

TWENTIME!

SPECIAL MEMO: 28 January 2010

INVERELL FIRE



Good morning Kay,

Just thought you might like to see the attached photo. It shows the files and index cards the fire brigade men were able to salvage for us. About half of this isn't much good, but we've been able to extract some details of items we can obtain again or names and addresses of people for whom we had done research.

When you post some info about us to your website, would you be able to include a message from us please saying something like IDFHG wish to thank everyone for their wonderful and kind mails, messages and phone calls. We are most grateful for this support which is helping to keep our spirits up and encourage us to keep going.



Many thanks
Ann Hodgens
President
IDFHG
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A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM Ann Hodgens – President Inverell Family History Group - 28 Jan 2010

We had many electoral rolls - including one for Gwydir 1867 and some local council ratepayers lists from the 30s & 40s - all gone now. As I write this I'm realising that if FH groups have any electoral rolls covering Inverell, Warialda, Bingara, Bundarra, Tingha, Ashford, Yetman Delungra etc. we would appreciate

copies of these. Also, would you be kind enough to advise societies that until we're back on our feet, our printed publications are unavailable. We hope this won't be long. We also plan to print some copies of our Byron Arcade book - the story of our former home.

Many thanks, Ann

BACKGROUND

From an email received:

The fire was in the Byron Arcade building which housed a Butchers shop, A Legacy opportunity Shop, A crystal spiritual shop, a Café And a youth assistance centre as well 2 or 3 other shops on the ground floor and the Inverell District Family History Group shop front and research room. The shops were completely gutted as well as the 14 apartments on the first floor which because smoke alarms were fitted the tenants all escaped without any injuries. All the contents of the shops and apartments were completely destroyed and all that stands now is the façade and some of the other brick walls. An engineer's inspection is being carried out to see if the building can be resurrected, we hope this is the case.

The Inverell District Family History Group has lost all their archives, books, family histories as well as various other records on paper and film as well as their CD collection, which are almost all irreplaceable. The computer photo copier and cabinets can be replaced but the records are all lost

You can go to www.inverelltimes.com.au to see the full headline story in the Inverell Times of Tuesday January 26th.

We will add a story in our February E-History Newsletter, and hope by then to know if the building is to be demolished or not.

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WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

Have a search of your resources and see if there is anything you no longer require and would be happy to pass on. Please contact Muriel Resta – 67221893 Mobile 0428221893 or email offers to Muriel Resta mresta1@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANYTHING NOW.

Cheers
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