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# BERRIMA DISTRICT HISTORICAL & FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

Founded 1960

Located in the Wingecarribee Shire,  
Southern Highlands of NSW

ABN 29 362 616 937

## NEWSLETTER

No 522 November 2019



### From the President's Desk

What an interesting month we have had at the archives. What started out in March as a relatively simple prospect of renewing our lease for the Council owned rooms that we occupy proved to be more complicated than we thought. After much debating, lobbying, amendments and rescission motions we were successful in obtaining a 21 year lease which has now been executed and registered.

As a consequence of the Council's decision a review was to be undertaken by the Council Staff to look at the future needs of all the users of the building and report back to the full Council meeting in late November. We have had two meetings with Council Staff to review our thoughts culminating in a presentation last week to Councillors with our comments on the three options put forward. The three options relate to different time periods and of course costs. Option 1 is for minimal renovations over a period of 1 to 5 years at a cost of \$3 million. Our Society would not be impacted as all the renovation would take place outside our lease area. Option 2 has a time span of 5 to 10 years at a cost of \$7.2 million.

This again would not impact our Society but would consist of major alterations to the theatre end of our building. Option 3 has a time span of 5 to 15 years at a cost of \$9 million. This option would greatly impact us as it is proposed to relocate our Society in a new purpose built facility at a different location. This option would only be acceptable to the Society if it ticked all the boxes as we would be required to voluntarily surrender the balance of our current lease. The whole Memorial Hall complex would then be renovated and made available for public hire. What has certainly complicated this matter was the closure last week of the Playhouse Theatre due to a structurally dangerous roof. This situation does not affect our Archives as we are at the other end of the building with a structurally sound roof over our heads.

A gentle reminder to all our members, if you have not already done so, please send in your membership renewal for the next year. These are now overdue and as you will understand we rely heavily on your financial support to keep our Society running efficiently.

Ian Mackey

### GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS

**NOVEMBER 2019:** Thursday 28 November at 2:00pm  
**EVENT:** Annual General Meeting, General Meeting and a showing of the ABC 4-Corners 1974 'Bradstow' (Bowral) program

**DECEMBER 2019:** Thursday 12 December at 12:00 for 12:30pm  
**EVENT:** Christmas Lunch at Scottish Arms Hotel, East Bowral

**AFTERNOON TEA** is served following the speaker.  
Members please bring a plate or a donation.

**NOTE:** on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm  
the **Family History Interest Group** meets at the Mittagong Archives



## Senior Vice-President's Column



**Bruce Moore**  
**SUNDAY DRIVING**  
**(that lost family art)**  
Remember the 50s?

Dressed to the nines, we were pushed out the door by our parents to attend Sunday school. This allowed them a 'sleep in'. A Sunday drive was planned when we returned. This often involved a trip to the beach to eat fish and chips plus an ice cream. Occasionally a picnic at Windsor on the river, or sometimes we parked near the water at Rose Bay to watch the flying boats take off. Exotic destination .... Lord Howe Island.

Farewelling someone on an aeroplane was another big moment. Suits and ties were the appropriate code of dress. You could watch passengers board the aircraft feet away from the plane. You may be lucky enough to see a plane land!

The highlight of the year was to farewell a relative or friend on board a ship. Dress code was suits, ties and a hat. Guests were ushered to the cabin that was generally crammed with people juggling glasses full of champagne. The cabin eventually filled with cigarette smoke resembling the nearest thing to smog. Eyes watered, sneezing prevailed and nobody seemed to know who they were farewelling.

Finally, the ship's hooter was sounded to indicate the vessel was leaving. Visiting time was over. There was a mad scramble for the gangplank and some visitors missed the main gangway and were ushered out through the galley below the main decks. Guests jockeyed for position on the wharf. Streamers were thrown and passengers hanging over the ship's railings somehow caught them.

It was a festive occasion as the band struck up old favourites such as "Old Lang Syne", "Waltzing Matilda" and "The National Anthem".

The ship gave a long, deep blast on its siren as it was slowly tugged away from the wharf. Streamers broke, a few tears were shed and we returned home. My parents reminded us that "a good time was had by all".

Simple, but unforgettable days.

## Berrima District Museum

### THE STORY CENTRE

1a Market Place cnr Bryan St,  
Berrima 2577

Phone 4877 1130  
email: [bdmuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:bdmuseum@bigpond.com)

#### OPEN

WEDNESDAY to SUNDAY,  
Public Holidays and  
NSW School Holidays

#### HOURS

10am to 4pm; 3pm winter months  
Groups welcome at other times by  
arrangement. Ph: Lyn 02 4862 1626  
or John 0434 623 402.

Managed and operated by members  
of our Society who volunteer their  
time and expertise.

### Archives opening hours

Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Research Fees

Research fees for non-members:  
\$30.00 per hour or part thereof for  
telephone and postal enquiries.  
\$5.00 per hour or part thereof for  
enquirers who attend the archives  
and carry out their own research.

### Membership Details

Please note that all membership  
enquiries and changes of address  
details should be addressed to:  
The Membership Secretary  
c/- the Society's postal address  
or email: [bdhsarchives@gmail.com](mailto:bdhsarchives@gmail.com)

### **LAST CHANCE:** **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** **ARE NOW OVERDUE**

We are happy to receive payment  
by cash, cheque or money order,  
OR funds can be deposited to our  
bank account, details of which are  
shown on the Renewal Form.

## Annual General Meeting 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the  
BDH&FHS will be held on Thursday  
28 November at 2:00 pm along with  
our regular monthly meeting, in the  
upstairs meeting room at Archives/  
Research Centre, Mittagong.

### **PLUS, A SPECIAL SCREENING OF** **"Bradstow: anatomy of a town"**

After the AGM and general meeting,  
attendees will be entertained with a  
showing of the 32 minute ABC Four  
Corners program about 'Bradstow'  
(aka Bowral), first aired in 1974 and  
released as a videodisc in 2010.

It traces the history of Bowral – its  
character, economic structure and  
social divisions, and was produced as  
a result of interest caused by Dr R A  
Wild's book "Bradstow: a study of  
status, class and power in a small  
Australian town".

Written after two years of participant  
observation, the book is described as  
a factual account of everyday  
relations between people and groups.  
Its release aroused major controversy  
locally because, although names and  
places were changed to provide  
anonymity, many Bowral residents  
knew the book was based on their  
town and their lives and it was not  
difficult to ascertain who some of the  
key figures were.

Come along and enjoy this glimpse  
into our local history and see a few  
familiar faces from the past.

### The Society's Christmas Lunch



**Celtic Room**  
**Scottish Arms**  
**Hotel, East**  
**Bowral**



Thursday,  
12 December at 12:00 for  
12:30pm

The hotel chef will serve a main  
course and dessert. The cost is \$35  
per person which includes one drink  
(glass beer/ wine/soft drink). Tea  
and coffee can be ordered  
separately if required and there  
will be the usual decorations, door  
prizes and raffle. **Please make your  
booking and pay at the archives by  
Saturday 7 December.**

## A review of our latest publication

### 'Poppy Seed from France - A tribute from the children of Villers-Bretonneux'

This is a significant work of research on the names from the Seed Registers at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens, Solander Library together with additional historic records, e.g: A.I.F. Project of the University of NSW, and the Australian War Memorial, Ryde Public Library - Local Studies, the NSW Division of the Australian Railway Historical Society, and our own local Berrima District Historical Society all these being voluntary contributors plus the generous assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Centenary of Armistice fund.

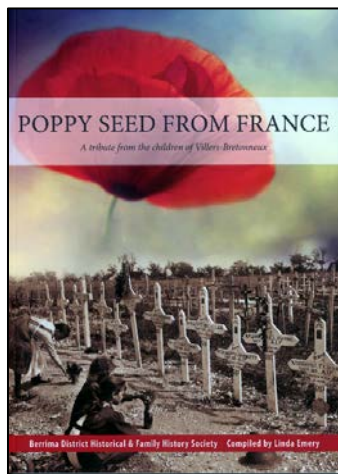
The opening chapters, detailing the background of the Poppy Seed Project, enlightens us about two diverse individuals of national and international importance - Joseph Maiden, 1859-1925, scientist, botanist, collector and later director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens 1896-1924 and Ettie Annie Rout, 1877-1936.

Ettie Rout, daughter of a New Zealand ironmonger and plumber was born in Launceston, Tasmania as a twin, made her mark in New Zealand as a gifted student who adopted the "...bicycle and the typewriter" to earn more than a basic living, becoming her family's chief breadwinner after her father's bankruptcy. She became a teacher, lecturer and recorder to the Supreme Court and a Royal Commission and later a reporter of Canterbury, NZ farm workers' industrial labour relations. Working with an Australian shearer and union organiser Mick Laracy, Ettie was involved with the establishment, editing and publication of the *'Maoriland Worker'*, later to become the *'New Zealand Worker'*.

From early in the Great War, Ettie Rout established the New Zealand Volunteer Sisterhood to assist New Zealand and later British and Commonwealth troops in Egypt, with the co-operation of the Cairo YMCA. At this point of the account it is essential reading to learn of Ettie's problems with the military authorities, particularly in regard to the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases amongst these soldiers. Ettie and her Sisterhood were far more enlightened about these aspects of a soldiers' health than were the officials she encountered at an administrative level. Indeed, it became a battlefield of words to draw

attention to the problems and to offer workable solutions to the health epidemic.

Another chapter focuses on those men and women who had been associated with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, an institution that contributed over 700 personnel to the Great War, many of whom did not return. Some of these people were commemorated by home folk applying for seeds from the Poppy Seed Project to propagate in their honour. Similarly, railwaymen whose considerable contribution is likewise remembered. Indeed some of those previously unrecognised former employees who had resigned from their NSW Government Railway employment to enlist, and as such they had been omitted from later Honour Rolls unveiled at Sydney Central Station in the 1920s.



Our own Archivist at Berrima District Historical Society - Linda Emery and her team, have contributed many hours of thorough research on many of these people, contributing significantly as the Project co-ordinator and editor of this delightful study. In particular a simple honour board at the small rural community of Turners Flat Public School, near Kempsey, that lost former students on the Western Front, illustrates the significant loss to such communities at the time. Listing 14 volunteers including three brothers, only 10 came home to renew their lives and remember their mates.

This small B5 format, glossy soft-back publication has 100 odd pages of descriptive text about the background to the organisations and individuals concerned, including thumbnail sketches of soldiers and nurses commemorated, many with portraits of those who gave their lives.

The last 60 plus pages give a comprehensive listing of those individuals that applied for Poppy Seed packages lovingly parcelled up by the children of Villers-Bretonneux in France for distribution by Sydney Botanic Gardens to those who applied. You may find the name and addresses of people who applied on behalf of 'your fallen ancestor' too.

The striking image on the cover of this book shows the poignant scene of French school children tending the graves of those soldiers who died in the effort to save their villages from desecration and oppression.

I will highly recommend this small volume to any reader with an interest in the subject or possibly be related to any family concerned therein.

Frank Mitchell



## President's Annual Report

Ian Mackey

It is a great pleasure to present my second annual report of our Society. Firstly, a very big thank you to the Management Committee and the Museum Sub-Committee for their support and efforts throughout the year. Thanks to all our volunteers for providing an efficient, happy workplace. Our team at the Archives perform many tasks including administration, secretarial, financial, research, newsletter, conservation, publicity, publications, library, tours and talks. Thanks should also go to the volunteers at the Museum for their tireless work. We have had some recent additions to our volunteer pool and we welcome them.

Our year started with a bang with the opening of the Digital Gallery at the Museum and the exhibition "A Butcher, A Baker, a bunch of Makers". The Digital Gallery consists of 10 large TV screens which allows the telling of stories in the digital format. The successful completion of these projects was the result of many months of hard work by dedicated volunteers, culminating in a very successful opening.

The next significant event was the negotiations with Wingecarribee Shire Council for the renewal of our Archives lease. Negotiations were extensive with many meetings, submissions and two Council meetings before we were successfully granted a lease for 21 years.

I attended the opening of "Fairground Follies", a new attraction in Bowral which has a large collection of historic organs and music machines including a merry-go-round once used at Luna Park. In April work began on compiling current asset registers for both the Archives and Museum. This information was then used to review our insurance policies with values adjusted accordingly. This year we were again represented at all the major Anzac Day ceremonies throughout the district where wreaths were laid.

One of the ongoing projects being undertaken by the Archives is the recording of the historical origin of the street names in our main towns. A register of all the current Bowral street names has been completed and is now awaiting a willing researcher.

Another important function of our Archives is the digitisation of our records. This is an ongoing project started some years ago and will continue for many years into the future. The main digitisation centres on our photographic and biographical records. It is a huge task but is also very rewarding.

We have a considerable digital photo library with approximately 2000 photos uploaded to our website for anyone worldwide to view and purchase.

May was the beginning of a strategic plan for the sustainable future of the Berrima Museum. The plan began with an SWOT analysis, identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The analysis highlighted several important facts such as volunteer numbers, location of the Museum away from the main village centre and increasing overhead costs.

Another successful June lunch was again held at the Bowral Golf Club with this year's guest speaker being Nick Rheinberger, a local resident and a presenter on ABC Illawarra radio.

Several projects were approved for progression during the year including the purchase of block-out blinds for the first floor at the Archives. This work is now completed, with matching blinds installed on both ground and first floors. Committee approval has been given to upgrade our computer network to include central storage, continuous back-up and fixed cabling to eliminate the unreliable performance of our present Wi-Fi network. Approval was also given to seek grant funding for the replacement of ground floor carpet in the Archives. A grant application has been submitted to the Mittagong RSL Club under the NSW Government ClubGrants Scheme.

Advice was recently received that our application for admission to the Register of Cultural Organisations to obtain tax deductible status was refused due to eligibility technicalities. An alternate source is being pursued by our Museum to obtain tax deductible donations via Creative Partnerships Australia, a NSW Government body set up to assist those organisations without DGR status.

The next exhibition to be held at the Museum will be the Sesquicentenary of Berrima Public School and will be open from the last week in November. Stage 2 Museum renovations are being planned with work expected to commence early in 2020. The majority of grant funding for this project has been received. This stage consists of upgrading the existing galleries in the original section of the building. Work to be carried out includes converting lights to LED's, painting where necessary, construction of display cabinets and exhibit barriers. Modifications to the kitchen/meeting room will provide a larger, more usable space with better facilities for volunteers and committee members. Alterations are also planned for the front entrance.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

## Archivist's Annual Report

Linda Emery

Each year I start my report by commenting on how the year has flown – and this one is no exception. As always, I wish to thank the fantastic volunteers who give their time and expertise on the three days a week that we open to the public. We are fortunate to have 26 regular volunteers who research, catalogue and organise our collection and administer the affairs of the society to a very high standard. Even with 'hot desking' it is sometimes hard to find a place to work!

The archives remain a constant hive of activity with our happy band of volunteers completing a number of projects, including the indexing of two school enrolment registers and the infectious diseases register (surprisingly interesting!). Digitising of our more than 3,500 biography files is continuing – a huge project, but a very necessary and useful one.

Our latest book, *Poppy Seed from France*, a research project for which we received a Centenary of Armistice Grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs, was published during the year.

We have received several further donations from Kevin Herring, including some wonderful Crown Plans of the area and electoral rolls to add to the collection. These have all been added to the Kevin Herring Collection housed in the Conservation area of the archives. Our thanks to Kevin for his generosity.

Now that we have the security of a new lease, our priority for next year is to upgrade the computer network which will make our work much easier. Our current wireless network has caused us a certain amount of aggravation during the year, with slow connectivity and what seems like constant network problems.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to join us, so if you have some time on Mondays, Tuesdays or Saturdays I would love to hear from you.

## Museum Committee Report

**This report by Lyn Hall covers major achievements, decisions, exhibitions and visitor attendance.**

**OCTOBER 2018 Workshop** for museum volunteers by staff from Powerhouse Museum demonstrating how we should handle and carry museum objects. Basic principles on conservation were included. An interesting morning.

**Oral History Workshop** The workshop was provided through Oral History NSW and led by Dr Mary Hutchison. 20 attended.

**NOVEMBER Service on Armistice Day Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** The students of Berrima Public School took part in a short remembrance service in the Williams Gallery instead of at the memorial in the park. It was a fitting conclusion for the final day for the SH1200 exhibition. Family members of the children attended.

**DECEMBER** Williams Gallery remained closed and Southern Highlands' 1200 exhibition was dismantled. Walls painted. Work commenced on the fitout for the next incarnation into the digital world.

**JANUARY 2019 Proposal to increase entry fees to museum** \$10 adult \$8 Concession. School children in group \$6.

**FEBRUARY Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Opening of Digital Gallery** with the exhibition "A Butcher, a Baker a bunch of Makers". Officially opened by Jenny Bott. Between 170 and 200 visitors attended. It was a great success. **Introduction of daily sheets** to record postcodes and what attracted visitors to the museum.

**MARCH** Record sheets indicate Tourists first, Banners second, Word of mouth third.

**April & May** nothing particular to note.

**JUNE Pie Time.** Society members Jenny & John Zantis lent objects from their extensive collection for the special Pie Time display. The Museum mounted a display of three wedding gowns at **'Wedding Fashions Through the Centuries'** a fund raising event for Quest for Life by the Inner Wheel Club Southern Highlands Inc held at Mittagong RSL. A delightful day and I was greatly assisted by Museum volunteer Michele Woods. First SWOT analysis meeting.

Daily record sheets tally for four months have Banners 1st, Word of mouth 2nd, Tourists 3rd, Tripadvisor 4th and Facebook 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SEPTEMBER Operating costs review.** Over all, the year has been successful, with 3,264 paying adult visitors. Local visitation has increased. Numerous school groups have attended.

The museum has been open Wednesday to Sunday and on Public School Holidays despite the illnesses, family needs and holidays that create gaps in the roster for Sylvia Carless, whose work deserves to be singled out for a mention. The garden is faithfully looked after by Brian Carless.

A high standard of attention to all our visitors is maintained by our hard-working, cheerful volunteers.

## Research Team's Annual Report

### Frank Mitchell

The Archives Team has been fully engaged with a multitude of topics of interest, intrigue and industrious activity in Historical Local, Family and even some Industrial Archaeology, (well almost, we have tried to dig-up a few old railway crossing keepers' cottages, long since demolished, and we tried to follow-up on some locally manufactured old bottles which were unearthed some years ago, at the time of Hume Freeway construction).

I recently attended a talk by another Family Historian speaking about 'Breaking Down Brick Walls', well we regularly try our hands at that exercise here, although it is often easier and equally as productive to take a detour and go around those blockages. That can often be achieved by looking at the siblings of the family or even more remote connections like nephews/nieces or even cousins.

Just recently we have had two different cases of early pioneers where their marriage certificates stated 'Parents Unknown', then the same parties Death Certificates gave different places of origin to that stated at the time of marriage. Both of these enquiries would seem to possibly be covering up past convict history and in the present case where the bride's parents were habitually occupying the confines of Darlinghurst Gaol - they were certainly not witnessing their daughter's marriage and maybe she didn't invite them? However I believe now this barrier has been breached and when the enquirer remembers to send us some funds to cover time expended all shall be revealed, that is another form of barrier we can only overcome with some exertion upon the present generation.

Team member Carolyn Dougherty reports that members of the Vietnam Veterans Association Southern Highlands branch are compiling a book with the assistance of our Society. The publication will focus on three major areas but will not include a history of the war itself, there having been countless books already published in relation to that event. Instead the focus will be on local veterans and the impact of the war on both them and their families. Bowral High School students are contributing by interviewing a number of local veterans willing to share their stories. A history of the formation of the local branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association will form another section of the publication while the history of the Vietnam Memorial Walk and the contribution to its creation made by Effie Kerr, Jim

Gallagher, veterans and their families, plus many other volunteers and local community groups will also be covered. The Archives was the recipient of two boxes of papers and photographs pertaining to the history of the Walk and Memorial collected by Mrs. Kerr and donated by her to the Society. One of our research volunteers is currently sorting through the papers in order to compile a time frame of events. Further research will be undertaken as requested.

Our Research Team has also had some involvement with the 'Poppy Seed Project' especially amongst the chapter on the 'Railwaymen' through Janet and Dugald Black's connections to the Australian Railway Historical Societies recent publication 'From Sydney Station to Menin Gate'.

Overall there were more than 70 email queries that required an answer, on reviewing these and some incoming queries passed on from the Museum volunteers, together with telephone inquiries, some of which are answered directly and others where an email request is asked for, there must have been over 100 requests overall. More than half of those requests required on-going correspondence with as many as a dozen and even more emails exchanged, equating to some hundreds of hours of searching and compiling of data.

Once again I wish to thank the willing assistance given by others within our Society and their co-operation, whether the request is for additional stationary supplies, special 'one off' scanning batches looking up some obscure fact or digging up burial records our requests are always cheerfully attended to - Thank You all.

## Publication Officer's Annual Report

### Jenny Frost

During the past year we have continued to sell our large range of publications relating to the history of the Southern Highlands This year we have introduced two new items to our stock. Approximately 83 titles are now carried in our stock. The latest outstanding publication being *Poppy Seed from France*. Sales remain slow but constant with revenue generated from sales at the museum, archives and online during the year totalling **\$4,574.00**.

A special thank you to our museum volunteers who assist with book sales and also to Philip Morton for his support of our in-house print production. The support and guidance of our talented treasurer, Patricia Doris is also greatly appreciated.

## Treasurer's Annual Report

**Patricia Doris**

I am pleased to present the Society's Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Financial Statement will be available at the AGM. For Members not present at that meeting, a copy will be made available via the printed newsletter or as an attachment with the email version.

The Society has had another successful year, with income comfortably exceeding expenditure. Our main source of income is from membership fees and Museum entry fees. Our sincere thanks to Auditor, Ross Cowley for our Annual Financial Statement.

## Conservation Annual Report 2019

**Denise Mackey**

2019 was a productive, rewarding and interesting year for the Conservation team. Tidying and reorganising shelves in the three upstairs rooms to create storage area has been an on-going task with particular emphasis on providing additional space for current *Southern Highland News* issues.

Labelling shelves in the three rooms, another on-going task, has facilitated locating items in our collection of newspapers, council record books, artworks, documents, photos and maps. Members researching for themselves or for others have made extensive use of newspapers in the Conservation section of the Archives.

In the first half of the year all the windows and sills were cleaned and the curtains washed, repaired and rehung. Along with the new blinds in the storage room this has effectively reduced the amount of damaging sunlight and dust as well as maintaining a generally constant temperature, all of which contribute to the conservation and preservation of our valuable collection.

New skills have been learnt and old ones practiced including picture framing and repairing frames, protecting and preserving newspapers, photos and documents, re-humidifying old rolled up photos to flatten and frame as well as book binding including one in particular, a rare edition rescued from a skip.

There is a great variety in Conservation with more to learn and achieve. At this stage, the conclusion of the year, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have generously given their assistance and support.

## Membership Annual Report

**Peg Harvey**

In 2019 the Society had a total of 277 members, up from 258 the previous year. This included five Honorary Life Members and 58 were family/group members. A total of 216 members are located in the Southern Highlands area from Colo Vale to Goulburn, 17 in the metropolitan area, 39 in country towns, 4 interstate and 1 in England.

## Librarian's Annual Report

**Carolyn Dougherty**

During the last 12 months approximately 30 items were catalogued, the majority of which related to the local or surrounding areas. Most were donations.

Our library has been extensively used by those visiting the archives for the purpose of carrying out research as well as our own volunteer research staff. While reference books are for use within the archives only, almost half our collection is available for loan.

I wish all volunteers and members a happy and safe festive season, hopefully with time to read at least one book during the break.

## Family History Group Annual Report

**Denise Mackey**

For nearly two years a lively group of usually ten to fifteen enthusiastic family historians has met at 1pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month in the research room at the Archives in Mittagong. Our self-help group discuss, research and assist each other to solve or work to solve those persistent challenges ever present in family history. I am happy to report we have all made significant inroads in our respective brickwalls. The resources at the Archives are at our disposal to help in the quest to conquer as well as providing the opportunity to learn how to use them. Some of the group have generously shared their expertise in specific areas such as using Sands Directory, English Family History, making the most of Trove and Irish Family History.

It has been satisfying and rewarding working with like-minded people, sharing experiences, frustrations and successes as well as going some way in solving the unsolvable. Any member of the Society is welcome to join our informal Family History Group.

## Berrima District Historical & Family History Society Inc

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- ARCHIVES:** Cnr Old Hume Highway and Bowral Road, MITTAGONG.  
OPEN: Mondays, Tuesdays 10am-4pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm. Closed Public Holidays.  
Library collection contains reference books, journals and a general collection.
- MUSEUM:** Market Place, Berrima. Tel: 02 4877 1130. Email: bdmuseum@bigpond.com  
OPEN: 10.00am to 4.00pm, Wednesdays to Sundays, and during school and public holidays.  
**Museum Committee:** Harlan Hall (Project Manager), Lyn Hall (Graphics, Exhibitions), Sylvia Carless (Roster), Harold Wall (Human Resources) and John Schweers.
- MEMBERSHIP:** Any person wanting to join the Society may do so at any stage during the year by completing a form and paying the appropriate fee. Joining Fee \$10.00 – Single \$25.00 – Family \$35.00.
- AFFILIATIONS:** Royal Australian Historical Society, Museums Australia Inc and NSW Association of Family History Societies.

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