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## Community Histories

Below is a selection of community histories of World War I and II, most published by affiliated societies of the Royal Australian Historical Society. It will be updated regularly and is by no means exhaustive. Most of these titles are available in the RAHS library and may also be included in other local and state library catalogues or online.

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<b>Book</b>	<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Community</b>
<i>A fine body of men: Inverell remembers the Kurrajongs 1916</i> (Inverell District Family History Group Inc., 2010).	World War I	Inverell (Northern Tablelands)
<i>A small town and the Great War: a WW1 Commemorative album, transcribed and annotated</i> (Heritage Darlington Point, 2016).	World War I	Quirindi (North West Slopes)

<i>As I remember: recollections of World War II by members of the Woollahra History and Heritage Society and the Eastern Suburbs division of the Legacy Club of Sydney</i> (Woollahra History & Heritage Society, 1995).	World War II	Woollahra (Sydney)
<i>Ashfield &amp; District Historical Society Journal No. 12: Ashfield Remembers</i> (1997).	World War I	Ashfield (Sydney)
<i>Ashfield History (Journal of the Ashfield &amp; District Historical Society Inc.) No. 20: Ashfield Answers the Call</i> (2015).	World War I	Ashfield (Sydney)
<i>Ashfield History (Journal of the Ashfield &amp; District Historical Society Inc.) No. 22: Preserving Their Names 1914 – 1918</i> (2020).	World War I	Ashfield (Sydney)
<i>Botany remembers 1945 and the war years</i> (Botany and District Historical Society Inc., 1995).	World War II	Botany (Sydney)
<i>Burraborang Boys and Beyond in WW1</i> (The Oaks Historical Society, 2014).	World War I	Wollondilly (Sydney/Macarthur)
<i>Central Coast roll of honour</i> (Wyong Family History Group Inc., 2009).	World War I / World War II	Central Coast
<i>Rallying the troops: a World War I commemoration</i> , volumes 1-4 (Ku-Ring-Gai Historical Society, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018).	World War I	Ku-ring-gai (Sydney)
<i>The Riverstone War Memorial</i> (Riverstone and District Historical Society, 2019).	World War I / World War II	Riverstone (Sydney)
<i>Ryde goes to war: 1914-1918</i> (Ryde District Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Ryde (Sydney)
<i>War memorials of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, NSW</i> (Newcastle Family History Society, 1994).	World War I / World War II	Newcastle/Lake Macquarie (Hunter)
<i>WW1 heroes from Bulahdelah: A tribute to the men who enlisted from Bulahdelah</i> (Bulahdelah Anzac Centenary Commemorative Volunteers/War Memorial Trust, 2013).	World War I	Bulahdelah (Hunter)

Armstrong, Natalie, <i>The men from Snowy River</i> (Men of Snowy River Memorial Committee, 2014).	World War I	Goulburn (Southern Tablelands)
Bainbridge, William Jeffrey, <i>Letters home: the Tweed River and the Great War 1914-1919</i> (Tweed Heads & District Historical Society, 2004).	World War I	Tweed Heads (Northern Rivers)
Beckwith, M. A., <i>Hay P.O.W. and Internment Camps, 1940-1947</i> (Hay Historical Society, 1991).	World War II	Hay (Riverina)
Birch, Valerie, Wanda Deacon, Frank Holland and Chris Upton, <i>We remember them: First World War volunteers from the Kurrajong, Colo &amp; associated districts</i> (Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Kurrajong/Colo (Hawkesbury)
Cameron, Ron, <i>Bateman's Bay honour stone</i> (Bateman's Bay RSL Sub Branch, 1990s).	World War I / World War II	Bateman's Bay (South Coast)
Cameron, Carolyn, <i>From cane fields to battlefields</i> (Maclean & District Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Maclean/Grafton (Northern Rivers)
Campbell, Ann and Robyn Wickham, <i>Maitland's Gallipoli campaign</i> (Maitland & District Genealogical Society, 2014).	World War I	Maitland (Hunter)
Clark, Alan, Robyn Florance and Keith Patreson, <i>The Soldiers' Memorial Gates Nowra</i> (Shoalhaven Historical Society, 2011).	World War I	Nowra (South Coast)
Connell, William and John Williams, <i>For your tomorrow we gave our today: to commemorate the men of the Penrith district who lost their lives during the World War II, Korea and South Vietnam</i> (2002).	World War II	Penrith (Sydney)
Earnshaw, Beverley, ed., <i>Carlton Roll of Honour: Honouring 164 World War 1 Heroes</i> (Kogarah Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Carlton/Kogarah (Sydney)
Franki, George, <i>A district's sorrow: North Sydney's dead in the Great War 1914-1918</i> (North Sydney Council, 2013).	World War I	North Sydney

Galvin, Vic and Nerida Hoy, <i>Walcha in the Great War 1914-1919</i> (Walcha & District Historical Society, 2014).	World War I	Walcha (Northern Tablelands)
Gray, Christopher, <i>For King and Country: Letters in The Mullumbimby Star from the boys of the Brunswick in The Great War 1914-1919</i> (Brunswick Valley Historical Society, 2008).	World War I	Brunswick Heads (Northern Rivers)
Horne, John and Carol Horne, <i>Diggers: From the shire of Blacktown 1914-1918</i> (Blacktown and District Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Blacktown (Sydney)
Johnson, Janice, <i>Camden's WWI diggers: 1914 to 1918</i> (Camden Historical Society, 2014).	World War I	Camden (Sydney/Macarthur)
Kirkland, Ian, <i>They served us well: WWI service personnel of Tintenbar Shire</i> (Alstoneville Plateau Historical Society, 2015).	World War I	Ballina (Northern Rivers)
Lyons, Ian J., <i>Casualty lists and military miscellany 1942. Volume 1: extracts from the Newcastle Herald &amp; Miners Advocate including Commonwealth casualty lists, war news, personal items etc. and Volume 2: abbreviations of awards [and] alphabetical listing of all names included in extractions from The Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate</i> (Newcastle Family History Society, 1999).	World War II	Newcastle (Hunter)
Mack, Tricia and Neil Gow, <i>Marengo boys answer the call 1914-1918: To commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War</i> (Murringo Community Association, 2018).	World War I	Murringo (South West Slopes)
Maddrell, Roslyn, <i>Letters from the Front: Boer War to World War II through letters sent by servicemen to their families in Braidwood</i> (2004).	World War I / World War II	Braidwood (Southern Tablelands)
McLean, Ron, <i>In the line of fire: Gunnedah and district's role in the Great War</i> (Gunnedah & District Historical Society, 2014).	World War I	Gunnedah (North West Slopes)
McNamara, Michael and Kay Wilkinson, <i>Moree's Anzacs: A collection of articles on the men &amp; women who enlisted from Moree &amp; District from July, 1914 to December, 1915</i> (Gwydir Family History Society, 2016) and <i>Moree's Anzacs: A collection of articles on the men &amp; women who</i>	World War I	Moree (North West Slopes)

<i>enlisted from Moree &amp; District from January 1916 to 11th November, 1918</i> (Moree & District Historical Society and Gwydir Family History Society, 2020).		
Merrylees, Caroline, <i>Haywire: the war-time camps at Hay: a collection of first-hand reports, artworks, newspaper articles, photographs and other documents from the files of the Hay Historical Society</i> (Hay Historical Society, 2006).	World War II	Hay (Riverina)
Muir, Lesley, <i>Canterbury's boys: World War I and Sydney's suburban fringe</i> (Canterbury & District Historical Society, 2002).	World War I	Canterbury (Sydney)
Piggott, Margo, <i>Gilgandra &amp; District World War I Diggers: We Will Remember Them</i> (Gilgandra Museum and Historical Society, 2019). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">'Gilgandra's Coo-ees'</a> about the 1915 recruitment march to Sydney available for download</li> </ul>	World War I	Gilgandra (Orana)
Raymond, Pat, <i>Remembering Bega Valley service men of World War I: battlefield and war related deaths</i> (Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc., 2014).	World War I	Bega (South Coast)
Saunderson, Moira, <i>Soldiers &amp; memorials of Seaham: World War One</i> (Raymond Terrace Historical Society Inc., 2004).	World War I	Seaham (Hunter)
Seale, Shirley, Ron Mason and Rosemary Phillis, <i>Riverstone and the First World War</i> (Riverstone and District Historical Society, 2014).	World War I	Riverstone (Sydney)
Simons, John, <i>Prisoners in Arcady: German mariners in Berrima 1915-1919</i> (Berrima District Historical Society, 1999).	World War I	Berrima (Southern Highlands)
Slattery, Anna, Jenny MacRitchie and Paula Grunseit, <i>Postings from the front: The city of Botany Bay and World War I</i> (City of Botany Bay, 2016).	World War I	Botany (Sydney)
Spicer, Bill, <i>Challenging times: living with change during World War II</i> (Muswellbrook Shire Local and Family History Society Inc., 2013).	World War II	Muswellbrook (Hunter)

<p>Turbit, Enid, <i>The Soldiers' Memorial, Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta</i> (Parramatta &amp; District Historical Society, 2016).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Parramatta and District Soldiers who fought in the Great War 1914-1919</a> available on Trove</li> </ul>	World War I / World War II	Parramatta (Sydney)
<p>Thwaites, Gayle, <i>When the war came: New Guinea Islands 1942: personal stories of those who faced WWII on Australian territory and our greatest maritime disaster – the sinking of Montevideo Maru</i> (Papua New Guinea Association of Australia Inc., Lismore City Printery, 2017).</p>	World War II	New Guinea Islands
<p>Villy, Elizabeth, <i>Red poppies and the white waratah: Heroines of the Great War from Wollondilly</i> (The Oaks Historical Society, 2016).</p>	World War I	Wollondilly (Sydney/Macarthur)
<p>Wood, Helen, <i>Golden diggers: the Hill End &amp; Tambaroora district's contribution to the First World War</i> (Hill End &amp; Tambaroora Gathering Group, 2015).</p>	World War I	Hill End/Tambaroora (Central West)