

# ECHUCA-MOAMA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

A Genealogical Society and Research Library

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## eNews – August 2022

### SEPTEMBER EVENT - Saturday 17th September

#### Visit the Great Stupa at Bendigo for lunch and guided tour.

We are booked in for lunch at 12 noon and the one and a half hour guided tour at 1 o'clock. (Golf buggies supplied for those that need them)

Cost: \$11.00 for tour lunch extra.

We will car pool from Echuca, more details later.

#### Please let me know ASAP if you would like to visit the Great Stupa.

Replying to this email is the easiest way to respond. Please say if you would like a ride in a buggy.

The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, being built near Bendigo Australia, is 50 metres square at its base and nearly 50 metres high. This makes it the largest stupa in the Western World. It is the same design and size as the Gyantse Stupa (Kumbum) in Tibet. Beautiful gardens surround the Stupa and the Peace Park showcases symbols from many faiths including Catholic, Sikh, Islam, Hindu and Buddhist.

**Pet friendly:** They welcome all furry friends, as long as they are kept on a leash for the duration of their visit.

Pets must dine outside if you're planning lunch at StupaView Cafe

To see more information about the Great Stupa, visit the website: <https://stupa.org.au/>



Merilyn McClean & Wendy Hicks

At the AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> July Merilyn McClean received her 35 Year Membership Certificate and Wendy Hicks her 25 Year Certificate.

## DENILQUIN PASTORAL TIMES DIGITISATION PROJECT

To have the Pastoral Times digitised by the National Library of Australia (NLA) in Canberra, and then placed on Trove. A committee has been established with representatives from Echuca-Moama FHG, Deniliquin Genealogy Society, Edward River Library and Deniliquin & Dist. Historical Society. Four members of EMFHG, John Howe, Catherine Murnane, Shirley Durrant and Brian Ellis are members of this committee.

The Pastoral Times and Deniliquin Telegraph was first published on 26 May 1859, in 1861 it changed to the **Pastoral Times and ECHUCA AND MOAMA CHRONICLE**. Therefore, it covered the early years of Moama, Womboota, Thyra and Mathoura districts and Echuca and district. The Riverine Herald was founded 4 years later, at Echuca on 1 July 1863. The Pastoral Times is therefore a very important source for people researching family and local history in those early years.

The National Library of Australia's TROVE have agreed to undertake the digitisation using microfilm loaned from the State Library of NSW. The first Stage 1 of \$5,000 has now been combined with Stage 2, so \$10,000 has been sent to Trove and will digitising will begin in September and be finished by the end of this year. This is estimated to will cover from 1863 to approx. 1878.

DONATIONS to keep the project going are vitally important so that we can get all the Pastoral Times issues from 1859 to about 1954 up on Trove.

- ❖ Donations can be paid to **Echuca-Moama Family History Group BSB: 033 621Account: 330126** Please make sure the message/reference box states your **name** and **PT Project**
- ❖ Cheque: Please make cheque payable to Echuca-Moama Family History Group and forward to: **The Treasurer, EMFHG Inc., PO Box 707, Echuca, VIC 3564**
- ❖ Paying by Cash – Bring to Research Rooms

## UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 1 30 pm Monthly Meeting
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September- EXCURSION – The Great Stupa at Bendigo
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Mini Market Day, Chanter Street, Moama
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 1 30 pm - Monthly Meeting
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 7.30pm – GUEST SPEAKER Caroline Bartlett on the Life of Martha Birrell.

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We have been allocated another Sausage Sizzle it is on Saturday 3rd September, the day before Father's Day from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. If you can help out on the day, even if only half an hour to give someone a break, please send me an email [emfhg9@hotmail.com](mailto:emfhg9@hotmail.com) or ring Judy 0408 335 186

## MINI MARKET DAY

Echuca-Moama Family History Group & Friends of Old Moama are holding a Mini Market Day on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Old Telegraph Station in Chanter Street Moama from 11 am to 3.00 pm. Be curious and enjoy this market on two Heritage sites in Chanter Street, the Old Telegraph Station and the River Captains Cottage, both with their rich past history.

Listen to the stories of these buildings while you enjoy a sausage sizzle or a Devonshire tea, and take the opportunity to browse a variety of stalls with goods for sale.

Investigate your own family history with an experienced researcher.

Watch a movie of the Hollywood movie star, May Robson who was born in Moama.

Satisfy your curiosity and participate in a guided tour of the Moama Cemetery at 12 noon or 2.00pm and listen to some of the fascinating stories of our past ancestors.

**Market Stall Sites** are available to the general public individuals or groups at a cost of \$10.00 per site is encouraged to contact Mary on 54 807878 (After Hours) or Judy on 0408 335 186.

## Have you "Hit a Brickwall"?

As you know Bridges & Branches is issued 4 times a year, so please feel free to send in any query you may have and it will be included in the next issue. Email to [emfhg9@hotmail.com](mailto:emfhg9@hotmail.com)

## ON THE WEB

Queensland State Archives have created **indexes** to [Discharged Soldier Settler Loans 1917-1919](#) and [Soldier Settlement Ledgers 1917-1929](#).

### New and Updated Family Search Databases

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto FamilySearch.org over the last few months, available online at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/record-collection-september-2021>

- \* Canada, Ontario Tax Assessment Rolls, 1834-1899. [40,495 records].
- \* England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988. [504,993 records].
- \* England, Northumberland Non-Conformist Church Records, 1613-1920. [33,385 records].
- \* India, Madras Diocese Protestant Church Records, 1743-1990. [1,490 records].
- \* Kiribati, Vital Records, 1890-1991. [3,487 records].
- \* New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1865-1957. [1,234,639 records].
- \* South Africa, Cape Province, Civil Records, 1840-1972. [31,216 records].
- \* South Africa, Church of the Province of South Africa, Parish Registers, 1801- 2004. [26,591 records].
- \* South Africa, Dutch Reformed Church Registers (Cape Town Archives), 1660-1970. [25,070 records].
- \* England, Middlesex, Westminster, Poor Law Records, 1561-1883. [1,678,558 records].
- \* England, Yorkshire, Bishop's Transcripts, 1547-1957. [2,601,205 records].
- \* Vanuatu, Vital Records, 1900-2001. [7,334 records].
- \* United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955. [19,533 records].
- \* United States. Georgia, Tax Digests, 1787-1900. [299,782 records].
- \* Zimbabwe, Voter Registration, 1938-1973. [3,315 records].

### AIF

UNSW Australia (Canberra) A number of members served in the AIF under false names for a variety of reasons. The tables in this website. Additional aliases will be added as they come to light.

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/aliases.html>

Discovering ANZACS - National Archives of Australia <https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/browse/places>

If you click on the green dots on the map it gives a list of people who were either born there or enlisted there

### MEMBERS INTERESTS DIRECTORY – THIS IS A VERY USEFUL SERVICE TO FIND OTHERS RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY

Why not take advantage of this service for members, and submit the family names from your family tree to the Members' Interests Directory. It is a great and FREE way of finding others researching your family, visit our website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~emhist> to view entries by other members; you never know someone could be looking for the same people you're searching for. Information on how to submit your research interests can also be found on the website also. **Email your member's interests to [emfhg9@hotmail.com](mailto:emfhg9@hotmail.com)**

### FAMILY HISTORY TALKS ON OUR LOCAL RADIO

Tune in on the second Thursday of each month at 10am and listen to members Val and Judy talking on various topics related to genealogy and family tree research. **EMFM 104.7**

### DO WE HAVE YOUR UP-TO-DATE CONTACT DETAILS?

If you are about to change your address, change your telephone number, email address etc. Please send your current details to our Membership Secretary by email to [emfhg9@hotmail.com](mailto:emfhg9@hotmail.com) or post to:  
PO Box 707, Echuca VIC 3564

**John Howe**  
**Hon. Secretary**  
**EMFHG Inc**

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