

Family and Local History Newsletter

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Joondalup Library, Local History
102 Boas Avenue, Joondalup 6027

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm

National Family History Week

Are you in the process compiling your family tree? If so, you might like to participate in some of the events taking place during National Family History Week 2 – 11 August 2013.

The State Library of Western Australia is offering a program of tours and presentations 6 – 8 August 2013. If you're interested in attending any of the sessions, it's advisable to book early as there are only a limited number of places available.



Family History for Beginners Course

Do you have a friend who is starting to compile their Family Tree? Are you stuck and need a new direction or more advice on how to continue your research? If so, you might like to attend the Family History for Beginners Course.

The courses are held throughout the year. Please subscribe to

the Library e-newsletter or go to the City of Joondalup Events Calendar for more information.

The Family History for Beginners Course costs \$27.00 per person and includes a comprehensive booklet. To book please phone Local History on **9400 4746** or send an email to: local.history@joondalup.wa.gov.au

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	31 July	2.00 – 4.00pm	Duncraig Library
Tuesday	15 October	6.45 – 9.00pm	Joondalup Library Local History
Saturday	23 November	2.00 – 4.00pm	Joondalup Library Local History

Australian Joint Copying Project



The Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) began in 1945 as a collaborative project between the State Library of New South Wales and the National Library of Australia. The initial aim was to microfilm all documents that relate to Australia that were held in the Public Records Office in the UK (now known as the National Archives) and in archives and libraries throughout the United Kingdom. Eventually all the State Libraries and the National Library of New Zealand were involved in the project. This enabled the scope of the AJCP to be expanded.

For over 50 years it was responsible for microfilming material related to Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, most of South East Asia and Antarctica.

The result is an absolute treasure trove for family historians and lovers of history. The AJCP collection includes convict records, captains' logs, shop surgeons' journals, military records, Governors' dispatches, information about the early days in the colony etc. and is well worth a look.

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Family Recipes

Food is a key ingredient in any family history – just think of the memories evoked by a taste of Mum's special turkey stuffing or a whiff of grandma's apple pie. Celebrate those memorable dishes (and the traditions surrounding them) by creating a personalized recipe book.

Ask loved ones to contribute their favourite recipes to gather into an album. Then share it at a family gathering. Here are some tips to get you started:

- Send requests for recipes and information about the book you're compiling. Ask for memories associated with the dish, such as who it came from and when it was served. Encourage people to get back to you by giving a deadline or asking them to bring the recipe to a family gathering.
- It might be fun to include a little extra information about each recipe, such as what culture it reflects or how it originated.
- For an easy-to-assemble cookbook format, purchase an album with two 10x15cm pockets per page. Ask each participant to provide a matted photo and recipe card. Put a recipe in one pocket and a photo with journaling in the other.
- Another option is to create the book using a digital photo-book service such as Snapfish, Momento or MyCanvas. The price of the book will depend on its size and type of book that you order. It's worth using the ninemsn currency convertor to comparison price and see how much the books will cost in Australian dollars.
- If you plan to make a large number of books, consider a self-publisher such as **HeritageCookbook.com**



- Don't forget to create a contents page for easier recipe finding, and a page with a special message from you.

If you are considering embarking on a family cookbook journey, then you might like to start by having a look at:

The Food Timeline **foodtimeline.org** has a wealth of food history for those curious about old family recipes. There are lots of other resources on food history too.



Can you help?

The City of Joondalup has a large number of photos that relate to the Joondalup region in our Photograph Collection. Many of these photos have been donated by members of the public and can be accessed via the Picture Joondalup Catalogue. All of the photos on Picture Joondalup have been digitised and researched by Local History staff. They're a great source of information about the people and places in our area.

However we need your help! We're calling on our readers to help us to identify unknown figures or locations in some of our photos. Email local.history@joondalup.wa.gov.au or phone **9400 4746**.

Caption: Arabella Perry and friends, Wanneroo ca. 1924.

Back row, left to right: unknown, Joseph Thomas Perry, unknown, unknown, unknown, Mr Sundercombe, unknown.

Middle row, left to right: Arabella Perry, George Darch, Clarrie Darch, Edward (Teddy) Robinson, Jim O'Malley with unknown girl sitting on his lap.

Front row, left to right: Muriel Joan Perry, Edna Darch, Aubrey Eric Perry, unknown.

This group photo was taken in Wanneroo. It contains members of John (Jack) and Arabella (Dotty) Elizabeth Perry's family and some of their friends. Dotty's maiden name was Darch.

It's an Honour – Australia Celebrating Australians



Do you have a friend or a family member who is celebrating a special birthday or anniversary? You can surprise that person and arrange for them to receive personal congratulations from the Prime Minister, Governor-General or the Queen www.itsanhonour.gov.au

Please bear in mind that you'll need to provide supporting documentation such as a birth certificate or a marriage certificate. If you don't have either of those documents, you can provide a statutory declaration. Statutory Declaration forms are available from the Post Office or online.



Sorrento

Sorrento (named after the famous resort town in Italy), has always been popular with families.

By the 1950s it was a favourite weekend destination. Many families had holiday shacks on the beach. In 1953 a block of land in Sorrento cost 80 pounds (\$150.00). As the residential area expanded, the beach shacks were gradually removed by the Wanneroo Roads Board.

The Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club (founded in 1958), had their first meetings at the "Dome". Built by George Geneff in 1961, the Dome was a round concrete building located on West Coast Highway. It was a tearoom and shop.

During the winter of 1962 a severe storm hit the coast causing extensive damage to Sorrento Beach. The new surf club building (only two years old), was saved from being washed away by the many volunteers who filled hundreds of sandbags that were used to reinforce the area in front of the club rooms and halt the advance of the sea.



Western Australian Records held in the Joondalup Local History Collection

When doing Family History research, burial records and information on headstones is a valuable source of information. A selection of titles available from the Local History Library that will help you in this area of research include:

- Dead reckoning: how to find your way through the genealogical jungle of Western Australia.
- Lonely graves of Western Australia and burials at sea.
- More lonely graves of Western Australia.
- Western Australian burial location index.
- Convict records of Western Australia.
- Order in the court: a guide to the records of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Other resources include microfiche of burial and cemetery records, electronic resources and journals which are available for browsing. Books, Oral History CDs and CD-ROMs are now available for loan. All family history resources may be borrowed with a library membership card.



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