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## **Local 'Star' to visit the Corryong Library**

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Local researcher and author, Mrs Jennie Star, will be the guest of honour at a Friends of Corryong Library event being held later this month.

Mrs Star has authored two books inspired by local stories, *Why We Love Where We Live* and *Our Pioneering Past*. Following its launch at last year's Cudgewa State School 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, *Our Pioneering Past* has generated much interest.

Mrs Star explained that the idea for *Our Pioneering Past* took shape when she realised how important it was for the younger generation to learn about their ancestors and the many other pioneers from our local area.

"[Their ancestors and other pioneers] ... influenced the community traditions that still exist today," explains Mrs Star. "The project, which started as a hobby .... became a fascinating and addictive treasure hunt".

With the assistance of local families, the Man from Snowy River Museum and the National Library of Australia's website, Mrs Star was able to incorporate over 70 local stories and hundreds of rare photos into *Our Pioneering Past*.

"This is a great opportunity to catch up with Jennie Star over afternoon tea and share stories about how pioneering families in the Upper Murray have shaped our community," said Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor. "And we extend our thanks to the Friends of Corryong Library for hosting this event with one of our very own Upper Murray authors".

Afternoon tea with Mrs Jennie Star will be held on Monday 28 September at 2pm. For more information or to RSVP please contact the Corryong Library on 02 6076 2160.