



# ON TRACK

## IN THIS EDITION:

After the uncertainty of where our organization would be heading, it has been a huge relief for the Mid Gippsland Family History Society to embark on our latest endeavours in new premises.

With great diligent and commitment, the Committee was able to setup the new premises in such a short time.

Dawn Cowley has presented her President Report for 2021 -2022.

We look forward to 2023 where we will be back to General Meetings with Guest Speakers, and promoting our Society.

## COMMITTEE

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# MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

## President's Report 2022

As I sit down to write this report we are now in the third year of living with COVID and thankfully I'm pleased to say that we've all come through nicely to this stage. For much of this last 12 months things have been pretty tough with not a lot of people coming through and the very real threat of eviction hanging over our heads. We have been the only group housed in the old library building for the past 15 or 16 months and despite no heating in the building, our dedicated volunteers have opened almost every Wednesday afternoon over that period. We also managed to hold our monthly meetings regularly.

From March last year when we were initially asked to pack up and leave the building, there have been several more requests for us to do so. But as the council had nowhere to put us, we sat tight and finally got some resolution just a month ago. The Latrobe City Council decided to relocate us to premises at 44 Albert St Moe with an initial 12 month lease and a peppercorn rent. They had arranged removalists to shift our collection, and within one week we had moved.

In the four weeks since then our members have worked very hard to set up our allocated rooms - a library, a research room, a small office and a couple of large cupboards. We are very happy with the space and are cautiously hopeful that we will remain here for the foreseeable future. I thank the Latrobe City Council for supporting the Society in this way.

I would also like to thank the Moe Racing Club for the financial support they gave us this past year. It has certainly helped to keep our heads above water.

With the rejuvenated enthusiasm we have experienced as a result of the recent move, I'd like to suggest we have a concerted effort this coming year to think of ways to increase our membership. A first step would be to resume our monthly themed meetings with interesting topics and speakers of interest to our members as well as to the public.

To all of our active members I would like to thank you very very much for the work you have done to keep us afloat during this difficult last couple of years. I have no intention of naming anyone because I think everybody has really chipped in and helped anytime something had to be done. It's been a great group effort.

Sadly our life member and friend Wes Halkett passed away in April this year. He was a valued member of the Society for over 30 years with a special interest in helping others, especially on our Wednesday afternoons. He is always in our thoughts.

Let's look to the next twelve months with optimism, spread the word about the satisfaction in discovering more about your family - and I'm issuing a challenge to members. The challenge??? That each of us recruits and signs up one new member before the 2023 AGM.

Good luck.

Dawn Cowley

## IN MEMORIAM:

**DONALD THOMAS (DON) MACREADIE**

**1931 — 1 July 2017 (aged 87)**



Don was a foundation member and spent two years as President. Over the years, Don with his wife Glad and daughter Kathleen would attend meetings, workshops, cemetery transcriptions and bus trips to Melbourne. For a long time, Don had been interested in his family history and local history. A world of knowledge, Don had written and published books on Willung and Rosedale. Battling years of poor health, Don managed to publish his last book, a couple of months before his passing.

Don's published books and his life story is available on the following website:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rdhs/publications>

## VALE:

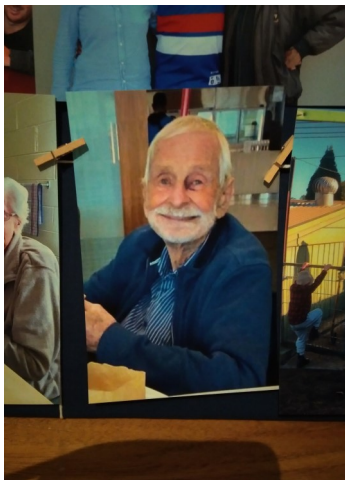
**SHIRLEY MAY CONNAGHAN**

**19 August 1931 — 26 May 2022**

Shirley joined the Mid Gippsland Family History Society in the 1980s. She enjoyed being a member of the Society and helping out. Shirley was very friendly, with a smile and a chat. Always involved in a lot of community activities such as bowls, golf and sewing. Shirley passed away peacefully at Heritage Manor, Morwell (aged 90).

Shirley's obituary and photo can be found on:

[latrobevalleyfunerals.com.au/funeral-notice/past-notice](http://latrobevalleyfunerals.com.au/funeral-notice/past-notice) - page 10



## VALE:

**SYLVESTER MORGAN (WES) HALKET**

**1 August 1929 - 28 April 2022**

Follow up to the notice in Issue 157, March 2022.

Wes passed away in W.A., (aged 92) after spending time with son Keith and his family. He was cremated and his ashes were brought back to Yallourn North. On the 9th June, 12 noon, at the Old Brown Coal Mine Museum, members of the Society attended Wes's Memorial Service with his family and friends. Photo: Karen E Healy, 2022. Taken with kind permission of the Halket Family.

Old Brown Coal Mine Museum,  
Yallourn North

Photos: Karen E Healy, 2022.



MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

44 ALBERT STREET, MOE VIC 3825



### CHANGE OF LOCATION:

For the past almost thirty years our Society has operated from a room in the former Moe library, however in early 2021 we received notification that the building would be no longer available for our use. After a very patient wait, we received the news in early July of this year (2022), that the Latrobe City Council approved our relocation to rooms in the building at 44 Albert Street Moe, and provided removalists to transfer the furniture, equipment and resources held and owned by the Society. This assistance was very welcome and much appreciated by our volunteers.

With all hands on deck for the next two weeks, we only closed for one opening day before reopening our Wednesday afternoon sessions. Big thanks to our wonderful members for the time put in over that period.

The space allocated to our group comprises three rooms and two large cupboards. One small room provides office space and a "signing in" area for visitors and guests, the second room is our library room where all books are on shelves and quite readily accessible, and the third larger room we have made into our research room. It's a lovely large light room housing our three computers, printer, photo copiers, filing cabinets and large CD collection. A large vinyl decal family tree wall mural is a welcoming feature of the room. The large cupboards provide space for bulkier items.



### ROOMS:

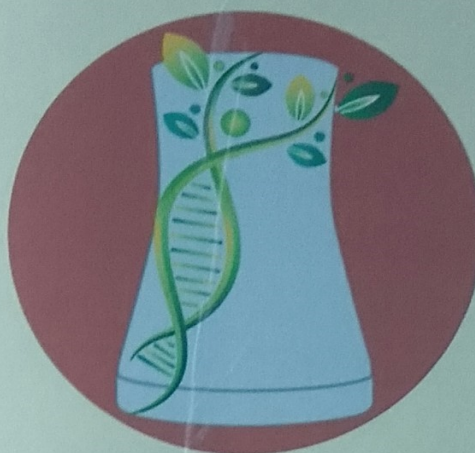
From Left to Right:

1. Shared Kitchen/Dining Room
2. Library
3. Two large cupboards
4. Family Research Centre
5. Office



## FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

- Take your research to the next level
- From beginners to advanced researchers
- Don't trust everything you find on family history websites
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- Visit us at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs>



- Genealogical Collection open to the public
- Use our experienced Research Assistants
- Learn how to use genealogy apps
- Open Wednesdays (1pm to 4pm)  
Or by appointment (Phone 0403 611 730)

## LIBRARY



## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

- ◆ **FLORENCE BUTCHER:**  
Assorted books and Morwell Historical Society Newsletters
  
- ◆ **D. MORRISH:**  
Old Photos and Postcards
  
- ◆ **SANDA MCGOWAN:**  
Books on Scotland and a CD disc of Index to Burials in Calton Parish Church.  
Jan. 1805 to Dec. 1854, Compiled by the NBI Team of the Glasgow & West Scotland Family History Society.
  
- ◆ **KAREN HEALY**  
Irish Roots No. 94 to No. 118 (not all copies).  
Inside History — Australia  
Vols: July-Aug 2015 to Autumn 2017.  
(Ceased publication in Dec 2017)  
Has been replaced by "Traces" magazine.

President — Dawn Cowley is going to write a letter of thank you to the Latrobe City Council for provision of the new location and mention the great assistance we have had from Rebecca (Bec) Fenton — Community Engagement Officer.

The Mid Gippsland Family History Society was advised that the Latrobe City Council would be seeking expressions of interest from community groups and community organisations for the shared use of the former Community Groups Hub at 44 Albert Street Moe. The expression of interest was open for four weeks, from 9:00am 29 August 2022 to 5:00pm 25 September 2022.



## FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE:

Photo below was taken after room was set up.



Photo below was taken after the Large Family Tree Wall Decal with Photo Picture Frames was applied to the wall.

Thank you to Dawn Cowley, Peter McNab and Rod Donnelly who took the time and much effort to put it up. Also, to the members who provided their ancestors photos for display.



## THE MID GIPPSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Photo taken by Peter McNab - August, 2022.

Back Row - Left to Right: Fran Dodd, Rod Donelly, Dawn Cowley,  
Florence Butcher, Peter McNab.

Front Row - Left to Right: Vaughan Knox, Karen Healy, Sandra Dumble,  
Vicki Evans



### ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

**2022—2023**

The following were duly elected at the Annual General Meeting held on  
25 August, 2022.

**President & Publicity - Dawn Cowley**  
**Vice President & Hostess - Vicki Evans**  
**Secretary - Peter McNab**  
**Treasurer - Rod Donelly**  
**Minutes & Correspondence - Fran Dodd**  
**Librarian - Sandra Dumble**  
**Newsletter Editor - Karen Healy**  
**Web Manager - Florence Butcher**  
**Research - Vaughan Knox**



### **NEW MEMBER:**

Welcome to

**ELIZABETH (LIZ) WRIGHT**

Liz is researching the names of  
TROWELL / RANDALL / WRIGHT  
WRIGHT is originally from Ireland.  
Information on William Ernest Wright.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

**for 2022 - 2023**

**Reminder:**

**These were due on the  
1st September, 2022.**

### **PROGRAMME :** **for the remaining 2022**

**29 September, 2022** - Committee meeting to discuss and plan a programme  
for 2023.

**27 October, 2022** - Rethink your relationship with Records. Discussion.  
Presented by Peter McNab.

**24 November, 2022** — Tips on dating old photographs.  
Presented by Fran Dobb.

**Programme for 2023 will be available on the website and a flyer will be sent  
out electronically.**

### **LIBRARY CATALOGUE:**

This has been updated and available on  
the computers in the Research Centre.

### **M.G.F.H.S. NEWSLETTERS:**

Florence Butcher is currently in the  
process of indexing all the remaining  
Newsletters from No.1 to No.115.  
These indexes will be added to our  
website.

### **M.G.F.H.S. NEW ADDRESS:**

This has been updated on our website:

[http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/  
welcome.htm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mgfhs/welcome.htm)

However, it is still not updated on  
Google Maps.

## MEMBER'S PROFILE:

Peter McNab

Secretary



### WHEN DID I BEGIN TO TRACE MY FAMILY TREE?

I started documenting the family after my grandmother got me interested while I was in my early teens. My ambition was to make a family tree with thumbnail photos of all the relatives, but that did not work out. When my children went to high school in the 90's they needed family histories for school assignments. I have been adding to my tree ever since.

### WHAT DOES MY LAST NAME MEAN?

Macnab is a shortening of the Gaelic Mac an Aba which means Son of the Abbot. McNab is a short form of Macnab.

### WHAT GENEALOGY SOFTWARE DO I USE?

I started with Brother's Keeper but switched to Family Tree Maker a long time ago. Every so often, I upload tree onto Ancestry. Sometimes I run Family Tree Analyzer for a different take on my sources.

### AM I RELATED TO SOMEONE FAMOUS?

I guess the most famous part of the family is my father's mother's. She was a Nicholson. One branch of the family went into distilling and made enough money to advance to the MCC when they bought Lord's. That family went into politics and appears in various Peerage databases. One of my father's Christian names is Nicholson.

### WHAT IS MY FAMILY COAT OF ARMS?



The Macnab's have a clan crest which memorialises a raid by the clan on the neighbouring McNeishes. The Macnabs carried the boat over to a nearby loch then rowed to the stronghold of the McNeishes which was on an island. All the McNeishes bar one boy were killed. The crest shows the head of The McNeish and a rowing boat. The Macnab family motto can be rendered in Latin and English: "Timor Omnis Abesto" literally "Let fear be far from all" or "Dreadnought."

## WHERE DID MY ANCESTORS COME FROM? ETHNICITY

Based on my tree, my ancestors came from Ireland, Scotland, England, and Jersey. Some passed through Canada and India before arriving in Australia. I have a tiny amount of Indian ethnicity on my mother's side, but Ancestry tells me that I also have a similar amount of Philippine ethnicity on my father's side. That has me stumped.

## DID YOUR PARENTS NAME YOU AFTER ANYONE? PETER

I always wanted to know the answer to this. I think I was given the name of one of my parents' friends who was killed in WW2. There are no other Peters in our extended family.

## WHAT IS YOUR FULL NAME?

Peter John Murdoch McNab. John was my father's grandfather Nicholson's name and also my uncle's. Murdoch was a name given to my grandfather McNab by his father Louis Kossuth McNab. My grandfather gave it to my father who passed it on to me. I can only guess why. Luckily, I did not get Kossuth.

## IN WHAT CITY/STATE WERE YOU BORN?

I was born in what was known as the Sanitarium hospital in Wahroonga, Sydney.

## WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR GREAT-GRANDPARENTS? DID YOU EVER MEET THEM?

I can remember Francis Coster born 1861. I was her only natural great grandchild. She links me to her husband John Nicholson who was born in 1839. To me she was an old lady in heavy clothes who moved slowly. That may be a learned memory based on a couple of photos.

## WHERE DID YOU LIVE AS A CHILD? DID YOUR FAMILY MOVE OFTEN? WHY?

My grandparents on both sides moved from Melbourne to Sydney after the First World War. Grandfather McNab had a good job at Nestlé in Sydney. Grandfather Monkhouse ended up a director of McFarlane & Burns which was a paper converting company that made Tiger brand waxed paper. You may remember them. They had factories in Sydney and Melbourne. After I was born, the family moved to Melbourne while Dad worked in that company. We lived in Glen Iris, and I went to Glen Iris Primary School for a few years. We returned to Sydney when dad got a new job as an accountant in a company that recovered precious metals.

## WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DO OR BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

As a youngster, I thought Astronomy was interesting but in fact I followed both grandfathers. Grandfather McNab was a Chemist or Agricultural scientist and grandfather Monkhouse who worked in the paper industry, so I became a Chemical Engineer in a Paper company.

## WHAT'S THE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE YOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN?

Take every opportunity.

**Photo: Provided by Peter McNab. Taken on Lord Howe Island.**

## THE ARCHIVISTS WHO REDISCOVERED SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS OF IRISH HISTORY.

THE VIRTUAL RECORD TREASURY IS RECREATING MUCH OF WHAT WAS LOST IN A DUBLIN FIRE A CENTURY AGO.

BY [AMY CRAWFORD](#) JULY 20, 2022

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/irish-virtual-record-treasury>

You might be interested in this post about the recreation program for the Irish BDM destroyed by fire.

"Supported by a €2.5 million grant from the Irish government and employing 14 full-time archivists, Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury is a massive effort to recreate as much of the archive as possible. Begun five years ago, as the centenary of Irish independence—and of the fire—approached, it went live online this summer, with a searchable database, a selection of curated stories, and a 3D virtual-reality recreation of the building itself as it would have looked in the days before the fire."

*"Families are like fudge ...  
mostly sweet with a few nuts."  
- Unknown*

## THE SCOTLANDS PEOPLE NEWSLETTER

August 2022

### 1921 census update

Work is well and truly underway to endeavour to have the 1921 Census published on the Scotlands People Website and Scotlands People Centre by the end of the year.

So far, over 3 million index entries have been transcribed. Overall, individual records transcribed will be approximately 4.8 million. Extensive quality assurances on the entries plus the technical preparations on the website—all take time.

Scotlands People Team/National Records of Scotland will announce the publication via digital channels as soon as they are able to so.

## **NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES AND BLOGS FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2022**

**Please Note: \* Two late additions from 2021**

### **Digital Format:**

Wyalong District Family History Group Inc - March, 2022 - Mallee Stump

Bega Valley Genealogical Society Inc - No.1, Vol.37 - Feb, 2022

- The Valley Genealogist

Terang Family History Group (Final Newsletter) - No. 96, April 2022

- Twigs and Branches

Port Phillip Pioneers Group Inc - No.2, Vol.45 - April-May, 2022 - Newsletter No. 223

Morwell Historical Society - No.2, Vol.41 - April, 2022 - The Morwell Post

South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc. - No.1, Vol.13 - March - Newsletter

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc - No. 132 - May, 2022

### **Digital Format:**

\*Maryborough Family History Group - No.3, Vol.27 - Spring, 2021 - Wattle Bark

\*Maryborough Family History Group - No.4, Vol.27 - Summer, 2021 - Wattle Bark

Wodonga Family History Society - No. 182, May 2022 - Borderline News

Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society - No. 149 - May, 2022 - Mallee Roots

Maryborough Family History Group - No.1, Vol.28 - Autumn, 2022 - Wattle Bark

Maryborough District Family History Group - No.1, Vol.43 - May, 2022 - Forebears

International Settlers Group ISG - No.2, Vol.39 - May, 2022 - Newsletter

### **Digital Format:**

Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc - No.121 - May, 2022 - Reflections

GSV - June, 2022 - GSV e-news

Wyalong District Family History Group Inc - June, 2022 - The Mallee Stump

Federation of Australian Historical Societies - No.203, June, 2022 - eBulletin.

**NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES AND BLOGS**  
**FOR**  
**JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2022**  
**Please Note: \* One late additions from 2021**

**Digital Format:**

Echuca-Moama Family History Group Inc - No. 126, June, 2022 - Bridges & Branches  
West Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc - No. 104, June 2022 — Kith'n'Kin  
Port Phillip Pioneers Group Inc - No. 3, Vol.45 - June-July, 2022 - Pioneer Echo  
(Newsletter No. 224)

GSV - July, 2022 - GSV e-News

Maryborough Family History Group Inc - No. 2, Vol.28 - Winter, 2022 - Wattle Bark  
Bega Valley Genealogical Society Inc - No. 2, Vol.37 - June, 2022  
- The Valley Genealogist

South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc - No. 2, Vol.13 - June, 2022 - Newsletter

**Digital Format:**

Wodonga Family History Society Inc - No. 184 - August, 2022 - Borderline News  
Swan Hill Genealogical & Historical Society Inc - No. 250 - August, 2022  
- Mallee Roots

International Settlers Group ISG - No. 3, Vol.39 - August, 2022 - Newsletter

Port Philip Pioneers Group Inc - No. 4, Vol.45 - August-September, 2022  
- Pioneer Echo ( Newsletter No. 225)

Wyalong District Family History Group - September, 2022 - The Mallee Stump

**Digital Format:**

\*Morwell Historical Society - No. 3, Vol.41 - June, 2022 - The Morwell Post  
Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc - No.133 - August, 2022  
- Spreading Branches

Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc - No. 122 - August, 2022  
- Reflections

South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc - No. 3, Vol.13 - September, 2022  
- Newsletter

Echuca-Moama Family History Group - No. 127 - September, 2022  
- Bridges & Branches

Maryborough Family History Group Inc - No. 3, Vol.28 - Spring, 2022 - Wattle Bark

## TRARALGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Traralgon Historical Society has just celebrated its 60th anniversary.

At the September meeting, the keynote speaker was Professor Richard Broome from Latrobe University.

In 1964, Bruce Lawn joined the society and is the longest serving current member.

An anniversary cake was cut by Bruce after the keynote address.

Open days:

Last Sunday of each month 2pm till 4pm except December and Public Holidays. Rooms can also be opened by appointment.

[www.traralgonhistory.asn.au](http://www.traralgonhistory.asn.au)

Community Corner—The Latrobe Valley Express  
Wednesday, 28 September, 2022 Page 32 has an article on the Anniversary celebrated.

**WE THANK THE MOE RACING CLUB FOR ITS  
CONTINUING SUPPORT.**



**MOE RACING  
CLUB**

## TROVE

Mr. A Leckey, of Willowgrove, Moe. While out driving with a young horse last week, was thrown from his buggy onto a stump. He received serious internal injuries.

Mrs Catherine Nally, of Traralgon died last week, aged 81 years. She landed in Victoria in the early fifties.

Mr and Mrs Archer, of the Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon, were out for a drive on Sunday last. The horses bolting, both occupants were thrown out. One of Mr Archer's arms was broken and Mrs Archer was severely bruised and shaken.

[Weekly Times \(Melbourne, Vic: 1859-1954\)](#)

[Sat 9 Jan 1904 / Page 15 / News in Brief](#)

[nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225443274](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225443274)

Mr. W Varney,  
a very old  
resident of the Tangil District,  
died in the Sale Hospital

Mr. F. W Muggridge, of the Colonial Bank Traralgon, has been appointed manager of the Port Fairy branch. Prior to leaving Traralgon he was entertained at a social gathering of friends and presented with a gold chain and locket as a mark of their friendship and esteem.

Mrs. A Perriman, wife of a settler on the Moe Swamp, when about to enter the cow-yard one day last week was attacked by a snake which had been lying coiled up just inside the gate. The reptile only succeeded in biting her dress, and eventually was killed by Mrs. Perriman.

[Weekly Times \(Melbourne, Vic: 1859-1954\)](#)

[Sat 23 Jan 1904 / Page 15 / News in Brief](#)

[nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225439142](http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article225439142)

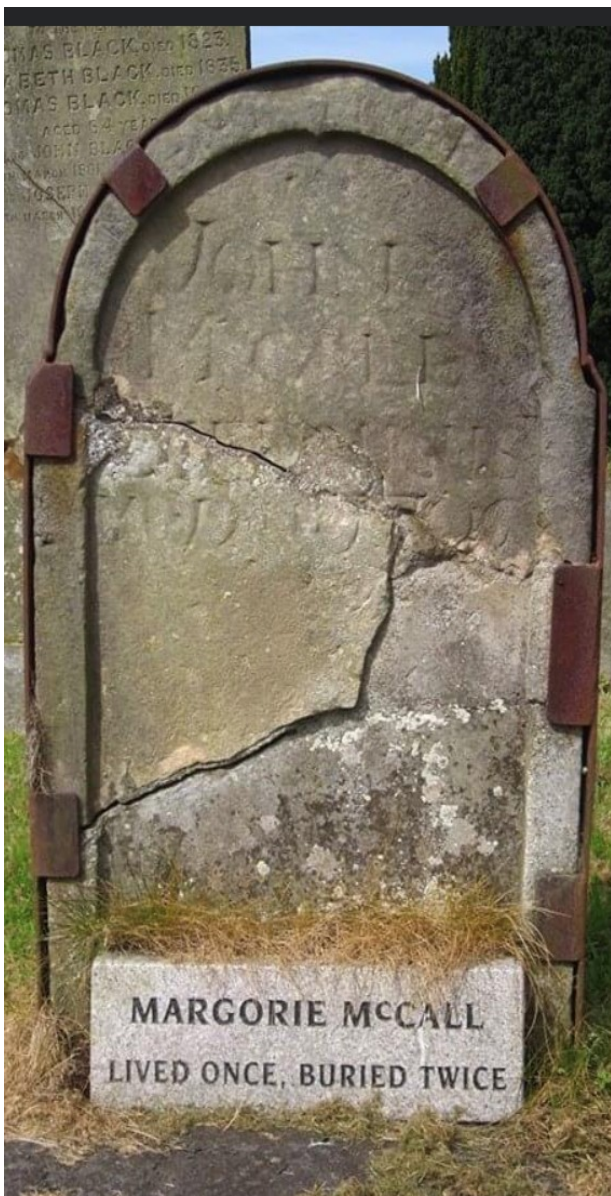


## WONDER WHAT SORT OF DR. HUBBY WAS?

True or not, here's the story of Margorie McCall, the woman who died once, but was buried twice:

After succumbing to a fever of some sort in 1705, Irish woman Margorie McCall was hastily buried to prevent the spread of whatever had done her in. Margorie was buried with a valuable ring, which her husband had been unable to remove due to swelling. This made her an even better target for body snatchers, who could cash in on both the corpse and the ring.

The evening after Margorie was buried, before the soil had even settled, the grave-robbers showed up and started digging. Unable to pry the ring off the finger, they decided to cut the finger off. As soon as blood was drawn, Margorie awoke from her coma, sat straight up and screamed.



The fate of the grave-robbers remains unknown. One story says the men dropped dead on the spot, while another claims they fled and never returned to their chosen profession.

Margorie climbed out of the hole and made her way back to her home.

Her husband John, a doctor, was at home with the children when he heard a knock at the door. He told the children, "If your mother were still alive, I'd swear that was her knock."

When he opened the door to find his wife standing there, dressed in her burial clothes, blood dripping from her finger but very much alive, he dropped dead to the floor. He was buried in the plot Margorie had vacated.

The grave of Margorie McCall, who rose from the grave in Lurgan, Ireland

Margorie went on to re-marry and have several children. When she did finally die, she was returned to Shankill Cemetery in Lurgan, Ireland, where her gravestone still stands. It bears the inscription "Lived Once, Buried Twice."

West Gippsland Genealogical Society



invites

you

**END OF YEAR HISTORY SPECIAL**

**Emeritus Professor Richard Broome AM FAHA**  
FRHSV President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

*writing to be read*

Telling our histories in ways that inform our knowledge,  
stimulate interest, delight the reader  
and challenge our perceptions of the past.

**Thursday 24 November 2022**

**7.30pm**

**Warragul Uniting Church**  
**210 Sutton St**

Supper

FREE entry; door prize tickets available

Enquiries [secretary@westgippslandgenealogy.com](mailto:secretary@westgippslandgenealogy.com)



# MEDIA RELEASE

## FAMILY HISTORY DOWN UNDER 2022

A world-class family history conference with in-person and virtual options

Adelaide, South Australia, 8 September 2022

Unlock the Past is delighted to announce that **Family History Down Under 2022 (FHDU 2022)** is now just two months away. The 4-day in-person conference will be held 8-11 November 2022 at Castle Hill, near Sydney. Two virtual options bring FHDU 2022 within reach of anyone, wherever they are, who cannot join us at Castle Hill.

### Overview

There will be four main theme or tracks – DNA; Researching Abroad; Australia & New Zealand; Methodology & General. Choose from 70+ presentations from 35 presenters from seven countries, plus 11 workshops and two conference dinners. The exhibition, which is both in-person and virtual, offers big savings from sponsors and exhibitors. And around AU\$2,000 in prizes will be up for grabs. The FHDU 2022 Community (a private Facebook chat group) will be available for interaction between attendees, speakers and sponsors. All presentations, except workshops and conference dinner talks will be available for all attendees (in-person and virtual) to view until 28 February 2023.



### Venue

Castle Hill RSL Club is a fantastic venue. It is close to Sydney, Australia's largest city, with access via Sydney Metro Northwest rail, onsite parking and plenty of accommodation nearby. It has multiple large capacity conference rooms and multiple lounges, bars and dining choices for those who would like to gather after each day's program.

### Unlock the Past / Family History Down Under

Unlock the Past is the event and publishing division of Gould Genealogy & History (established 1976). It is a collaborative venture involving an international team of expert speakers, writers, organisations and commercial partners to promote history and genealogy through innovative major events and publications. Recent events have been DNA Down Under and Family History Down Under 2021.

### Family History Down Under 2022 — our final event

It is now time to call it a day! Since 2003 we have organised around 150 events – expos, conferences, roadshows, 17 genealogy cruises, Australia's first significant battlefield tour, seminars and more. FHDU 2022 will be our final event.

I hope you will join us at Castle Hill or virtually for one last farewell event in November 2022. Find out more at [www.fhdu22.com](http://www.fhdu22.com).

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## CAN WE HELP?

### RESEARCH:

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