



LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER



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DISCUSSION GROUPS: 11am

March-how to write an article for the Chronicle (Word Document)
April- GRO (General Register Office UK) - update on finding and applying for certificates
May-Land Records
June- Christine Yeats-State Records

SPEAKERS: 2pm

February-Richard O'Brien-Irish Orphan Girls
March – Maria Northcote-Irish Research
April – Erica Henley-Travels Iran & Iraq
May – Anthony Oliver-Land Titles
June – Christine Yeats-State Records
July – Julie Keating-compiling books from newspaper readings
August – Gay Hendriksen-Parramatta Female Factory
October – Marilyn Rowan-Transcription Agent

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Monday prior to meeting to
Sandra Reid
Email: sandrareid212@tpg.com.au

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 17th March, 2018**. We now have a wireless internet connection to all computers at the hall. If you have any particular internet inquires see Robert Eldridge on Saturday and book in for a time slot.

The hall will be open on **Wednesday 7th March, 2018** for research from 2pm to 5pm. Assistance with research is available.

The U3A Group will be in attendance from 2pm to 3.30pm and volunteers will be required again as per March afternoon.

Assistance with research is also available at the Speers Point Library Family History Section on Friday Mornings from 10am. Experienced researchers from the Group are in attendance to assist you with your research.

COMMITTEE NEWS...

Today we are pleased to welcome guest speaker, Mr Richard O'Brien is a retired Irish ambassador who has served his country within its foreign service for many years in various parts of the world. He arrived in Canberra as ambassador in 1995. He currently lives in Port Macquarie NSW. Today he will speak on "Irish Orphan Girls & the Great Irish Famine".

Members of your committee have been working hard particularly with the Beginners course at U3A. Jenny Myers spoke to 18 interested students on Tuesday last and then on Wednesday much research was commenced at our Marmong Pt. hall. We welcome some of the new starters today.

As your President, I would like, on your behalf, to thank all those who have helped the new family historians with their research and in other ways. So many helpers on the research day meant we could help them all.

Your committee has discussed a tour to Waverley Cemetery in Sydney. We need today to confirm the date which has been set for the 27 March 2018. We will travel by train and bus. This will be an opportunity to visit any family graves there and also to admire the dramatic architecture. I will attempt to find the graves of many famous Australians buried there.

As the current issue of the Chronicle nears completion. It is time to begin thinking of stories for the next issue. The subject chosen is "Childhood memories". Now I know you all will doubtless have a story or two to tell.

I remind members of the procedure for borrowing from our library. See Linda and ensure that the card is marked off. It is important that all books are returned at the following meeting. Others may be wanting the same book. If you cannot make the meeting please ensure the librarian is informed.

A date for a fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings has been set for 30th June. We will be seeking helpers closer to the date.

Happy researching, Arthur Radford

NEWS

HERITAGE HUNTERS www.heritagehunters.com/

“Hunter’s Past in Photos” series will continue this year. On the following dates, a team of expert guest presenters will screen a series of interesting historical local photos and discuss them. These interactive forums will be held in the Theatre at Newcastle Museum from 5.30pm, for 2 hours. Free entry, bookings required.

22 March- Ash Island and the Scott Sisters; 21 Jun- The arrival of Heavy Industry and GD Delprat; 18 October- World War 1 in the Hunter.

MAITLAND & BEYOND FAMILY HISTORY www.mdgs.org.au/

At the Barracks – Now have affiliate library status with FamilySearch. This means that there is access to a large number of digitised images that are restricted and not available to individuals. By searching for the film number attached to records which only have a transcript available, our special status makes it possible to see original images of material such as parish registers, which, in many cases, contain more information than what you can see online.

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL LIBRARY <http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/>

Beresfield Library Temporary Closure, Mon 5 Feb – Mon 19 Mar,

STATE RECORDS NSW <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Tuggerah Library – Discover what your ancestors did for a living – Wed 21 Feb 10.30am-12.30pm

UPDATES

STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/>

The Index to Victorian births, deaths and marriages has been updated and you can now search for marriages up to 1950! Births have also been extended by a year. The Index now covers: Births; 1853-1917: Marriages; 1853-1950: Deaths; 1853-1988: Church baptisms, marriages and burials in Victoria: 1836 to 1853.

CONGRESS 2018

If you can’t make it to Congress 2018, Family Finder Day is a special event running alongside the Congress on 9 March 2018. It is aimed at people who wish to view the exhibitions and listen to three short talks by the Society of Australian Genealogists and the major sponsors, Ancestry and FamilySearch. If you are new to family history or are contemplating taking it up, this day will be a great opportunity to find out more. Tickets can be obtained from <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/family-finder-day-tickets-41802407125>.

SAG Events – Feb-Mar 2018 <https://www.sag.org.au/>

- Writing True Stories – **webinar** by Patti Miller – Tue 20 Feb, 8pm-9pm
- Penrith Library Tour – with Lorraine Stacker – Wed 21 Feb, 9am-12.30pm
- English Research Group: Brewers and Malsters – Research/software group – Sat 24 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Parramatta Female Factory – Gay Hendriksen – Thu 22 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Legacy Software Group – Beverley Hysett – Sat 24 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Exploring your DNA results – **webinar** by Louise Croakley – Mon 26 Mar, 7.30pm-9.30pm.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE OF AUSTRALIA <https://www.bda-online.org.au/>

- **Convict indent/ship musters** NSW 1829, 1832, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837 and 1838
- **Church Registers:** over 6,000 baptisms, some marriages and burials: **Campbelltown** CE St Peter's 1832-1856: **Castlereagh** CE Christ Church 1832-1860: **Queanbeyan** CE Christ Church 1838-1866: **Sydney** CE St James' 1832-1841: **Sydney** CE St Philip's 1832-1840
- Convicts & Employers NSW 1828-1844:
- Norfolk Island Victualling Book 1792-1796
- Tasmanian Database 1803-1827:
- Tasmanian Muster of Children 1827:
- Tasmanian Musters 1814-1822
- Tasmanian Victualling Book 1803-1804 (original source):
- Tasmanian Victualling Book 1803-1804: analysis by Garry Wilson
- Unassisted Immigrants to Sydney NSW 1842-1857

JERSEY ARCHIVES <https://www.jerseyheritage.org/>

1917 General hospital admission register and Alien cards

FAMILY SEARCH <https://www.familysearch.org/>

New records available from Mexico

GRO (English and Welsh) BMDs <https://www.gro.gov.uk/>

The General Register Office have announced that the current PDF trial, originally intended to run for “at least 3 months”, will now continue at least until the end of June.

BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

155,984 pages added in the last 7 days! Aberdeen Press & Journal, Aberdeen Evening Express, Sligo Champion, Cork Examiner and Kendal Mercury.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES UK –Another new website

THE GENEALOGIST <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

Added **651,369 records of convicts** from The National Archives' HO 8 documents to our Court & Criminal Records collection. With this release researchers can find the details of ancestors that broke the law and were incarcerated in convict hulks and prisons in the 19th century.

FIND MY PAST <https://www.findmypast.com/>

- Suffragette Collection
- Durham Diocese Bishop's Transcriptions, 1639-1919
- Durham Diocese Bishop's Calendar of Marriage, Bonds and Allegations, 1594-1815
- United States, Union Provost Marshal Files of Individual Civilians, 1861-1866
- United States, Records of Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-1865
- A guide to tracing female ancestors

ARKIVDIGITAL <https://www.arkivdigital.net/>

Swedish National Archives Tax Records

ANCESTRY – There are many new and updated resources.

DURHAM RECORDS ONLINE <http://durhamrecordsonline.com/>

- Auckland St. Helen baptisms 1798-1812 updated
- Tynemouth Christ Church marriages 1837-1842
- Frosterley burials 1869-1903
- Newburn burials 1764-1812
- Newburn baptisms 1764-1812
- Lanchester marriages 1764-1768 updated
- Escomb burials 1850-1943
- Aycliffe burials 1878-1962
- Ponteland baptisms & burials 1729-1761

SCOTTISH TRANSCRIPTION SOCIETY <http://www.scottishrecordsociety.org.uk>

IRISH FAMILY HISTORY FOUNDATION www.rootsireland.ie/

- New records for Moyne/Templetuohy Catholic parish, Co. Tipperary (North). Baptisms: 1809-1899; Marriages; 1804-1897
- New Baptismal, Marriage and Death/Burial Catholic records for Co. Wexford

JOURNALS RECEIVED

<p>“Time Traveller”. eJournal of Shoalhaven Family History Society December 2017</p>	<p>“Coming home to the Shoalhaven” – Les Bursill OAM “To Commemorate Richard Mortimer – A poppy tribute from a great niece in Australia”- Sue Reeves “Saddler’s Daughter gets an Education”- Alan Clark AM “Letters to Uncle Jeff”- David Anderson</p>
<p>“Ballarat Link”. eJournal of Ballarat & Dist. Gen Soc. November 2017</p>	<p>“Ebenezer/Edward Child Bodfish/Herbert (1823-1878)” “A soldier, someone remembers”- Margaret Ough</p>
<p>eNewsletter of Maitland & Beyond FHS. December 2017</p>	<p>“Items of general interest”</p>
<p>“Insearch”. eJournal of Gwyder Family History Society. August 2017</p>	<p>“Extracts from the Moree Gwyder Examiner in August 1917” “Walter Holder” Verania McPhillamy, M.B.E., O.B.E. and Lt Col. Clive Vallack Single, D.S.O.”</p>
<p>“Tumblebee”. Journal of Coalfields Heritage Group September 2017</p>	<p>“Coalfields Inquests – Various cases from the Maitland Mercury” “Aldine Biographies – 13 short biographies of local people” “Molly Morgan – Convict to Queen”- F Mitchell</p>
<p>“Cedar Log”. eJournal of Richmond-Tweed Family History Society. December 2017</p>	<p>“Life in the Twenties” – Yvonne Hammond “The General Strike of August 1917” – Dawn Lotty “Albert Gibson (1876-1924) – Jacqui Brock “DNA”- Kerry Alexander</p>
<p>“The Descent”. Journal of SAGS December 2017</p>	<p>“A Tale of Two Orphans and the Taj Mahal” – Bob Wright “His Natural Life”- Janet Halliday “Nancy Hocking – a tough life in South Australia in the 1850’s”- Janette Hannan</p>
<p>“Dust of Ages”. eJournal of Armidale Family History Group. February 2018</p>	<p>“The Smith Sons of Boorolong in World War I”- Lee Gowen “Heartbreak at Georges Creek Bundarra”- Wayne & Di Hoppe “The Art of Margaret Josephine Vickery”- Peter J Vickery “Margaret O’Connell”- Dean Davidson “The Armidale Express”- David Bailey “Victor William Stirling – Peter Hoare “The Story behind War Memorials”- Graham Wilson “What’s in a Grave?”- Christine Fry “Dust Genealogy”- Brad and Jane Driessen “Early Days of Electricity Supply in Armidale”- David Vailey</p>
<p>“Tree of Life”. eJournal of Wyong Family History Group. February 2018</p>	<p>“Richard Simmonds, a man of colour” – Helen Johnston-Lord “Images of the Coast Guard”- Helen Johnston-Lord</p>

“Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.”

My Heritage Blog