



# A.N.D.F.H.G. Inc. News Sheet

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Hello Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter of our new financial year and our seventeenth year in existence. We hope you enjoy reading our rather “Black” edition, which is full of murder and intrigue (with the exception of our tribute to Bev).

So, please read on.

The world in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century was very different to what we know now of course, and quite harsh with authorities giving out sentences. But, if it wasn't for those ancestors who endured their hardships, we would not be here to talk about it.

It was so nice to see so many of our regular members at our Annual General Meeting with lots to eat and hopefully enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to the Committee and everyone who participated in putting together a lovely afternoon. As you can see from the Committee names above, there is only a slight change to the participants.

As mentioned previously, we are always looking for something interesting to put in our newsletters, so if you have a story of your ancestors to tell please talk to one of our Editorial Committee, so we can include it for everyone to enjoy. Should any of you be interested in helping with the Editorial Committee, like wise

## Regards ANDFHG

### Disclaimer

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## Additions To the Website Members Area

Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc.  
Murrumbidgee Ancestor June 2022

Ghost Buster July 2022  
Campbelltown District Family History Society, NSW

Paramatta Packet July-Oct. 2022  
Parramatta Family History Group

Tree of Life May 2022  
Wyong Family History Group

Whyalla Family History Group Inc. June 2022

The Lambing Flat Leader May 2022  
Young & District Family History Group

The Warrnambool Family History Group Inc.  
The South-West Genealogist - July 2022

Cowra Family History Group Inc.  
Eagle Eye Journal June 2022

## Additions To the Library

- 862 The Emigrants Friend, Authentic Guide to South Australia.
- 863 Before Their Time - Tragic and Unexpected Death - North Road Cemetery
- 864 Buried Treasures - Prospect People in North Road Cemetery
- 865 Biographical Register of South Australian Surveyors - 1836 to 1936

## Vale - Bev Endersbee

Some of our regular members will know the lovely Bev Endersbee from the York Peninsula, who has been coming into Ann Street for many years whenever she could get to Salisbury. With help from Ivan, she completed the Endersbee Family Book "the Descendants of Thomas Endersbee" last year and was working on her own family book about her ancestors Robert Buck, who arrived on the "*Rapid*" with Colonel Light in 1836. Robert's wife Maria Robertson and three children arrived on the "*Cleveland*" in 1839.

We have the sad news that Bev passed away peacefully in hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, after many years of battling cancer.

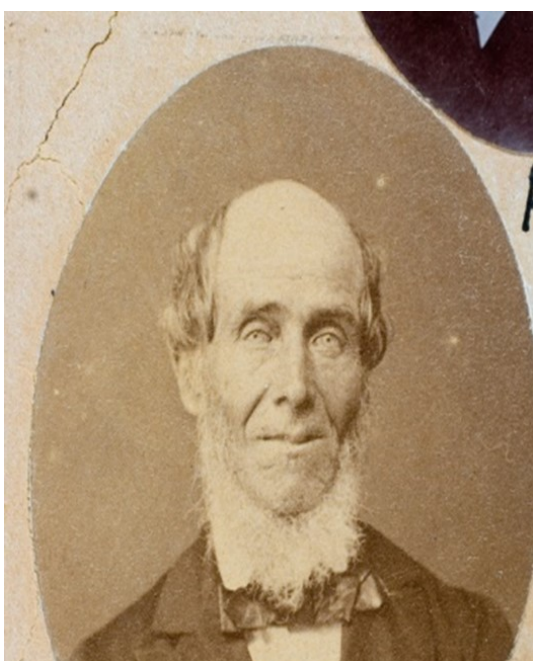
Our condolences to her family and friends, far and wide.

## **“The Coromandelians” by William Othams**

### **Brown**

Coromandel Brown family consisted of husband William Voules Brown, wife Harriet nee Perkins and their son William Perkins Brown. According to the Register of Emigrant Labourers, W V Brown was a labourer but when their son had been baptised he had been a footman. Whatever he had been, he was sufficiently financial to buy Town Acres 486 and 937 at the sale of the Adelaide Town Acres on 27 March 1837. Acre 486 was on the south side of Carrington Street and 937 was on the north side of Childers Street North Adelaide.

#### **William & Harriet Brown**



However they were doing financially, the 1<sup>st</sup> year in SA was not a happy one for the Browns. Their son died in April, then they had a daughter named Adelaide in June but she died in January the next year.

When Adelaide was baptised, her father's occupation was recorded as farrier. He was clearly a man with many talents. He went on to careers as a storekeeper, farmer and publican.

I have to confess that the Brown biography is one where my contribution was less than usual, because Brian Stace wrote much of it, relying on a history of St Jude's church at Brighton, where the Browns had played a key role in the church's early years. The material I relied on for the parts I wrote consisted of

- (1) images of the English marriage and baptism records, downloaded from Ancestry
- (2) extracts from Hoad's book on licensing records, covering the careers of W V Brown senior and junior as publicans
- (3) South Australian birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial records
- (4) Newspaper articles found on Trove
- (5) The 1841 census records

- (6) Old System and RPA land records
- (7) The South Australian Government Gazette
- (8) Directories
- (9) The Succession Duty file for the estate of W V Brown, held at State records
- (10) Extracts from the Aldine History of South Australia, the Cyclopaedia of South Australia and the Brown family history
- (11) An email from the author of the Brown family history
- (12) The Brighton hotel and St Jude's Church web-sites
- (13) The State Library Old Colonist photographs of William and Harriet Brown (and of the Northern Territory mine where one of their sons died), and their biographical notes and series lists for the Brown family papers and St Jude's Church records held by them
- (14) The South Australian Insolvencies Index (which contains entries for 2 of the Brown sons).

## The Fry Family Murders 8 February 1898



THE LATE MR. FRY.

Elver Greenough Fry was no different from any other man living in Adelaide in the latter part of the 19th century. Born in 1861, he married Georgina Blanche Dalwood in St Bede's Church at Semaphore on 5th November 1884. The marriage was blessed with three daughters, Audrey Vere in 1885, Eileen Blanche in 1888, and finally Marjorie in 1891. The family initially lived in North Adelaide, and had moved to Florence Street, Fullarton Estate



THE LATE MRS. FRY.

about 5 months previously. Mr. Fry, an architect by trade, had been employed as a clerk on the railway staff at the Engineer-in-Chief's Department since 1885. The children were very bright intellectual girls, and the family was a very loving one.

In the three months leading up to the tragedy, Mr. Fry had been complaining of not feeling well. He mentioned pains in his neck and head, and also pains in his back, possibly sciatica, which affected his mobility. He had been off work for about a week, and his doctor suggested that he was overworked and needed a "change." It was a very hot summer, and Mr. Fry was finding it difficult to sleep, which also contributed to his depressed state of mind. Mrs. Fry had been arranging for the family to go to Semaphore for a month's break, in an effort to ease her husband's stress.

A week before the fatal shooting, Mrs. Fry had found a loaded revolver under the mattress of their bed. Shocked, she confronted her husband about it, and he promised to get rid of it. She was satisfied with this, and the matter was not brought up again.

On the morning of Tuesday 8th February, Mrs. Fry awoke early, going to the laundry to commence the washing, as she had discharged her servant the week before. It appears that she was not aware of her husband coming up behind her, and he shot her just below the left ear, killing her instantly.

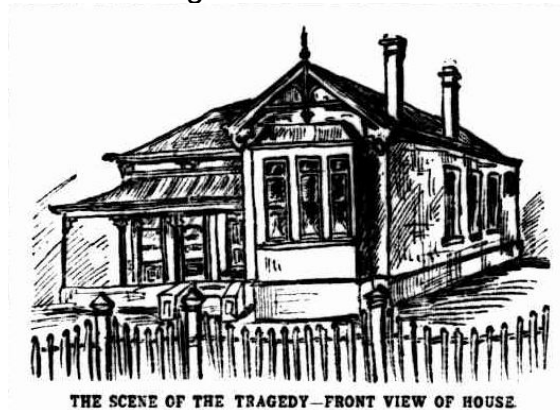
Mr. Fry then moved through the house, shooting his daughters as they lay sleeping peacefully in their beds. The eldest girl, Audrey, was shot in the temple and also died instantly. The other two girls were also shot in the head but survived the initial attack. Mr. Fry then retreated to the front bedroom where he took his own life, the revolver falling by his side with one round still in the chamber.

Marjorie, although bleeding severely from her head wound, was able to run to their neighbour and raise the alert. When the police and medical assistance arrived on the scene, Eileen was still alive, and she was taken to hospital together with her younger sister Marjorie but died shortly after admission.

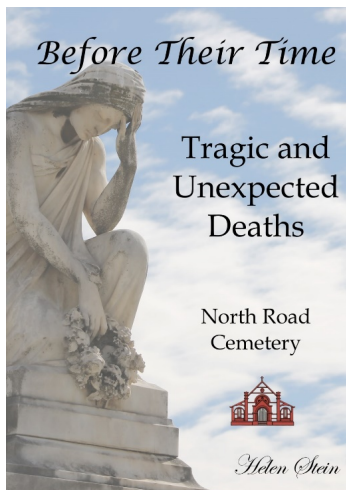
An inquest commenced the following day, eventually concluding that the family was willfully murdered by Mr. Elver G. Fry, who at the time was in a "troubled state of mind."

Marjorie eventually recovered from her injuries.

The four members of the Fry family are buried together in Plot 781, Path 8 South. The funeral was conducted quietly without public announcement on Wednesday afternoon, 9th February 1898. Only two coffins were placed in the grave, the first containing Mr. Fry and his eldest daughter Audrey, and the other one containing Mrs. Fry and Eileen. There is no memorial on the grave to mark this tragic loss.



## An Extract from *Before Their Time*.



Books are available from the North Road Cemetery office for \$20. Postage and handling is an extra \$7.

For information call the cemetery office on 8344 1051 or email [cemetery@adelaideanglicans.com](mailto:cemetery@adelaideanglicans.com)

### **CORONER'S INQUEST.**

An inquest was held on Wednesday last, His Worship the Mayor presiding as Coroner, on the body of Catherine Lawson, found drowned in the North Para River, near her own residence. A respectable jury of fourteen being sworn in, Mr Edward Lane was appointed Foreman.

Henry Willsmore, a boy nine years old, son of a neighbour, deposed as follows:

After 10 o'clock this morning I saw James and Thomas Lawson near their home, and told them I had seen something in the river. We all went down, and then saw that it was the body of Mrs. Lawson lying in the water. We did not see her move. Her face was downward. I did not know how long she had been in the river. I told Mrs. Parker, who lived near on the Park Lands. She sent me for the police. Had not spoken with Mrs. Lawson this morning. She had her clothes on in the river. Her slippers were under a tree on the bank. Thomas Lawson, aged 15, son of deceased, stated that his mother went to bed right enough the previous night. His brother heard a noise in the night, and awoke him. He lighted a candle and saw that his mother had a cord round her neck, which his brother broke off. His mother then said 'You can go to sleep now.' The cord was tight round her throat. They then both went to sleep again, and woke up about 7 o'clock, when their mother was not in the house. He went to Mrs. Parker's in search of her, but she was not there. He saw a woman cross the river and went after her, but found it was not his mother and while near the river Henry Willsmore said to me, 'there's your mother lying in the river, Tom' I went to the river and saw it was mother and went directly for the police. Her face was under the water, and her hair floating on the water. Heard his mother threaten to choke herself the night before when the cord was taken off her neck. She had a bottle of colonial wine before she went to bed. Did not know whether she had drunk anything during the day. She was in the habit of drinking colonial wine. Had never heard her threaten to make away with herself before last night. He did not ask his mother why she tied the cord— which was a piece of black braid— round her throat.

Rebecca Parker, wife of John Parker, residing near the deceased, stated that the previous witness came to her house about 8 o'clock that morning enquiring for his mother. About 10 o'clock Henry Willsmore came to tell her Mrs. Lawson was drowned. Witness and Mrs Willsmore went across to the river and saw her floating in the water face downward. Sent the boys for the police. Had known the deceased for years. Had seen her at times the worse for drink. Deceased came to her house the previous night and complained that she had got a strange talking in her head. A pair of blinkers was missing at the priest's, and she said that if they suspected her boys had taken them she should go mad. Something had been missing before from the priest's. She said some people were coming to murder her, and she was rambling in her talk all day, and coming backward and forward to her (witness's) house. From her appearance last night believed she was going out of her mind— Had not heard her threaten to destroy herself, Isaac Thomas, officer in temporary charge of police, Gawler stated that on being informed of the case he went down to the river in company with Sergeant Woodcock and Police Constable Murphy, when they took the body of deceased out of the river, she being quite dead. Some of the hair was in her mouth, which was bloody...- Her face was discolored, but there was nothing round her neck. Her feet were naked and the slippers were on the river bank. The water where she was found

was about four feet deep, but there was a deep hole near into which she appeared to have thrown herself - the body floating afterwards into shallower water. Sent for a doctor at once. E. L. Grundy, at the request of the Coroner, stated that he had known deceased prior to the death of her Husband, Captain Lawson, about 12 or 13 years. About six years ago she had been confined in the Lunatic Asylum for three or four months, Her habits had been those of occasional indulgence in drink, causing her to be very excitable while under its influence. Since she was in the asylum he was called out one night by the children of deceased asking him to come and look after her, as she had told them she was going to drown herself. He and a neighbour, Mr Sullivan, went out with a lantern in search of her on the Park Lands. After considerable search and shouting they found her hid among the trees, where she was trying to escape them. She had no shoes nor stockings on and only her night dress. Witness considered that for some years past her intellects were being gradually impaired. Stimulants of any kind had the effect of greatly exciting her, and he could only look upon the case as one of temporary insanity, superinduced by indulgence in stimulants. He had known little or nothing of her for the last two years. When not under injurious influence she was a kind hearted and obliging woman, and of very clean, domestic habits. August Englehardt, duly qualified medical practitioner, deposed to having been called to see the deceased about 10 o'clock that morning. Found the body lying on the banks of the river, life being extinct. Examined the body and found no marks of external violence The face was covered with dark blotches, the tongue was protruding and fixed between the teeth, the limbs were rigid. The body- must have been in the water at least a couple of hours, and death was unquestionably caused by drowning.

Brierly Worrall, brother in law of deceased, confirmed Mr Grundy's statement as to her impaired intellect, she having during the last two years at times of mental aberration come across to his house at Willaston, complaining of her house being haunted, that she could not continue to live in it, and that her life was in danger. Her conduct for some time showed that her faculties were impaired. The Coroner in a very lucid summing up, appeared to consider the case as one of temporary insanity, resulting no doubt from the too great indulgence in stimulants and the Jury, after a brief consultation, brought in the following verdict :

We are of opinion that the deceased Catherine Lawson drowned herself in a waterhole, being at the time in a state of temporary insanity brought on by the influence of stim

### **HMS "PICKLE"**

A replica of this small vessel was based on the River Humber, Yorkshire.



Lord Nelson used to call her his little Pickle. The original Pickle played a part in the battle of Trafalgar. the "line up" of the British fleet was arranged in the following pattern. Before leaving the Humber Docks.

Order of Battle against the combined fleets two forward lines to attack head on and force a path through the mighty Spanish and French ships of war. Unexpected and far from text book, Nelson pulled off the victory that "saved England" 21st October 1805.

### **VAN. Led by Admiral Lord Nelson**

Victory, Temeraire, Neptune, Conqueror, Leviathan, Ajax, Orion, Agamemnon, Minotaur, Spartiate,

Britannia, Africa, Euryalus, Sirius, Phoebe,  
Naiad, Pickle Schooner, Eutrepente Cutter

### **REAR Led by Admiral Lord Collingwood**

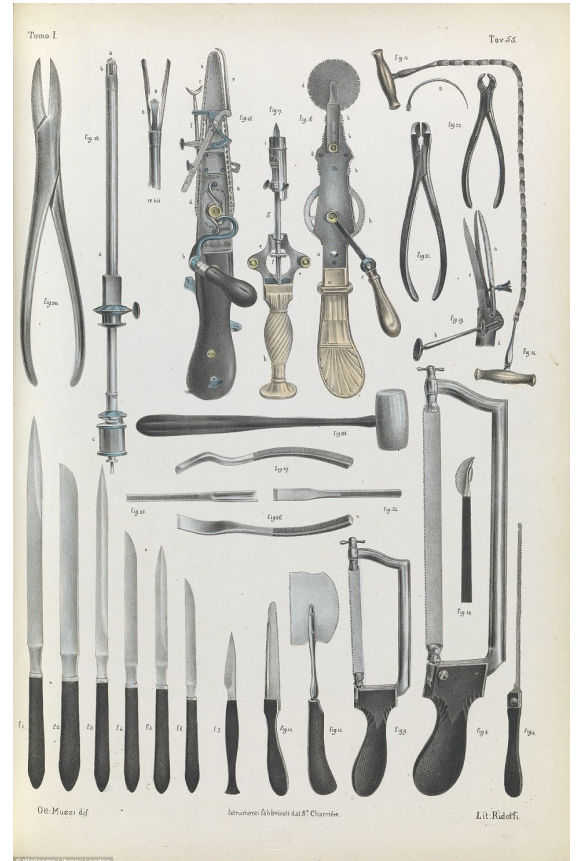
Royal Sovereign, Mars, Belleisle, Tonnant,  
Bellerophon, Colossus, Achille, Polyphemus,  
Revenge, Swiftsure, Defence, Thunderer,  
Defiance, Prince, Dreadnought

18<sup>th</sup> Century Surgeons Kit (presumably taken from an unknown French text book) relating to a ship called "*HMS Pickle*", which was part of Lord Nelsons fleet at the battle of Trafalgar.

She was a topsail schooner of the Royal Navy originally a civilian vessel named "*Sting*". She was at the Battle of Trafalgar and though she was too small to take part in any fighting, it was the first ship to bring the news of Nelson's victory to Great Britain.

She was captured by a French privateer named "*Favorite*" in 1807 and was wrecked in 1808 without loss of life.

Source : *Wikipedia*.



## **RECYCLING**

How the world has changed over the last 70 years especially shopping. A post on Facebook recently jogged people's memories with lots of 'likes' and comments as follows.

A lady was in a supermarket and the cashier said, - Madam, you have to bring your own shopping bags because these plastic bags are not eco-friendly! The old lady apologized and responded: In my time there was no such "green wave". - This is our problem today, madam. Your generation didn't care enough about the environment. - You're right - the lady replied. Our generation didn't care enough for the environment. Glass bottles of milk, soda and beer used to return the empty bottles to the store. The shop would return them back to the factory, where they were washed and sterilized before using them again. We really didn't care about the environment back in the day.



We even washed the baby nappies because there were no disposable ones. We dried them ourselves, not in electric dryers. Those nappies were really drying from the wind and sun. We really didn't care about the state of the environment back in our day. We only had one television and one radio in the house, not one TV per room. And the TV had a 14 inch screen, not the size of a stadium, which when it broke, would be thrown out of nowhere. In the kitchen, we had to do everything by hand because there were no electrical appliances to do everything for us.

When we mailed something fragile to pack, we used old newspapers, not nylon bubbles and styrofoam balls that take 500 years to decompose. Back in the day we didn't use petrol lawn mowers to mow the lawn, they were mechanical and we used our muscles to move them. The workouts were amazing and we didn't have to go to the gym to get fit.

You're right, we didn't worry about the environment in our days. We used to drink water straight from the tap, not from the plastic bottles and cups that now fill the oceans. There wasn't really a "green wave" in our days - back then we all got on the tram or bus, kids used bikes or walked to school instead of using their parents as a 24-hour taxi service. So isn't it amazing that the current generation talks so much about "environment" but is unwilling to give anything up and think of living with little like I did back in my day! Now that you've read this rant, send it to your friends who are over 50, and to young people who have it all in their hands and only know how to criticize the elderly!!!

## South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 15 July 1865, page 3

### PORT GAWLER.

[From our own Correspondent.]

Port Gawler, July 13.

An accident of a very melancholy and serious nature happened here a few days since to Mr. Wm. Verner, of this neighbourhood. It appears that on Monday, the 3rd, he was at the Council chamber at the nomination of councillors, and returning home got a fall from his horse, and was the cause of his death in 43 hours after, which took place on Wednesday morning at about 11 o'clock.

An inquest was held on the next day (Thursday), and deceased was buried after dark, all in consequence of the Coroner not coming at the time appointed. It is a great pity that the District of Port Gawler cannot afford one J. P. It would save a great deal of inconvenience, when on this occasion a Magistrate or J.P. could not find time to come 10 miles to hold an inquest on a fellow-creature that was almost in a decomposed state. The inquest was held at the Two Wells Inn on Thursday evening, the 6th inst, before Dr. Milner, J.P., of Gawler, and a respectable Jury of 12. Mr. Robert McCord was chosen foreman. The first witness called was Mr. John Cowan, sen., land-lord of the Two Wells public-house, who said— I was going down to the Council-chamber to the nomination. Saw deceased there. Did not see him again until about half-past 4 o'clock. It was about 11 o'clock when I saw him first. He was quite sober at the time. Had only about three nobblers that I served him with. Was quite capable of riding a horse. Was in company with eight or nine others when he returned from the Council-chamber. I refused him any more drink. He then left to go home in company with three others about half-past 6 o'clock. Did not know he was hurt until

Jenkins came back and told me. Went back with Jenkins with a cart and brought him back to the public-house. When I saw him he was lying on his chest. When we brought him back he was sensible and asked for a drink of water, and complained of his chest being sore and one side of his head. He remained sensible until about 11 o'clock, after which time he knew nothing more until he died, which was about 43 hours after the fall. By a Juror— I did not see him until 4 o'clock. He was sober then. Mr. Jenkins was the worse for drink at the time they left to go home. E. Jenkins stated— I was in company with deceased at 4 o'clock at Two Wells. Had a nobbler or two. When we left to go home there were two more in company besides myself. When a little distance from the house Mr. Verner's horse bolted, and came by me like a shot and frightened my mare, which started off the same time. Went more than half a section before I came up with him, and saw the horse standing. Looked about for deceased for some time afterwards; at length found him lying on his chest and one side of the head, and I caught him in my arms and said, "William, cannot you walk?" Did not speak. Laid him down gently. Went back to Two Wells. Informed Mr. Cowan of the accident, who immediately got a cart and came back with me. We removed him to Mr. Cowan's, where he remained up to 11 o'clock sensible, after which time he was not conscious of anything. I remained a little while after, and then went home. Mr. Cowan sent for the doctor, who bled deceased about 5 o'clock in the morning. I was on good terms with deceased, and was a close neighbour. Was not racing at the time of the accident. Deceased's horse, I believe, was given to bolt. Mr. Cowan said I was the worse for drink. I deny that. I had more than would do me good.

There were some posts lying near where deceased was lying. Did not believe the posts caused him to fall. Thomas Cowan, son of first witness, stated— I was in deceased's company. Had two nobblers with him. Started at about 6 o'clock with him, and in company with two others. Was going home at the time. When about 15 yards from the house they both started as fair as if it had been a race. Did not hear any arrangement about a race between Jenkins and deceased. I believe de-ceased's horse and Jenkins's bolted together. Do not believe they were racing. Afterwards saw Jenkins come back, and he said to me, "Did you see Bill?" and I said, "No, he is gone, horse and all." Jenkins said, "I expect he has fallen." I was not in his company when he was hurt. Jenkins and deceased went off together. I was not in Jenkins's company when he found deceased. I went up and down the section two or three times. Could not see anything of him. Then went to deceased's cousin's place, to ascertain if the horse went home and to inform them that he was miss-ing. They had seen nothing of him, and the horse had not come there. They came back and found the horse at about 11 o'clock. Deceased was a little funny, but was not drunk. By the foreman —There was no difference in the start, which was as fair as at a race; but believed they were not racing. Believed Verner's horse would bolt. This was all the evidence produced, with the excep-tion of some little that I could not catch in consequence of the noise that was made in the crowded room. Mr. Cowan, sen., was recalled, and gave the evidence in the absence of Dr, Popham, who should have been present but was not until after the evidence was given. His Worship briefly summed up, and the Jury returned a verdict of accidental death from a fall from his horse. De-ceased was then coffined and conveyed to the Two Wells Cemetery at about 7 o'clock in the evening, when the brothers of the Loyal Virginia Lodge, M.U., escorted him to the grave, and were followed by a very large and respectable number of neigh-bours and friends. The deceased was a member of the I.O.O.F., M.U.



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Committed in Promoting Family History Research

# **“Descendants’ Day at Dalwood”**

## **INVITATION**

**The Dalwood Restoration Association, whose members include both Wyndham and convict descendants, cordially invites the descendants of the convicts, Indigenous people, German vine-dressers, free immigrants, and colonial born employees who worked at any of the Wyndham properties at Dalwood (Branxton), Mahngarinda (Merriwa), Colly Blu (Liverpool Plains), Bukkulla and Nullamanna (McIntyre River) or Keelgyrah (Richmond River) between 1828 and 1900, and during Dalwood’s later ownership by Penfolds and Wyndham Estate Wines, and anyone interested in history to join them for**

**Lunch**

**At**

**Dalwood Cellars**

**Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 12.00 noon.**

**\$ 67.50 per person.**

(This will also mark the 192nd anniversary of the planting of the first vines at Dalwood.)

### **Speakers**

**‘The Convicts Who Built Dalwood House – 1828 to 1836’ – Don Seton Wilkinson.**

**‘The Contribution of German Vinedressers to Dalwood and the Hunter Valley’ – Dr Paul Kime.**

**‘The Importance of Marion Wyndham’s 1891-1928 Wollong Weather Observations’ – Professor Howard Bridgman.**

### **Art Exhibition**

Work by well-known local Wonnarua artist Debbie Becker.

### **Bookings**

Please use the link below to make your booking.

[Descendants' Day at Dalwood 2022](#)

**For further information: [secretary@dalwood.org.au](mailto:secretary@dalwood.org.au)**

# Dublin History Group Inc.



## COME AND DO SOME RESEARCH

**Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**

**Time: 1.00 p.m.**

**Location: Dublin Institute  
9 Sixth Street, Dublin**

**Cost: \$5.00 includes Afternoon Tea**

The Dublin History Group and the Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group members are teaming up to assist you get started or continue your journey of discovery with your family tree. Bring along the information you have and enjoy a great afternoon of research .

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