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SPEAKER
DEREK PROSSER
MONTHLY MEETING
1st JULY 2017
DEAD MAN'S PENNY

Penny drops on World War 1 medallion.

Derek Prosser stated that a summary of his talk could be “the un-intended consequences of being a dedicated magpie”.

When Derek Prosser found an old copper disc as he sorted through some family possessions, many years ago, he thought little of it. But after watching an episode of the ABC TV show “The Collectors, he realised he had a “Dead Man’s Penny”, which was a medallion issued to the next-of-kin of soldiers killed in World War 1. The realisation started a personal mission, resulting in plaques to commemorate two W.A. Diggers placed in Kings Park, a family being put in touch with their past and perhaps a rewriting of the record book about the young West Australian soldiers killed in WW1. The name on this particular “penny” was James William Harrington of Maylands.

Derek has a wide range of interests in a variety of subjects, otherwise known as an acute curiosity, and the “Dead Man’s Penny” saga is testament to that .

WHERE: Meeting Room—1st Floor—Rockingham Lotteries House—Civic Boulevard—Rockingham.

WHEN: SATURDAY 1st JULY 2017—AT 2 PM.

Please arrive before 2 pm as the door will be locked at 2 pm sharp.

ENTRY: \$5.00

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