Robyn Cook & Narelle Halse

Fife Emigrants and their ships Part One, Australia and New Zealand – A J Campbell

Directory of Parish Registers Indexed in Ireland 2nd Edition 1994 – Irish Family History Society

The Lost Diggers – Ross Coulthart

King Street in the 20th Century 1900 – 1950 – Marrickville Council Library Services

Nottingham Date Book 850 – 1884 – Graham Williams

Early Days of Forbes Taken from the Forbes Times 1888 – 1895 – Jean Little for Forbes Family History Group

Forbes Cemetery Vol 1 2006 – Forbes Family History Group

Forbes Cemetery Vol 2 2006 – Forbes Family History Group

Index to Death and Obituary Notices in the Forbes Advocate 1920 – 1929 – Forbes Family History Group

What's on: Due to lack of space and as Colin sent out emails to members covering upcoming events the only item mentioned today is the Moyne Farm Little Hartley Open Day to be held 5th May 2019. Members might like to note this on their calendar. John Grant's Moyne Farm is about 200 years old this year. Gates open 10am. Celebrations at 11am. Refreshments provided by Hartley Rural Fire Service. Fee \$10pp, bookings encouraged but available on the day. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZZBH>. Directions: Sandy Rise, Off Delaney Drive off Cox's River Road, Hartley.

Item of Interest: Supplied by Bob Maynard:

Job descriptions of boys who worked in the UK mines in the 1840s

Chalker-on - a boy who keeps an account of the work and who is usually also a craneman.

Craneman or crane-hoister - a boy of from 12 to 17 years of age, earning from 1s. 6d. to 3s. a-day (in 1841) for managing the crane by which the corves are transferred from the tram to the rolleys, and for 'chalking-on,' or keeping an account of the number, &c., transferred.

Foals - young putters. See Putter.

Helper-up - the boy who assists the putters where the inclination is great.

Putter - a generic term for the boys who push the trams of coals from the workings to the crane. The term putter comprises the specific distinctions of 'headsman,' 'half marrow,' and 'foal.' The distinction between the labour of the last two is, that a half-marrow goes at each end of the tram alternately with the other half-marrow, while a foal always precedes the tram.

Pick-carrier - carries the hewer's picks from the top of the corf upon which they are placed to the shop to be repaired.

Token-hanger - a boy of from 9 to 12 years old, who is paid 1s. or 1s. 2d per day for arranging the tokens attached to each corf to indicate the hewer of its contents.

Trapper - a boy who is stationed at a door for guiding the air, to open it when any coal. carriages or people have to pass through it and to close it after them, so as to keep the mine properly ventilated.

Way-cleaner - a boy who clears the dust, &c. from the rails along which the putters push the trams with two pieces of rope or hay - such boys are usually of from 11 to 15 years of age and earn from 1s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. a day. (1841)

Wailer - a boy employed to take out the slates and foul coal at the pit heap.

Wood and Water Leaders - boys of from 11 to 15 years old, who carry props and wood to the various parts of the pit in which they are required. They also remove water from the horseways and other parts of the pit and assist the deputies. Their wages vary from 1s. 3d. to 2s. a day. (1841).

From the Editor: "Thank you Bob."



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