

Lockdown is not all dismal, there's plenty to enjoy in your July Western Ancestor



While the world pandemic continues to serve up challenging curve balls, the FHWA goes from strength to strength.

The July Western Ancestor reports on the special recognition for the FHWA as it is made a Fellow of the Library Board of Western Australia, in recognition of more than three decades of collaboration.

The launch of the Military SIG new website also features on the front page.

Inside there is something for everyone, so members, read your new edition [here](#) , or await its arrival in your letterbox.

### Feature Articles

The Bowens – ‘Home Children’ of Canada Gail Thomas 38  
Continuing her research into more distant relatives, Gail has uncovered what happened to the five children of Ebenezer Bowen after he died in Liverpool in 1892.

Elizabeth Sarah Money Marcia Watson 42

Marcia originally wrote an article about a convict, Joseph Gray, escaping back to England, but (she writes) 'I decided it was more interesting to write about his wife, Elizabeth.' A strong woman.

Who was John Molloy? Peter Conole 45

Peter examines the ancestry and early life of Georgiana Molloy's husband and demolishes the myth of his royal connections.

Convicts came only after June 1850? Think again. Bevan Carter 47

It's common knowledge that the first convicts were sent to WA in 1850. But were they really the first? Convict expert Bevan has found at least one who was sent here some years earlier, and told to keep quiet about his conviction. Were there more?

A Case of Monomania Robin Robinson 50

Robin writes: 'I don't recall articles covering USA forebears much so this might reveal something of the American psyche.' Another strong woman.

Halley's Comet – Government House Life Part Three AND a 100th Birthday Celebration Ruth Amelia Reid 53

The third instalment of former FHWA Patron Ruth Reid's memories of her life in Government House, together with a report on her 100th birthday celebrations. Yet another strong woman.

Their Words, Their Stories – The Western Australian Military Digital Library Angela Heymans 56

The launch of an important initiative to salvage and digitise military material held in the Army Museum and elsewhere, which will be of great benefit to family historians.

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