



## **Tracing Your Family Tree**

Oberon Council took over the Cemeteries Register for the cemeteries listed below in 1968:

The Oberon General Cemetery, Abercrombie Road, Oberon;

Black Springs Cemetery, Campbell's River Road, Black Springs;

Shooters Hill Cemetery, Shooters Hill Road, Shooters Hill;

O'Connell Cemetery, Mutton Falls Road, O'Connell;

Porters Retreat Cemetery, Abercrombie Road, Porters Retreat.

This means there are many unmarked and unknown grave sites in these areas. Some of the graves date back to the early 1800's and hold quite a lot of historical significance.

Oberon Council took over the following cemeteries in 2004 after the part amalgamation with Evans Council:

Isabella Cemetery, Isabella Road, Isabella; Burruga Cemetery, Burruga Road, Burruga.

There are also a number of privately managed cemeteries in the Oberon Council area. Council has some records of interments in the private cemeteries and can provide contact details of the responsible authority of these cemeteries who may have further information.

Council records may be accessed either from the Oberon Council website [www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/community/1020.html](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/community/1020.html) or by speaking with the Engineering Department on 02 6329 8131.

Libraries often have family history information and may be a valuable source of information. The Oberon Council Public Library is located on the corner of Dart and Fleming Streets, Oberon. More information is available at [www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/library.html](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/library.html) , or on telephone 02 6329 8220.

The NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages website provides a search facility which can be accessed via [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) .

The Australian Cemeteries Index website provides a searchable database of cemetery inscriptions and may be useful when tracing family history. The link is [www.cemindex.arkangles.com/](http://www.cemindex.arkangles.com/) .

Lynn Agland is a member of the Oberon Council Cemetery Committee and has done a lot of research into the history of families in the Oberon area. Lynn is happy to assist anyone who is tracing their family tree. Lynn's contact telephone number is 02 6336 1424.