



# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC. NEWSLETTER



JUNE, 2018

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 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 4<sup>th</sup> July, 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

Welcome to the June meeting of our family history group.

Today at 11am, instead of a discussion group, we have a Guest Speaker – Christine Yeats speaking on using ‘Trove’ in your research. Then again at 2pm her topic will be “Getting around the NSW State Archives web site”. She has a special interest in archives, records management and research using original records, in particular using the NSW State Archives. Christine will be at the meeting all day and is available for questions & enquiries.

The first Wednesday afternoon of each month is a good time to delve into the available records at our Marmong Point hall. There are always experienced researchers to help you and it is easier than at the meeting on Saturdays. Family History is for all of us a continuing learning experience. Last Wednesday in the evening there were three of us learning a few of the finer points of the Legacy program.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> trip away this year has been a local one. If you missed it last Wednesday we visited West Wallsend High School which includes a local museum there. Let your committee know how your research could be enhanced by a research trip. After today’s talk I think some of us will be keen to revisit the State Archives.

The preparing of the next issue of the Chronicle always begins shortly after the previous one is sent to members. So it is time to begin thinking of stories for the next edition. The topic to get you thinking of a suitable submission is ‘Interesting Weddings’. Did something strange happen at a family wedding that you are still talking about? Have a look at your family weddings in newspapers using “Trove”. What you find may surprise you.

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.

The Bunnings BBQ is only two weeks away. 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. Today is the last chance to put your name on the roster of helpers. We still need a few more to make the workload a little easier. We ask you to help out for a few hours. This will also make our group more visible to the community. Thanks to those who have brought large Eskys today.

Happy researching Arthur Radford

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### DISCUSSION GROUPS: 11am

**June**- Christine Yeats-State Records

**July**- Scottish Research-Jenny Myers

### SPEAKERS: 2pm

**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  
Please send through any interesting news or updates to include in the newsletter.

## NEWS

### BUNNINGS BBQ

Just another reminder ..... we need helpers as we try a different form of fund raising for the group. Are you able to help at the BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 30th June? It is not that far away and we will need people to cook and serve as well as collecting the money, you won't have to stay for the whole day.

### WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.

#### English, Irish and Scottish Family History Research Course:

- Friday, 15 Jun, 9.30am-noon, English Research
- Friday, 22 Jun, 9.30am-noon, Irish and Scottish Research

The cost is \$25 for both days and \$15 for one day, paid in advance.

The venue is Wyong Family History Group's Cottage, 6/9 Rankens Court, Wyong.

Phone: 4351 2211 for bookings.

### LAKE MAC LIBRARIES

- HSC Success: English and Science, Tue 19 Jun English 5pm; Science 6.45pm Charlestown Library
- Live Art – A genetic mash-up, Sat 23 Jun, 10am -Belmont Library
- Speech Development: Building speech and language skills at home, Thu 28 Jun, 1pm, Charlestown Library

### 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. Keynote speaker: Cora Nunn.

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

#### June 2018 – Learning: Bookings 62621111

- Finding Families: An Introduction to Family History at the Library, Wed 20 Jun, 1pm
- Asian Formed Collections, Wed 27 Jun, 1pm

### NEWCASTLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

At their 03 July general meeting the guest speaker will be Emeritus Professor John Ramsland, OAM. The topic will be "Searching for Douglas Grant (1885-1951) 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> AIF and prisoner of war. A work in progress".

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

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

- 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

### MAITLAND AND BEYOND FAMILY HISTORY INC.

- **Family History Day** Newcastle Memorial Park, 176 Anderson Drive, Beresfield. 10.30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m . 18 August 2018

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

This year the Library is running a series of public programs: Program for July include –

Scholar talk: The Sydney Wars-Conflict on the Cumberland Plain. Tue 03 Jul, 11am-noon

National Biography Award: Short list announced. Mon 09 Jul, 11am-noon

Susannah Fullerton: Emily Bronte, 200th anniversary. Thu 12 Jul, 11am-noon

Curator Talk: Celebrating Miles Franklin. Fri 13 Jul, 1.30pm-3pm

### GOV.UK

A new service to find a will or probate document is available at [www.probaterearch.service.gov.uk](http://www.probaterearch.service.gov.uk). Wills and Probate 1858 -1996; Wills and Probate 1996 to present ; and Soldiers Wills can be purchased online.

### COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Email: [coffsgenie@gmail.com](mailto:coffsgenie@gmail.com) A half day seminar with Speaker Kerry Farmer. "DNA including GEDmatch: I've done my test, What's next". "Finding Historical Photos on Line". Sat 18 Aug 10am-1pm, Community Village, Earl Street, Coffs Harbour. \$10. Registration by 17 Aug.

## MY HERITAGE

If you are a MyHeritage user here is a link to their blog regarding a data breach discovered on 6 June 2018. You are advised to change your password immediately. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/06/myheritage-statement-about-a-cybersecurity-incident/>

**CHRIS PATON** <http://britishgenes.blogspot.com/>

Chris Paton's blog 'The Genes Blog' is a great resource for stories and information regarding research in Britain, Ireland and Scotland. There is an article on The National Archives of Ireland ([www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)) which has their new catalogue up and running, and has uploaded probate calendars for the south from 1923-1982.

## UPDATES

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

- Patient Records for Mental Hospitals-Lecture – Thu 05 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Hands-on @379: Trove - Fri 06 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Writing Discussion Group: Writing Techniques - Thu 12 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Getting the Most out of SAG-Lecture – Sat 14 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Broaden your Convict Research – Thu 19 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- DNA Research Group – Sat 21 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- English Parish Registers-Webinar – Tue 24 Jul, 8pm-9pm
- Hands-on @379: GEDmatch –Fri 27 Jul, 10.30am-12.30pm
- BDM Fundamentals for England and Wales – Mon 30 Jul, 8pm-9pm

## THE BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Referee 1878-1911

Tralee Chronicle 1843-1880

Luton Reporter 1874-1924

Cheltenham Examiner 1839-1904

Music Hall and Theatre Review 1889-1903

Sligo Champion 1836-1911

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

- Metropolitan Police Habitual Criminals Register

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

Find your Swedish ancestors in their image database. They have 78 million colour images covering various kinds of historical documents such as church records, court records and inventory of estates.

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

Have you checked out their Facebook page. Their updated records are listed as well as the visitor posts include assistance with problems associated with the webpage as well as assistance in finding records.

[https://www.facebook.com/findmypastAustralia/?brand\\_redir=83181195937](https://www.facebook.com/findmypastAustralia/?brand_redir=83181195937)

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES** <https://nationalarchives.gov.uk>

- Merchant Seamen's Campaign Records 1914-1918,
- Merchant Seamen's Campaign Records 1939-1945
- Merchant Shipping Movement Cards 1939-1945

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

- 1939 England and Wales Register
- UK, Historical Photographs and Prints, 1704-1989
- Norfolk, England, Bishop and Archdeacon Transcripts of Parish Registers, 1600-1935
- Victoria, Australia, Death Index, 1836-1988
- Victoria, Australia, Birth Index, 1837-1917
- Cheshire, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1564-1837

UPDATED

- 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, 2004-2018

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

- Alnwick Baptisms 1792-1812, and burials 1777-1791
- South Shields St. Cuthbert RC Marriages 1850-1858
- South Shields St. Bede RC Baptisms 1857-1864
- Dalton-le-Dale Marriages 1877-1907 updated

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

### JOURNALS RECEIVED

“Genie Allergy”. eJournal of the Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc. June 2018	“The Transportation and Life of Convict William White” by Sharon Ingersole “Two Men Who ‘Built’ Coffs Harbour”
State Archives of NSW. eNewsletter May 2018	“Blaze: Working Women, Public Leaders” “Captured: Portraits of Crime, 1870-1930” “Windows into Wartime at Riverside”
“Ballarat Link”. eNewsletter of the Ballarat & District Genealogical Society Inc. May 2018	“Numerous short articles on general interest” “National Register”
“Family Ties”. eJournal of the Bundaberg Genealogical Association Inc. June 2018	“Numerous short items from 1925 local newspapers” “Weddings – The Queenslander, Sat 6 Jan 1917” by Gail Downie “Guide to Chinese-Australian Family Research” “The Names We Overlook” by Amy Johnson Crow “Gretna Green” “Terms used in Early Australia” “Chinese-made stamps on furniture made in Victoria” by Dr Pauline Rule and Dr Sophie Couchman “Travelling from Gin Gin towards Wallaville on the Walla Road. Looking at the farmland”
Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. May 2018	“Black Diamonds from Lake” by Mike Scanlon Newcastle Herald 1988 “The Old Coal Gantry” by Ailsa Nakkam “Colliery Work Mates-Smithy” by Neville Ham
Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Society. Jun 2018	“When Royalty was Lost”. Newcastle Morning Herald, 10 Apr 1970 “Australia’s Queen”
“Voices from the Past”. eNewsletter of Inverell District Family History Group Inc. Jun 2018	“Inverells’ Finest, An Early Inverell Policeman” “A Visit From The Canberra” “100 years ago ..... The Western Front”

Oh if only this were true!!!? Pinterest: Jan Shannon Thomas

