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The Darlington Historical Group (DHG) was formed in August 2010 by residents of the village interested in researching and preserving the history of the village and its residents over the years.

Website: <http://darlington.wa.au/forum/darlington-historical-society>

It has organised itself into projects with each group. For instance *Oral and Written Histories, Buildings and Historical Walks, Education, Early History, Maps and Surveys, Photographs, Railway History, War Veterans and Winery & Vineyards.*

One of the early initiatives of the DHG was to organise a display at the 2010 Darlington Arts Festival where there was a display of some historical artefacts, written history and photographs. Members of the Group manning the display also encouraged visitors with a link to Darlington to complete a contact form. The response was very good and included responses from Darlington residents and people who had past and present relatives and friends from Darlington. The Group will now work through the list and compile and categorise the data and material collected.

The DHG Governing Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Darlington Hall and the various Project Groups

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*A view probably looking North West up Leithdale Road across Nyaania Creek. The house shown is probably the house still standing on the corner with Glen Road
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meet at 7PM following the Committee meeting. Anyone with historical material or oral history to contribute is welcome to attend the Project Meetings as is anyone with a general interest or anyone willing to assist with DHG's work.

We now also have a Facebook site (*darlington-history-group*). Anyone with news or material suitable for posting on this site or on Facebook please send your material or suggestions to Brian Stempel (brian.stempel@hotmail.com) or Chris McConighey (cmcconig@yahoo.com.au)

Anyone with an interest in joining DHG or providing oral or written history, material, photos or artefacts is encouraged to contact the DHG. All care will be taken, contributed material will be copied and originals returned to donors.



Photograph of Jim Maslin's car on the railway line at the Owen Street rail crossing circa 1961. The rail tracks were still in place although trains had stopped running in 1956
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