



# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER



MAY, 2018

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**. We now have a wireless internet connection to all computers at the hall. If you have any particular internet inquiries see Robert Eldridge on Saturday and book in for a time slot.

The hall will be open on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018** for research from 2pm to 5pm. Assistance with research is available.

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 two guest speakers.

At 11am instead of a discussion group Judy Webster, who is a Professional Genealogist, will speak on the topic "Look beyond the border" encouraging us to look interstate and overseas archival records in our family research.

Our second speaker will be Anthony Oliver who is a Senior Project Manager and Engineer. His topic will be "Land Titles – How and where to search the site". If like me you have struggled to find your way through land titles or perhaps not ventured there - this may be of interest to you.

Your committee met last Friday and discussed a number of coming events.

Planning is coming along well for our first venture into hosting a Bunnings BBQ. Our thanks goes to Christine Rawling for organising this. It is a necessary fund raiser for our group and we need as much help as we can from members to make it a successful day. A roster of helpers is being circulated today and we ask you to help out for a few hours. This will also make our group more visible to the community as a whole.

Following the successful Waverley Cemetery trip our committee has discussed where next members would like to go on a research trip. Have you any interest? Let your committee know.

As the current issue of the Chronicle nears completion. It is time to begin thinking of stories for the next issue.

I remind members if you would like to visit Speers Point library on a Friday when some of our members are there to assist it now opens for research at 10.30 am.

Do you have research in the Maitland area? We have reconfirmed with Maitland family history group that research in their archives for our members is free and they also have reciprocal rights with our group.  
Happy researching Arthur Radford.

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### DISCUSSION GROUPS: 11am

**May**-\*Judy Webster-Look Beyond the Border! Archival Records with data for Interstate and overseas folks.

\*Anthony Oliver- "Land Titles"

**June**- Christine Yeats-State Records

**July**- Scottish Research-Jenny Myers

### SPEAKERS: 2pm

**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

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# NEWS

## UA3

The 5 Session U3A Basic Family History Course concluded on Tuesday, 1st May at Speers Point Library with a talk given by Judy Messiter. After Judy's talk the U3A Members and LMFHG Volunteers did a 'show and tell' tour of the resources held in the Local and Family History area.

The U3A Members were invited to make use of our knowledge by attending on Wednesday afternoon where Karen gave an 'Introduction to Online Links' listed on the LMFHG Website. Those who attended on Wednesday appreciated the extra help we are offering to them.

On a personal note, I wish to *Thank* all the LMFHG Volunteers who have generously given their time throughout this Course to not only help me but to encourage others to pursue their heritage. Again, *Thank You*, Jenny.

## LAKE MAC LIBRARIES

On Wednesday 23 May, the brand new catalogue service will be available for everyone to enjoy across the City. Make sure your email and contact details are up to date, so you can personalise your experience with Lake Mac Libraries and embrace our new purpose to expand your world! For more information email: [lakelibraries@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lakelibraries@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)

## DNA SCAMS

If you are thinking of having your DNA tested, Thomas MacEntee has prepared a leaflet "Tips on Avoiding DNA Scams and Getting the Most for Your DNA Dollar" which will help you stay safe and avoid Scams. It is available at <https://app.box.com/s/h7mjbafjz9ckh6zzao73vbt1mhrty6>

## 2018 CONFERENCE AT BATEMANS BAY <http://sailingintohistory.org.au>

The theme of the conference is "*Sailing into History*". The **NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies** has posted news of the conference on the website. The conference will be held on 14-16 September in the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA <http://www.nla.gov.au>

- **BACK TO THE LIBRARY.** Did you work for the National Library during the last 50 years? Do you fondly reminisce about the beautiful marble foyer, the neat rows of card catalogues, the serene hush of the reading rooms? Catch up with former colleagues at this special cocktail event and go back behind the scenes of our magnificent Library building, now 50 years old. This event is for former Library staff and guests only. Friday 20 July. Register online before Saturday 9 June to receive your invitation
- "Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia". Join National Library Ambassador Anita Heiss in conversation with book contributors Kerry Reed-Gilbert, Don Bemrose and Sharon Payne, followed by refreshments and a book signing. Fri 25 May 6pm. Theatre \$20. Gook 02 62621111.

## NEWCASTLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

Book Launch, "*Copeland Goldfields NSW History and Heritage Cemetery*", by Heather Ling, Margaret Robson, Wendy Swan and Gloria Higginbottom. Co-sponsored by the Gloucester District Historical Society. Gloucester District Historical Society Museum, 12 Church Street, Gloucester. Sat 16 Jun 1.30pm. RSVP Fri 8 Jun, Mel Woodford email: [mwoodford44@gmail.com](mailto:mwoodford44@gmail.com).

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

The successful webinar program continues in 2018. Register now for the following **free** webinars:

- Asylum Records in NSW, Thu 14 Jun 10am-11am
- NSW Professions and Occupations Tue 14 Aug 10am-11am
- NSW Colonial Secretary's Correspondence, Thu 18 Oct 10am-11am
- Sources for Marriage in NSW, Wed 07 Nov 10am-11am

## VIRTUAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY <http://virtualgensoc.com/>

Cost for 12 months membership - \$US20

The Virtual Genealogical Society is a global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels, geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

## MAITLAND AND BEYOND FAMILY HISTORY INC.

- **Aboriginal Family History Research** –Guest speaker, Kim Katon, Aboriginal Family History Researcher. To be held at “The Barracks”, Lindesay Street, East Maitland (beside old Maitland Gaol). 10am to 3pm. Free for members of MBFH and \$5 for non-members. Saturday 26 May.
- **Family History Day** Newcastle Memorial Park, 176 Anderson Drive, Beresfield. 10.30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m . 18 August 2018

**GLASGOW LIBRARIES** <http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk>

**STATE LIBRARY OF NSW** <http://sl.nsw.gov.au>

This year the Library is running a series of public programs: Program for June -

- **Check out Jun program**

**GENEALOGY FAIR 2018** <http://winghammuseum.com.au>

Wingham Services Club Thursday 31 May 2018 9.30am-3.00pm

The fair will be hosted by Manning Valley Historical Society, Manning Wallamba Family History Society and the LDS Family History Library (Taree)

## UPDATES

**SAG Events – June 2018** <https://www.sag.org.au/>

- “Lost in Death”- Virtual Weekend Seminar – Sat 02 Jun-Sun 03 Jun 10am-4pm
- Waverley Cemetery Tour – External tour – Wed 06 Jun 10.30am-12.30pm
- Legacy Software Group – Research/Software Group – Sat 09 Jun 10.30am-12.30pm
- Writing Discussion Group, Indexing and Editing – Research/Software Group – Thu 14 10.30am-12.30pm
- Scottish family history, more than BMD – Lecture – Sat 16 Jun 10.30am-12.30pm
- Copyright for genealogists – Webinar – Tue 19 Jun 8pm-9pm
- New Zealand Research Group: Working for a living – Research/Software Group – Sat 23 Jun 10.30am-12.30pm
- Google for Family History – Lecture – Sat 23 Jun 1.30m-3.30pm
- Frugal Family History – Lecture – Thu 28 Jun 10.30am-12.30pm
- Free Library Tour: Where do a start at the SAG library? – Tour – Sat 30 Jun 2018 9am-10am
- Hands on @ 120: Scanning & Digitising, Sat 30 Jun 10.30am-2.30pm

## THE BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

- Leicester Daily Post 1872-1921
- Bristol Magpie 1882-1884, 1887, 1901
- Bournemouth Graphic 1902-1920, 1931-1937
- Ballyshannon Herald 1832-1873,
- Warder and Dublin Weekly Mail 1845-1890,
- Good Morning 1943-1944
- Weekly Freeman’s Journal 1871-1880, 1841-1924
- Bournemouth Guardian 1897-1899, 1883-1921

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

**ARKIVDIGITAL** [www.arkivdigital.net](http://www.arkivdigital.net).

- Passenger ship manifests for emigrants leaving from Göteborg (1869-1951), Malmö (1874-1939) and Stockholm (1869-1940) ports are available on ArkivDigital. Also, you will find passenger lists for persons leaving from Helsingborg and passport journals (*passjournaler*) for persons traveling from Norrköping both in and outside of Sweden.

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

There are “How to” guides on subjects including: How to break down brick walls; Births, Marriages and Deaths; Census and Parish Records; 1939 Register. Check them out!

**ANCESTRY** [www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au)

**New Records**

- London, England, City Directories 1736-1943
- Victoria, Australia, Death Index, 1836-1988
- Victoria, Australia, Marriage Index, 1837-1950
- Worcestershire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1541-1812

**Updated records**

- London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1917
- London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812
- Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2017

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

Are you looking for ancestors in Northeast England? Durham records Online provides records from County Durham and Northumberland for genealogists and historians.

**GOULD GENEALOGY** <http://gouldgenealogy.com>

**JOURNALS RECEIVED**

"Tree of Life". eJournal of the Wyong Family History Group. May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Henry Hawkins" by Christine Randall</li><li>• "Did we have anyone on the First Fleet?" Lynda Smith</li><li>• "A Challenging Life: From Convicted Criminal to Colonial Architect to Farmer" by Carmel Peek</li><li>• "Checking the Wills of Distant Relatives" by Helen Burkett</li><li>• "Hamburger – Is That Really Your Name?" by Lynda Smith</li><li>• "William Thompson Masonic Hall, Baulkham Hills" by Helen Johnston-Lord</li><li>• "Clara Elsie Welman, QAIMNSR" by Helen Johnston-Lord</li><li>• "Keith Campbell Small: 26 January 1896-25 September, 1917" by Jean Macleay</li><li>• "Is Your Family Tree Ever Finished" by Helen Johnston-Lord</li><li>• "Naturalization Certificates" by Helen Johnston-Lord</li><li>•</li></ul>
"Vetaffairs". Newspaper for Australia's Veteran Community. Autumn 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Numerous short articles of general interest to Veterans"</li></ul>
"The Genealogist". Journal of AIGS Inc. March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "The Carroll Family" by Pauline Turville</li><li>• "The Ships List" by Cynthia Neale</li><li>• "Preserve all that Travel" by David Cotton</li><li>• "Treasures in the Library" by Lesley Haldane &amp; Francis Barrett</li><li>• "Melbourne and Townsville – The Link" by Rod Beaumont</li><li>• "Letter from England" by Peter Bennett</li><li>• "Rita goes home" by Ann Dixon</li><li>• "Stanley George Grace" by Vicki Fletcher</li><li>• "Sydney James Murray MC" by Gillian Kirton</li><li>• "Yours?" by Marian Guthrie</li><li>• "The Naming of Joy Street, Gladesville" by Carol Marshall (nee Edworthy)</li></ul>
"Dugallumba". eJournal of Logan River & District Family History Society Inc. May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Backyard" by Robert Thomson</li><li>• "Riverdale-the Way It Was" by Elizabeth Lamb nee Armstrong</li><li>• "Dad's Helper" by Heather Cuthbert (nee Lomman)</li><li>• "Family Research Masochistic?" by Anne Mitchell</li><li>• "William King, Autobiography" by Terri Gellatly</li><li>•</li></ul>

"A Genealogist is someone who knows that all grandparents are great grandparents"

*Genealogy Bank*