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The Drover's Daughter captivates audience

Coonamble Shire Library was the place to be last Wednesday evening when local author Patsy Kemp presented her memoir, *The Drover's Daughter*.

While the life of a drover has been immortalized in song and story, not much has been said of those who are there in the thick of it, right next to him – his family. Patsy was one of seven siblings that helped their mother and father while on the road, droving.

Patsy spoke with humour and fondness when recounting her memories of that time in her life. She recalls that when her father was short a workman, he would send a telegram to his wife in Coonamble to join him until he got another workman. When Patsy was three months old, her mother decided to pack up and join her father on the road permanently.

Sharing the dog crate under the wagon when they were babies, the kids learned to cook in a shovel over the fire, that the loo was behind a tree – any tree – and that if it was cold, sleep in your clothes.

"While the life was at most times harsh and hard, there are pockets of fun and laughter to be had", Patsy said.

Taking questions about her writing process and her life as the daughter of a drover, Patsy had the audience engaged and interested.

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