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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion>

Next Meeting:

Discussion Group Meeting via
Zoom: Topic *Google Tools for Genealogy*. Details via email.

Hall: Wednesday Research

Open under special Covid-19
conditions for research on
Wednesday July 1st from 2:00pm to
5:00pm. Members only.

Speers Point Library:

Research Assistance suspended

Members Interests:

Webmaster: Robert Eldridge
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The Chronicle Topic: Books

Deadline – 26 July 2020

Discussion Group 11-12noon

Currently suspended

LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2020

**A Note from the President**

Greetings,

Thank you to the 20 brave members who joined our first Zoom meeting on May 16th. I really enjoyed chatting with you. We are all becoming more competent in our use of Zoom after our three informal sessions, your enthusiasm for learning and sharing has been inspiring.



1 LMFHG Zoom Meeting – Thanks for photo Jan.

On June 21st, the date of our next cancelled meeting, we will have a more formal Zoom session. It will be a round table discussion on “*Google tools for genealogy*” hosted by me. For privacy purposes details for connecting will be sent separately via email and posted on our Facebook Discussion Group.

Your Committee met via Zoom last Friday and spent some considerable time discussing the reopening of our facility. We have agreed to open the Hall on Wednesday July 1st for research by members only. To comply with the 4 square metre per person rule we can accommodate a maximum of 30 attendees.

We also discussed opening for our July 18th Meeting Day and agreed that, if we open, it will be as a Research Day for members only. We will make a final decision at our July Committee Meeting and let you now of our decision after evaluating the situation at that time. We hope that we can return to our regular program later in the year and, thanks to Elspeth, have guest speakers lined up for August and September.

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Jill Ball – President

The Chronicle

It's time to think ahead to our next edition - **Books**: Many of us have been doing more reading during our COVID-19 isolation - so whether it was something new, something rediscovered during a clean-up or memories of a favourite from the past - we'd like to hear about it.

Please remember that we always appreciate items, large or small on any topic! Deadline – 26 July 2020. Elspeth and Glynda.

A Blog is Coming to LMFHG

We will soon have a blog on which we can record stories of people connected with the Lake Macquarie area and news of our activities. Details coming soon.

Around the Web

Jenny writes "A very interesting website for the early years of Scottish music halls etc... <https://www.britanniapanopticon.org/>"

Free online book from Nathan Goodwin

<https://www.nathandyngoodwin.com/morton-in-lockdown>

New Trove Launch

From June 22, try the updated version of Trove on the Trove site before it is switched over permanently on June 26. Information in this video:

<https://youtu.be/D6e4r3v3mP4>

Ancestors from Jersey?

A new site. Some fees apply

<https://www.jerseyheritage.org/australia>

Don't Believe the Hints

From UK Genealogist David Annal

<https://lifelinesresearch.co.uk/2020/06/13/dont-believe-the-hints/>

Hunter Living Histories - Latest Post

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2020/06/12/fortress-newcastle-project/>

Family History Bingo

<https://www.yprl.vic.gov.au/blogs/post/family-history-bingo/>

Fromelles Association of Australia

<https://fromellesremembered.wordpress.com/>

Derbyshire – For vast amounts of info from the Derbyshire Archives & Records join

derbysgen2@groups.io and browse the archived posts.

Tips for using Familysearch

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/websites/familysearch/13-familysearch-tips/>

New MyHeritage Photo Enhancer

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/06/introducing-the-myheritage-photo-enhancer/>

Members' Only Discussion Group

The LMFHG Discussion Group,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion/>

, is a place where our members can share news and ask questions in a secure forum. As this is a Private Group any member who wishes to join will have to apply to join by going to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion/>

and selecting the Join Group option.

Speers Point Library

From Lyn: there is a time limit of 15 minutes. Hand sanitizer at the door is compulsory. Your name and contact information is taken. Microfilm readers are taped off as well as computers. Social distancing is a must. Current staff appeared very busy. Judy will be working on Wednesday's at the library.

Events

Family History Down Under Conference 2021

The International FH DU Conference to be held 22 -26 March 2021 on the Sunshine Coast Qld has been postponed until 2022. The organisers are currently planning a smaller FH DU event for 2021. Details will be announced on the website:

<https://www.familyhistorydownunder.com/>

From the Organisers of The Newcastle Family History Conference 2020

2020 Conference Deferred

Regrettably, it has been necessary to defer the 2020 Conference due to circumstances beyond our control. Social distancing and the restrictions placed on conference venues due to Covid-19 has necessitated this decision.

Planning has begun for the 2021 Conference to be held in Port Macquarie during the second half of next year so we have something positive to look forward to in the not too distant future. The work which our Conference Committee has already undertaken will transfer to 2022 where we look forward to also hosting a wonderful conference for everyone.