



# Newsletter

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Welcome to another Spring

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 Christine Yeats for last month's excellent presentation., and for forwarding a copy of her information. Hopefully you have all received an email copy, if not see Ian or Helen.

**This month's meeting** of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 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, our own Adrian Howie will talk about The Howie Family.

**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.

## **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 **10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. Ian Kendall will be speaking about "DNA for Family History" at our October meeting.

**Membership Fees** Next year's annual fees can be prepaid if that suits you better. \$50 for an individual or \$60 for a joint or family membership. Remember that you will also need to complete your annual membership form which is available online from our website or Facebook page, or pick one up from Ian at the meeting. Also, there is an additional postage fee if you prefer to have your 'Explorer' magazine posted rather than picking it up at our meetings. Our mailing fee is \$15.

### when trying to get through a brick wall

1. Re-examine everything-go back over all the research, you may have missed something
2. Explore all available sources-broaden your search area
3. Try name variations-account for mis-spelling, phonetic spellings, transcription errors
4. Expand age ranges-did they want to be older (joining the military) or younger (closer in age to a spouse)
5. Look for FANS-friends and neighbours
6. What was happening at the time-may provide context for why they moved or changed careers
7. Ask for help-relatives may know more than you know
8. Browse rather than search-incorrect indexing or mis-spelled names could be found
9. Create an online tree-will keep your research organised, and may lead to more information
10. Consider hiring a professional
11. Take a DNA test-the results may point you in a new direction
12. Keep Learning-new techniques, new resources, new ideas
13. Never give up-if completely stuck, leave it for a while and comeback to it later with 'new'eyes.

### Just for Fun

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## Digital Journals & Newsletters Received - August 2025

RAHS - eNewsletter 31 July 2025

New Zealand Family History Network - FamNet August 2025

Glenbrook & District H S - Glenbrook Points June-July 2025

Mount Victoria & District H S - Mt Vic Museum Newsletter April-June 2025

Ipswich Genealogical Soc (QLD) - Bremer Echoes Vol.43 No.2 July 2025

Parramatta Female Factory Friends - Newsletter Issue 64 July-Aug 2025

Swan Hill (VIC) Genealogical & H S - Mallee Roots No.162 August 2025

Shoalhaven Family History Soc - Time Traveller No.138 August 2025

Colo Shire Family History Group - Family Ties Vol.10 No.4 Aug-Sep 2025

Kempsey Family History Group - Cedar Branches Vol.12 No.2 April-August 2025

Wyong Family History Group - Tree of Life Vol 42 No 3 August 2025

RAHS - eNewsletter 21 August 2025

Queensland Family History Society - Queensland Family Historian Vol.46 No.2 Aug 2024

Hawkesbury Historical Society - Newsletter No.165 August 2025

Blacktown & District Historical Society - Turret Talk No.487 August 2025