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Presidents Report

A happy and prosperous 2004 to all our members and their families.

The society has two projects to offer our members for this year.

(a) A tea towel depicting Picton's historic buildings and incorporating a map of Picton giving there locations. A picture of the tea towel and order form may be found on page 3. This has been the project of Kate Holmes—Thank you Kate for all your hard work.

(b) Ken William's third volume of the "Index to Marriage Register of the Anglican Parish of St Mark's Picton, 1924—1963 is available now for sale. Many thanks to Ken on a very informative work.

We will have a stall on Australia Day at the Botanical Gardens in Picton. Hope to see you there.

Elaine Callaway

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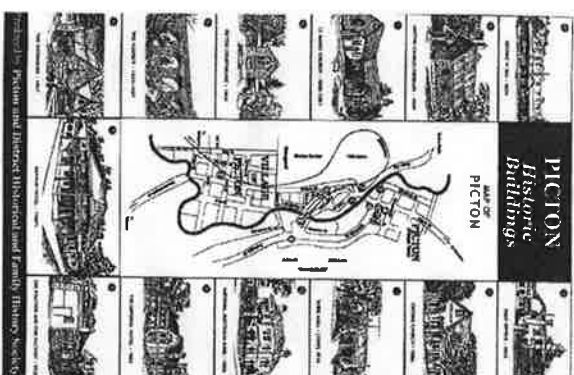
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Our popular lecture series will again be a part of Showcase over the two days and there'll be stalls with books, software and CDs to buy, and tables manned by government departments, transcription agents and SAG volunteers and Interest Groups giving research advice and look-ups of popular and new records for both Australian and overseas research. And of course our famous sausage sizzle and refreshment stalls will operate on both days.

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Thumbnail Sketch of Bargo Bargo as I remember it 1940 to 2002

By Claire Bell

Wattle scrub, wallabies and wild flowers; nodding bluebells flourish with native orchids and feathery maidenhair fern in mossy crevices. In more open bushland orange 'bacon and eggs' vie with robust purple creepers and proud crimson waratahs. Beautiful flannel flowers and a profusion of wattles colour dull eucalypts while scribbly bark reveals myriad patterns on aged trees. Mushrooms can be gathered by the haflul. Snakes, goannas and exotic looking frill-neck lizards rustle amongst dry undergrowth. Rabbit plagues bring grief to farmers but pocket money to enterprising trappers. Tank-water, beautiful clean Bargo River, swimming at the Potholes between Tahmoor and Bargo on Pheasants Nest Road horse-drawn carts, weatherboard cottages, candles, kerosene lamps, clothes-props and high-top bread. Cheeky willee-wagtails flirt on horse and cow while laughing kookaburras, magpies, pee-wees look on. Shy whip-birds contrast silvery notes of bellbirds. Occasionally you spot a koala bear high in the folk of their special gumtree. Push-bikes, steam trains, poultry farms with day old chicks reared under a kerosene brooder, dairy farms selling milk by the billy, pig farms, nurseries including a Kentia Palm nursery, a tung-oil plantation, post office, grocery shops, produce store, butcher and baker.

Mr. Hicks ran a PLUME service station on the then Hume Highway pumping orange petrol by hand into a wire-covered glass cage on top of the pump. The fuel then gravitated down into the car or trucks' petrol tank.

During the war years an emergency airstrip was cleared and levelled between Yarran Road and Elvy Street at the northern end of Bargo. One evening in 1943 the people of Bargo were astonished to see flares dropping to the ground. They feared the Japanese were invading Australia. Japanese midget submarines had entered Sydney Harbour, so naturally everyone was fearful of what the future held. Fortunately, the flares were from three Dutch, Mitchell Bombers, one of which was crippled. After locating the air-strip, the planes landed safely, leaving the unserviceable one to be repaired.

There were hundreds of rolls of camouflage netting left lying in tracks adjacent to the airfield in case warplanes had to be hidden.

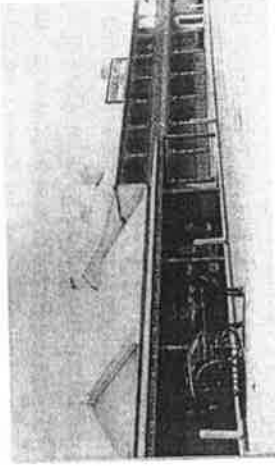
Another time after WW2, Mrs. Casey, wife of a Canberra parliamentarian, ran short of fuel as she flew her single-engine Cessna to Bankstown airport. She made a forced landing at the airstrip, clipping the fence of an adjoining paddock. A local man saw her and asked Mr. Hick to bring petrol. After refuelling, she resumed her flight.

BHP owned a Steel Improvement Works at the end of Kader Street, which employed a dozen or more men. The charcoal produced was taken to Port Kembla Steel Works. Men also burnt charcoal in bush paddocks to the south of where Pheasants Nest twin Service Stations on the F5 Freeway now stands.

petrol rationing was introduced in 1940 with private cars allowed petrol coupons to travel 25 kilometres weekly, so demand for charcoal increased in the local

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Fact Sheet



Picton Hotel

"The Australian" of August 16th 1842 stated that it was proposed to open a second hotel at Stonequarry creek, but the paper's correspondent said that the building which was proposed to be used for the inn "was a miserable slab hut with a bark roof", and that there didn't seem to be enough trade for two hotels in the village."

However, the Licensing Court gave a licence for "The Jolly Butcher" to Thomas Howarth in 1844 at Stonequarry as Picton was then known so this would be the year of the opening of the hotel built on this site. The Rev James Steele in his "Early days of Picton" stated that "Lanky Tom Howard" was the first licensee. "Lanky Tom" was not a tall person, but he came from Lancashire and served a sentence for stealing.

The inn was later known as "Ray's Pastoral Inn" and various members of the Ray family kept it for many years. They named it "The Royal". But the name was changed to the "Commercial" after the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney opened their office in the street office now occupied by the "Picton News" in the new building which was built in June 1937, the owner-licensee being Mr. A.J.R. Davison.

Names of the various licensees are as follows: Thomas Howarth, John Ray, George Ray, George Bell, J Proctor, G Bell, H Figg, J McGollick, J Owen, Mr Thompson, Mr Platoon, T H Langbridge, A H Kirkby, C L Read, A E Jones, P J Toohey, A J H Davison, Ina Pears, Trevis Pears and John Davison and Others.

WHAT IS A FAMILY HISTORIAN

Between the innocence of childhood and the happy awareness of the mental asylum, we have that delightful person called the family historian.

Family Historians come in assorted sizes, shapes and colours, but all have the same creed: to track ancestors in more archives, more libraries and newspapers than any other person and to impart their stories to anybody who will listen.

They are found everywhere. Hunched up in front of microfiche readers, rifling through musty old newspapers, thumbing dog eared index cards, and the very enthusiastic can even be found lurking in graveyards.

The Register General loves them, libraries tolerate them, their families humour them and friends shake their heads in bemusement.

To family and friends they are someone who collects old photos and documents, litters the spare room, writes dozens of unanswered letters and has a huge phone bill.

They are a composite. They possess the curiosity of a cat, the patience of Job, a craving for the mother country, eyesight attuned to old writing and a hand in their pocket all the time. Nobody else is enthusiastic about a headstone, gets so much fun out of a post office directory, sits for hours reading a microfilm and then falls asleep watching the T.V.

They are strange creatures and supreme optimists. Years can pass while they look for that vital clue that leads to the joyful shout of "I've found him" Your heart goes out to them, your soul is uplifted, at long last they will become normal, until in the next breath they say, "I wonder when so and so was born."

Unknown

area as well as further a field. Clumsy gas-producers fitted to the rear of the car enabled charcoal to be used to fuel cars and trucks, although it was a dirty substitute.

The nearest doctors were at Picton, Dr. Brody next to the Primary School and Dr. Johnson near the present Bowling Club. Sister Dinneville, our Bargo Bush Nurse looked after everyone from 1937 to her retirement approx. 1960.

An Assyrian salesman, Mr George, sold clothing, linen, boots and haberdashery door to door from a van.

Medication, snakebite cure, arnica and vanilla essence etc. for the family could be purchased from the Rawleigh man, also at the door. He carried a variety of cure-all treatment for animals.

Families got their fruit and vegetables every Wednesday from Mr Jack Owners red Bedford truck on his weekly run. Later, a fresh fish twice weekly delivery service supplied the people of Bargo.

The hotel has been renovated several times, however it is still basically the same building with the addition of an Eftpos machine and poker machines. The colloquially known sow-pen where women could have a drink if they dared, no longer exists.

Three churches were well supported, also a good Primary School, (High School children caught the 6.20am train to Liverpool returning on the 6.20pm train).

A power generated picture theatre showed moving pictures in a converted igloo left over from the War years. It stood almost at the end of Noongah Street. The fare to enter was sixpence, (five cents) the tickets were purchased from a tiny office just inside the door. A stained tongue-and-grooved wooden floor and timber pop-up seats bolted in rows occupied the body of the igloo; the only upstairs bit was where the projectionist worked his magic. After each show the movies were rewound and taken to the train station to be returned to Sydney from whence the next weeks entertainment would be forwarded. Everyone stood respectfully for the English Anthem 'God Save The King'. There was a newsreel introduction with our own Australian laughing kookaburra, a travelogue or cartoon followed by shorts of the coming attractions. The roaring lion of Metro-Golden-Mayor or the lovely lady holding a sparkling torch aloft signifying Columbia Movies preceded the main feature. At halftime everyone could buy sweets from the little shop inside the theatre door, then a second movie was shown.

Pictures starring Hopalong Cassidy, Black Beauty, Lassie Come Home, musicals with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Victor Mature and gangster films featuring Henry Fonda, Dirk Bogard, Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn and Lon Chaney were all popular. Girls in the audience loved Judy Garland, Shirley Temple and violet-eyed Elisabeth Taylor.

A friend recently mentioned to me that she and her three primary school aged brothers, accompanied by their mother, enjoyed the matinee every Saturday. The mother would buy a pound (500grams) of sliced Devon at the grocer's shop on the way and they shared or swapped slices of Devon for sweets. When she was older my friend sat towards the back of the igloo with girl friends. They bought Jaffas or Minnies with their pocket money and would throw them at the other kids to get their attention if they got bored.

Occasionally when the power failed or the film snapped the kids would stamp

their feet and shout encouragement to the operator to get the movie running again. 'Put a penny in it' and such like. Nobody was angry and the ribbing was always taken in good spirits.

One street south of the igloo, in Nooral Street, Elsie and Roy Fairweather ran a bottle and scrap metal yard, driving around the district to collect such goods in their horse and cart. An accident which set the town talking occurred to the Fairweather's when their steel-rimmed cart wheel exploded a wad of gunpowder dropped by a passing explosive truck on the Hume Highway north of Bargo. The hindquarters and Elsie's legs were burnt. The poor horse bolted, causing havoc, as one can well imagine. Elsie pensioned the horse of and purchased an old Dodge truck which she used until she decided to call it a day. The yard occupied two large building blocks. Their original home, enlarged and beautifully renovated is still on the property, with new houses on either side of it.

Ladies apparel was manufactured at the Chic Salon, set up by philanthropist Mr. William Bailey, to create work for local women. He had a stylish lingerie shop in George Street, Sydney. A small factory in Elizabeth Street supplied the fashionable garments sold there. The Chic Salon in Bargo sewed slips, panties and night gowns. Mr. Bailey set up a vegetarian home for disadvantaged children at Bowral called Hopewood. Much of their clothing was made in the Bargo Salon. When the Chic Salon was closed after WW2 it became the venue for concerts and dances. Local young ladies made their debut there, with colourful crepe-paper flowers gaily decorating the hall. Much later the hall was converted into the present Lifeline Shop.

World War 11 (1939-1945) food, clothes and petrol rationing were a part of life. The annual clothing allowance was 112 coupons. A man's austerity single-breasted two buttoned suit with cuff less trousers cost 38 coupons. Women were advised to use leg-paint instead of stockings, which became very scarce. Skirts were shortened and dolman sleeves banned to save fabric. Pregnant women had to send a doctors report with a request for extra coupons for material to make baby clothes and napkins. Elastic was unprocureable, so panties and bloomers that buttoned below the knee were worn.

Tobacco was rationed. Many people rolled cured gum leaves and/or musk leaves with their ration of tobacco to eke out their cigarettes. We made our own butter so my father swapped his butter coupons for tobacco coupons to a non-smoking neighbour. Before the war 6,479 confectionary varieties were available if one had money. After rationing, only 70 types of sweets could be bought. In order to save on manpower, the stripes were left off bullseyes.

A lengthy drought and severe bushfires caused great hardship. Farmers lost much of their stock. Household water had to be carted from Bargo River.

Japanese bombed Sydney Harbour. Real Estate prices plummeted in the Rose Bay area of Sydney. Bargo guesthouses catered to people fleeing Sydney, with relatives and friends sometimes weekending at Bargo to relax. Watlie Farm guesthouse on Arina Road had the first private swimming pool in the district.

In 1946 power came to Bargo followed in 1954 by the Bargo Water Scheme. Water was pumped up a six-inch pipe to Nepean Tank, capacity 50,000 gallons, and then gravitated to Bargo Reservoir, capacity 1,000,000 gallons, which fed the district with the aid of booster pumps. At peak periods two 2 horse power pumps cut in automatically.

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The Genealogist's 23rd Psalm

Genealogy is my Pastime ... I shall not stray,

It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried Tombstones;

It leadeth me into still Courthouses.

It restoreth my Ancestral Knowledge;

It leadeth me into the Paths of Census Records and

Ships Passenger Lists for my Surnames' sake;

Yea, though I wade through the Shadows of Research

Libraries and Microfilm Readers,

I shall fear no Discouragement, for a Strong Urge is with me.

The curiosity and motivation, they Comfort me;

It demandeth preparation of Storage Space for

the Acquisition of Countless Documents;

It anointeth my Head with burning Midnight Oil,

My Family Group Sheets runneth over.

Surely Birth, Marriage and Death dates shall follow me all the Days

of my Life,

And I shall dwell in the House of a Family History Seeker Forever.

~ Unknown ~

Water was officially turned on in the township on 18th June 1955.

In 1956 Bargo's population was 950 with 225 homes having water laid on.

The Wartle Blossom Fair, an annual event organised by the community of Bargo was well attended with up to a hundred ingeniously decorated floats from Bowral, Picton, local business and community organizations including Scouts, Guides, marching girls, decorated bicycles and clowns. Novelty items such as catch the Greasy Pig, tug of war, and pillow fights with combatants perched on a log also proved popular. Horse events, axe man ship and Billy cart racing were on the agenda with the Chocolate Wheel and hot dog booth raising revenue, mainly for charity. The fairy floss stand was a popular attraction for most children. The fair was always well attended and everyone came away smiling but pleasantly tired.

Two steam trains daily serviced Bargo. Families who lived by the train line often came outside to wave as the train passed. During winter, the fireman shovelled coal out so people could pick it up for their fire.

Cars and trucks, many of them long distance transports, kept the Hume Highway very busy. Bimbo's road house was the only 24 hour café open between the Victorian border and Sydney for quite some years. It employed a great many local women as waitresses, cooks and cleaners.

Later, a café at Yass began to open all night.

From about 1956/57 two Pioneer Express Buses stopped at Bimbo's Road House at 5am every day for breakfast as well as transport lorries taking produce to Flemington markets. Commonwealth truck drivers carried war surplus goods from Melbourne to Emu Plains for storage. Mile tankers from the Goulburn Valley, wine tankers and car carrier drivers ate at Bimbo's, filling their fuel tanks also.

Many of Australia's original pop stars, Johnny O'Keefe, his band, Col Joye and the Joy boys with Little Party, Lonnie Lee and various other rock and rollers called at Bimbo's to relax after shows in the Southern Tablelands, Bowral and Mittagong.

A great number of young folk took refreshments at Bimbo's after dances and other entertainment in nearby towns.

The Royal Easter Show in Sydney and all through the snow season in the Snowy Mountains saw Bimbo's extremely busy with young holiday makers travelling all through the night.

1980 saw the South Western F5 Freeway opening, bypassing Bargo. The Hume Highway was renamed Remembrance Drive.

Three new homes a week were being completed in the district with land values escalating because of easier proximity to the Liverpool/Sydney and Canberra regions.

The township of Bargo is still split by the railway line. On the east side of the line stood the Buffalo Lodge, a large corrugated iron shed where the Buffalo's met every Friday night. The hall was also used for parties, farewells etc. It was demolished many years ago.

At the end of Ironbark Road was the local tip. Local children built Billy-carts from discarded pram wheels and wooden boxes found at the tip. They also repaired the odd pushbike and salvaged other odds and ends.

There was a yabby hole at the back of the rubbish dump, one near the overhead

bridge near the railway line, one on Hawthorne Road opposite the back of the school and another on Water board property on Southern Road towards Avon and Nepean Dams.

A source of pocket money for children was to collect soft drink bottles to resell to the shops or to Fairweather's Yard for a penny each. The older boys trapped rabbits and sold them for one shilling each to householders.

About five kilometres along Arina Road toward Pheasants Nest, Norman and Mrs Carter conducted Wattle Farm Guesthouse. They built the first private swimming pool in the district. Though only small, it was popular with guests and their friends. Margery's Guesthouse was also on Arina Road closer to Bargo. It was a little more humble. Margery's met their guests at the railway station with a smartly turned out horse and phaeton.

The Post Office begins the commercial section north of the railway line. Next a grocery store hairdresser, a church, video shop, takeaway food place selling groceries, a butcher, the hotel, and across Bargo Road, a produce and hardware store.

The Primary School has grown enormously. It still stands in its original grounds next to the hardware shop. A small tuckshop near the school served the children.

Almost at the back of the school in Hawthorne Road a lovely dressmaker, Mrs Ray, took your measurements and sewed the garments in her lounge room.

Next to the school was Mick Dwyer's Butchery, later purchased by Mr and Mrs Bert Morris.

The next building was the Catholic Church of Saint Therese, which celebrated Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month with a "fire and brimstone" mission held every three years. The church has been sold and converted into three flats.

A car sale yard, garage workshop and upholstery workshop have begun trading within the last five years on former railway land across the road from the school.

On the opposite side of the railway stands the newsagent, supermarket, chemist, physiotherapist, doctor, video shop, pizza parlour, lifeline and hot bread shop. A Chinese Restaurant has opened recently. A spare parts shop, service station and mechanical repair business trade in the next block.

Continuing along the Old Hume Highway, now Remembrance Drive, a service station, panel beater and motel are situated on land at the end of Bargo's commercial section where Bimbo's Road House flourished for many years. Close by Bimbo's the Bargo Sports Club, formerly the Bargo Bowling Club, services the area. It's interesting to know that Hahn's of Bimbo's built the first motel in the Wollondilly Shire. After trading for many years it was sold and used as a hostel for the disabled. Now in 2002 it is thriving as a motel once more.

Until the freeway bypass Bargo was a rural area. Now horse trainers, hobby farms and commercial meat bird rearing take up many acres. Diesel trains and buses improved transport while a great many people purchased motor vehicles.

Fact Sheet George IV Inn



This Picton inn has had a number of names. It has been called The George Inn, Royal George, The George and George IV. The name George refers to King George IV who reigned from 1820 to 1830, a number of years before this inn was built.

In 1822 Major Henry Antill was given a grant of 2000 acres north of Stonequarry Creek. The land south of the creek was given to Charles Rumker, the government astronomer. When he returned to Germany, George Harper bought his land and but it is not certain who built the inn, though George Harper may have been involved.

The inn was built in 1839 and the date on the tablet near the entrance is incorrect. In 1819 there was only bush at Stonequarry, there were no established roads and no settlement. There was a stock keeper for the cattle and some convicts but that was all. On 19th October, 1939, the court granted T.D. Dunsdon a licence for The George Inn at Stonequarry. Mr. And Mrs. Thomas Dunsdon had previously been in business in George Street, Sydney.

The inn is set back from the road, leaving room for drays and carriages to park. There is a wide verandah and several doorways leading to the public rooms. It is solidly built of locally quarried sandstone and it is easy to work out the original plan. It was designed like a "U" with the public rooms across the front and the two arms at the back that were bedrooms. There is a courtyard between and each room has the number carved on the stone lintel above the doorway. Many of the rooms are small with ceilings that are low and of pressed metal. Over the years there have been many additions and these are of brick, timber and fibro.

It was an important place in colonial days, especially before the railway was built, as it is on the Great Southern Road, later called the Hume Highway. The coaches stopped there on their way south after the gruelling journey over the Razorback, and of course when they were going to Sydney. The passengers could eat, drink and rest. The horses could be looked after in the huge stables at the back or put in the paddocks to graze.

Imagine all the traffic from 1839 to the present day. There were convicts and settlers, drovers and bullock drivers and carriers all coming and going between Sydney and the southern country. The Great Southern Road went to Goulburn, Yass, Albury and then to Melbourne. It was a track most of the way but that did not stop bushrangers or men going to the gold fields to get a fortune. Often the bushrangers held up the coaches carrying the gold. Men marched to way past The George and after Parliament House was opened in Canberra in 1927, royalty and prime ministers glided along in luxury cars.

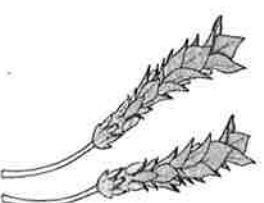
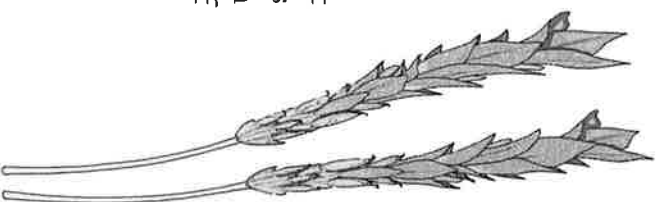
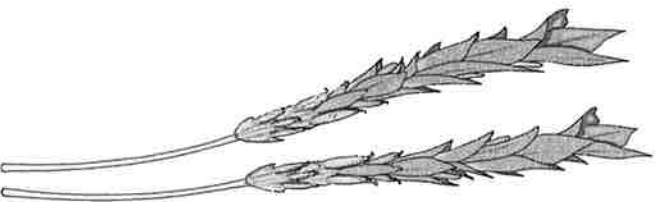
Over the years there have been many additions and improvements. In 1922 the name was changed to The Royal George Inn. During later renovations a plaque was found with the name George IV and some thought this was the original name. It was not the original name, but it is the name by which it is known today.

Old Recipe's

Lavender Water

- 1 Cup of Lavender flowers
- 1 cup of Rosemary
- 1 cup of Jasmine flowers
- 1 cup of Tansy
- A little Sage
- Water

Method:
Boil it all in a lidded pot
letting as little steam as
possible escape. Bottle when
cold and sprinkle on yourself
and your clothes



Bargo environs have grown enormously with large expensive homes dotting the landscape where poultry farms and orchards thrived not so long ago.

Many families seeking a semi rural lifestyle away from crowded Campbelltown are still moving to Bargo.

In 1956 the population of Bargo was 950 souls. By 1993 it had grown to 2,935. The Wollondilly Shire Council Index of Population and Dwelling Statistics at June 30, 2001 show 3,678 people now live in the area. 83.5% of these are families with young children. Bargo contains 1,196 dwellings.

Wollondilly Shire is comprised of 16 towns and Villages and contains an overall population of 38,500 people.

Aboriginal Place Names

Wollondilly	-	Water trickling on rocks
Bargo	-	Cripple It was also said that the local aboriginal tribe, Gundagurra, influenced the English spelling of the name.
Tahmoor	-	Bronze wing pigeon
Yanderra	-	Turpentine tree
Burrigorang	-	Valley abundant with food

Life before the Computer

- Memory was something that you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity
- A keyboard was a piano
- A web was a spider's home
- A virus was the flu
- A CD was a bank account
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- And a mouse pad was where a mouse lived.
- Unknown

Birth Card

A Birth Card is a convenient credit card-sized extract of your birth information and is available to anyone whose birth is registered in New South Wales.

A Birth Card contains;

Your full name at birth

Your date and place of birth

Your photograph

Your signature

The Birth Card does not contain a woman's married name as it is an extract of birth information from the registration.

A Birth Card is the perfect alternative if you do not have photo identification such as a driver's license or passport.

You may need a Birth Card if you;

Do not hold a driver's license;

Need to prove your age for sporting or other community competitions;

Need to prove your age to enter a licensed premise;

Need to collect electronically-booked air tickets;

The card is valid for five years after which time it can be renewed.

You can only apply for a Birth Card in person at the Sydney or Newcastle Registry Offices. Your photograph will be taken during your visit and your Birth Card will be posted to you.

*Old Genealogists never die,
They just lose their census*

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WE
ALL HAD
2 PARENTS
4 GRANDPARENTS
8 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
16 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
32 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
64 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
128 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
256 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
512 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
1,024 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
JUST IN THE COURSE OF EXACTLY 10 GENERATIONS