



# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC

## NEWSLETTER

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**DISCUSSION GROUPS:**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** - Family Trees  
Online

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** - None  
Christmas Luncheon

**SPEAKERS:**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - 2pm - 3pm**  
Paul Parton from Family Search  
Topic: Trees on Family Search

**January - John Beach**  
Former Principal of Newcastle East  
Public School -

**February - Brenda Inglis-Powell**  
Author of book *Soldiers in  
Different Armies*

**March - Kerry Farmer**  
Will talk on DNA for family  
research

**Newsletter Editor:****Position Vacant**

Theresa has had to tender her  
resignation from this position,  
therefore the position is once again  
vacant.

If you would like to help fill this  
role, please see The President or  
The Hon. Secretary.

### NOVEMBER 2016

**COMMITTEE NEWS – a word from the President**

It's a week since Remembrance Day, 11 November, when the committee last met. Its 98 years since the signing of the armistice. I hope that members took advantage of the free access to military records.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Warren Oliver following the passing of his wife, Louise, and with Jenny Myers with the passing of her mother, Nancy Keith. Be assured that we are thinking of you and your families.

A disc of records of Kiama Family History Centre of Kiama Pioneers before 1920 has arrived and is available to view if you have ancestors from that area. Recent book purchases include St Stephens Church Kurrajong Parish registers and Gold Diggers from Hill End and Tambaroora. (as in WW1 Diggers!)

Your committee has also decided to purchase a DVD of Liverpool General Cemetery transcriptions, burial registers and photos of headstones 1892 – 2014 also a database of Pub and Publicans of NSW covering 1860 – 1900. Both these will be available for perusal when they arrive.

A successful trip was held to the State Records at Kingswood. Many thanks to the drivers who safely transported members there and back. (No reports of getting lost on the way this time!) I have heard that one member found a death certificate in a probate packet she opened and was also pleased to see the actual signature of her ancestor. It is amazing what is out there – you only have to order and look. Some members are keen to do it again.

Another recent journey by 10 members was made to the Wyong FHG seminar where Joy and Allan Murrin enlightened all on researching BDMs and English Research – a most helpful day enjoyed by all attendees.

The committee discussed planning future outings e.g. State Library, The Society of Australian Genealogists in Sydney. Other suggestions maybe the Lands Titles Office, North Head Quarantine Station or a Rookwood Cemetery tour. If you have other suggestion, or would like to be involved let a committee member know.

Thanks to Linda and Karen and others involved who have done a great job cleaning the cupboards at the rear of the hall. Besides lots of dust and dead cockroaches they have found fiche readers set aside for members to borrow these are not often used. It is worth noting that we have a vast amount of data available on fiche, at a future meeting we will be looking at what resources we have and how to access them. Thanks also to Linda for making a new cover for the photocopier and to Carol for embroidering the cover with our groups name

We look forward to hearing our guest speaker today, Paul Parton from Family Search.org.au will tell us about Family search and Trees online.

Did you remember to bring a donation for the Christmas Hamper? You can still bring a donation until 10<sup>th</sup> December, our next meeting.

Don't forget we meet on the **second Saturday in December** (Saturday 10 December,) when we bring Christmas fare to share together and enjoy the drawing of the Raffle.

Arthur Radford, President.

**Trip to State Records** – as earlier stated 10 members met and enjoyed the day – great success was the tour of the centre conducted by Gail Davies, we padded along the corridors, through the automatic guillotine doors– were shown where John Newcombe sat for his interview on Who Do You Think You Are – .all agreed it was a good day out.E.B.

**To help with your Welsh Research** – Submitted by Karen Eldridge from John Ball Welsh Churches and Chapels Dyfed List. (The 'Welsh Churches and Chapels Collection' now features 474 places of worship will add more later)

1. St Maughan's Church, St Maughans, Monmouthshire  
(four photos)Photography: Peter Williams  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/st-maughans1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/st-maughans1.htm)
2. St John's Church, Llanhennock, Monmouthshire  
(one photo)Photography: Peter Williams  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanhennock1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanhennock1.htm)
3. St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Brynmawr, Monmouthshire (formerly Breconshire)(one photo)Photography: Peter Williams  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/brynmawr1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/brynmawr1.htm)
4. Ty Newydd Presbyterian Chapel, Trecastle, Breconshire  
(four photos)Photography: John Ball  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/trecastle1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/trecastle1.htm)
5. Siloh Independent Chapel, Llanon, Llansanffraid, Cardiganshire  
(two photos)Photography: Google StreetView & Edward Llewellyn-Jones  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llansanffraid1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llansanffraid1.htm)
6. Bethabara Baptist Chapel, Crickhowell, Breconshire  
(three photos)Photography: John Ball  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/crickhowell4.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/crickhowell4.htm)
7. Dany Castell Presbyterian Church, Crickhowell, Breconshire  
(two photos)Photography: John Ball  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/crickhowell3.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/crickhowell3.htm)
8. St David's Church, Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire  
(nine photos)Photography: John Ball  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanarthne1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanarthne1.htm)
9. St Peter & St Illtyd's Church, Llanhamlach, Breconshire  
(twenty photos plus one sketch)Photography: John Ball  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanhamlach1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/llanhamlach1.htm)
10. St Mary's Priory Church, Usk, Monmouthshire  
(three photos)Photography: Peter Williams  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/usk1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/usk1.htm)
11. St Andrew's Church, Tredunnoch, Monmouthshire  
(two photos plus three sketches)Photography: Peter Williams  
Go to [www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/tredunnoch1.htm](http://www.jlb2011.co.uk/walespic/churches/tredunnoch1.htm)

**Breaking News from General Register Office U.K.**-It is now possible to obtain PDF images of Birth and Death entries for the first time. From 9 November family historians with ancestors from the U.K. and Wales have the chance to search the indexes for free and order digital images of birth and death register entries at the reduced price of £6. For access go to [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk) as for ordering certificates online, at present only births and deaths are available, if project is successful marriages may come later.

At present you must follow the same route as if ordering a certificate online – you will still have to register, Once logged in you will be presented with the new Main Menu – click the top menu and then follow the instructions. (Robert will give a demo on the procedure at our meeting today.)

### **Ancestry.com**

NEW – Victoria, Australia Cemetery Records and Headstone Transcriptions 1855-1987

NEW – Tasmania, Passenger and Crew Lists 1834-1837, 1841-1887'

NEW – Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland Electoral Registers 1857-1962

NEW – Newcastle upon Tyne, England, Electoral Registers, 1741-1974

Updated – Sydney Australia Cemetery Headstones transcriptions 1837-2003

Updated- NSW Criminal Court Records 1830-1945

Updated – Surrey, England, Electoral Registers 1832-1962

Updated – England, Select Dorset Church of England Parish Registers 1538-1999

**The British Newspaper Archive** – ([britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk))

Latest additions the Sporting Times 1867-1926 – Sheffield Weekly Telegraph 1886-1920

## State Records South Australia

The Website has added some new records including digitised passenger lists from 1847 to parts of 1855 (more to be added later). The images are the official passenger lists of the ships and typically give passengers' names, ages, occupation and marital status while some give country of origin.

## WHAT'S ON AT LAKE MAC LIBRARIES?

**Discover the History of Your House** – Due to the popularity of the recently held workshop – there will be another opportunity for you to attend a repeat of this workshop at **Charlestown Library on Tuesday 6 December at 2pm'**

Bookings are essential – phone contact Charlestown Library 4943 5555 – or go online <http://lacmac.com.au>.

Have you checked out the *Valuer General Rate Records 1926-1948* – online at [lacmac.com.au](http://lacmac.com.au)?

**Meet The Author** – at **Cardiff Library 2pm – 3pm on 26 November, 2016**

**Mark Tedeschi QC**, will discuss his new book *Murder at Myall Creek*, based on the 1838 Massacre at Myall Creek.

The session is free but you do need to register – **4921 0493**)

## AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH...

**News from SAGs** - [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)

Events **Thursday 01 December 2016** 10.30am -12.30pm *History and Secrets of Richmond Villa* .While researching the rebuilding of Richmond Villa, Ralph discovered that the site also has a very interesting past. Take a journey back in time to Sydney in the 1800's

Location Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney

Presenter Ralph Hawkins. Bookings Essential Members \$22 Non members \$35.

**Saturday 03.December, 2016** 10.30am – 12.30pm Lecture *Introduction to DNA for genealogists* Learn how DNA tests can provide extra tools for genealogists. First you need to decide which DNA tests and Which DNA testing companies best suit what you want to know.

Venue Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney

Presenter: Kerry Farmer. Bookings Essential Members \$22. Non Members \$35.

**Travel** – *First Fleet Memorial Gardens, Wallabadah, NSW.*

A welcome rest stop of historical interest south of Tamworth, off the New England Highway. Overnight stays permitted, maximum of 3 nights. A donation box is available to help maintain the site. Toilets and showers, own power source required. A Liverpool Plains Shire Council Project.

**Museums** – *Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour.*

On Sunday September 25, an unveiling ceremony was conducted by the museum at the Welcome Wall. If you are interested in placing your pioneering ancestors on the wall for posterity, go to their website [www.anmm.gov.au](http://www.anmm.gov.au) or call in for an application form. (Ed. Note [J. Myers] Please be aware of the charges in relation to the Welcome Wall)

**Walking** – *Old Irish Sydney* – An app. for iPhone and Android is available from the Dictionary of Sydney.org. Free to download, donation appreciated.

**The Noel Butlin Archives centre Canberra** – Can be found online at The Australian National University site : [archivescollection.uni.edu.au](http://archivescollection.uni.edu.au). they hold an extensive range of records for firms, (NBAC) collects business and labour records from Australian companies, trade unions, industry bodies and professional organisations. We are a national organisation interested in material from all states and territories. The NBAC holds the records of large companies such as the Australian Agricultural Company, Burns Philip, CSR Ltd, Dalgety's, Tooth and Company and the Adelaide Steamship Company as well as those of smaller businesses such as pastoral stations. We hold records of federally registered trade unions and their predecessors, and of peak councils such as the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and the National Farmers Federation. The records date from the 1820s to the early 21st century and include files, photographs, minutes of meetings, some staff and membership records, maps and plans, and publications such as trade journals and union newsletters. The Archives reading room is located on the ground floor of the Menzies Building on Fellows Road.

**The National Archives of Australia** – [naa.gov.au](http://naa.gov.au)

If you are thinking of a trip to Canberra, remember the NAA will be relocating their records and there will be a disruption to access records till 1 July 2017 – most popular records will still be available in the reading rooms, but some of their 15 million records may be in transit to their new facility and not available.

**FamilySearch** – <https://familysearch.org/> FamilySearch has added Historical Records online for Belgium, New Zealand and USA with added Indexes to existing records.

## Remember

Our next meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> it will be our last for the year – you are asked to bring along a plate of goodies to share for our annual Christmas munch up! The Hall will open at 10am for the use of resources. The Meeting will commence at 12.30pm.

You are also reminded that the Hall is always open for the use of resources on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm. Please note there will be no Wednesday Evening session for December – but - Please check future Newsletters for any Wednesday Evening Sessions that maybe of interest.

## JOURNALS RECEIVED

Links n' Chains – Liverpool Genealogy Society October 2016	Articles: Children in Liverpool – Linsie Tan 10 Pound Poms in 1967 – Mary Felgate Liverpool Soldiers Face Book and Family History – Margaret Warr
East Lake Macquarie Historical Society September 2016	Articles: Forgotten Place Names of Swansea Early Swansea Fires
East Lake Macquarie Historical Society October 2016.	Articles: Anzac Day & McEwan's Family Band – Ian Healy (NMH 29.04.1950) Pelican Flat – Lake Macquarie -French Charlie's Death (NMH & MM 1880)
The Hawkesbury Crier – Hawkesbury FHG September 2016	Articles: Focus on GWCC site – Michelle Nichols Citing New Sources – Michelle Nichols Accidental Deaths – Michelle Nichols John Stewart 1832-1904 The Father of Veterinary Science in NSW – Michelle Nichols St Matthews Anglican Church Windsor Celebrations The Beveridge Family Ann Smallwood – Michelle Nichols
Lachlan Valley Gold - Forbes FHG October 2016	Articles: Lake Forbes – Carol Dukes Flying Scotsman – Jean Little Tom's Lagoon Public School 1895-1948 – Forbes History Book 1997
The First Settlement City Gazette – Redcliffe & District .FHG – November 2016	Articles: The Bichel Family in Queensland – Jeanette Ryan nee Walther The Liguorice All-sorts Man – Ted Flack
Voices from the Past – Inverell District FHG October 2016	Articles: A Grand Old Building – Judy Pischke Parades
The Tamworth Family Historian – Tamworth & District FHG – November 2016	Articles: Extract from West of the Line – an Historical journey back in time -Julie Banks, Robyn Wing, & Jim Hombsch Extracts from Northern Daily Leader – John Winnfield Marie Lees – one of my three times Great Aunts – Shirley Gridland Dr Louis Smith's Private Hospital -Shirley Gridland Naughty Boys – Val Leet
Family Ties – Colo Shire FHG – September 2016	Articles: Bill McLachlan – Joy Shepherd Charmaray – Judy Sanders The Baileys of Beechwood – Joy shepherd Stoneleigh Stud
Ances-Tree – Burwood & District FHG November 2016	Articles: Cowpastures and Beyond – Marguerita Carey Government-assisted German Immigrants (Vinedresser Families) to NSW 1849-1856 Part 3 – Jenny Paterson Burwood Library Local Studies Collection – Kasia Malicka
Maitland Reminiscences – Maitland & Beyond FHG – October 2016	Irish Civil BDM Registrations Found – one missing cemetery What you can find at the Barracks Meeting of the Black Hill Pioneer Group – Vicki Osborn Do you know Sailors Row – Chris Barratt