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

Next General Meeting:

Zoom Meeting: Saturday 18th July
1:00pm

Speers Point Library:

Assistance currently suspended

Members Interests:

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The Chronicle Topic: Books

Deadline – 26 July 2020

Discussion Group 11-12noon

Currently suspended

Have you visited our new blog yet? Point your browser to:

<https://lakemacfhg.blogspot.com/>

LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



JULY 2020

EVENTS AND UPDATES

A Note from the President

Whilst we have not been able to meet in person for several months your Committee has been busy planning online events and our CovidSafe Plan for submission to Council in readiness for the day when we open our doors.

Due to a generous donation from an anonymous member we have access to Zoom webinars for the next year. Whilst we have a core of dedicated Zoomers in our Group I am concerned that many of you are missing out on the educational and social opportunities that these sessions provide.

Zoom can be used on a computer, laptop, iPad, tablet or smartphone that has an audio function. Please contact me and I can set up a Zoom practice session for you while talking you through the connection process by phone. Alternatively, one of our Zoomers may invite you to visit them to watch one of our scheduled zoom sessions.

We are planning to open the Hall for a limited research session on August 5th if there is sufficient interest from members. If you wish to take advantage of this to borrow a few books or seek some help then please email the Secretary by Saturday 31st July so arrangements can be made. Those who are attending will be notified of details and a copy of our CovidSafe Guidelines prior to the session.

Whilst our July meeting will be an online meeting we are hoping to have a face to face meeting in August. Details for July will be distributed by email. It is likely that we will postpone our Annual General Meeting and Committee Election until restrictions are relaxed.

I had a few seconds of stardom when the new Trove website, <http://www.trove.nsw.gov> was launched online late last month. I was approached to submit, for the online launch hosted by Annabel Crabb, a video clip saying why I love Trove. My clip which was shot with a background view of our Lake was played during the online launch. Apparently several viewers commented to Trove about the location! You can imagine how proud I was to represent fellow family historians at this event.

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Jill Ball – President

Ed. Note – Thank you Jill for setting up our extra media pages and Zoom experiences and Karen for offering to conduct Wednesday evening sessions.

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.

New Blog



As part of our communication strategy and to highlight and preserve some stories of local people the Committee agreed to set up a blog for our Group. Even though we have not publicised it widely the blog has already had over 300 visits. If you have an ancestor story, photo or question that you would like to publish to an online audience please contact Jill who will arrange to share it on the blog. Blogs are fantastic [Cousin Bait](#). You can visit the blog here: <https://lakemacfhg.blogspot.com/>. Please share this link with your friends in genealogy.

What they Wore

If you are interested in fashion through the ages and dating clothing your families may have worn in photographs, this is an interesting site to visit. Although it does have a European bias it is very useful. See: <http://bloska.info/>
Jenny Myers

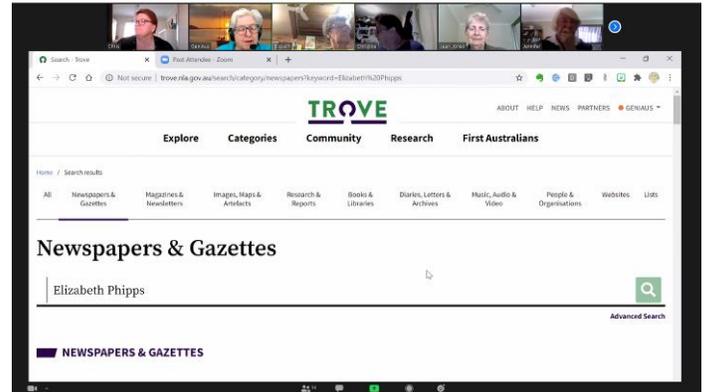
Zooming on Wednesdays

Now that we have our own Zoom account our Treasurer, Karen, has volunteered to host regular sessions on a Wednesday evening. Last week she answered member's questions about Legacy Family Tree Software. Karen is happy to answer general enquiries and Legacy questions. Please email your questions to Karen, Treasurer@lmfhg.org.au

Reminder - Annual Subs are now due

Our Treasurer, Karen, has distributed details to all members.

New Trove



On Sat 4th July, 14 of our members took part in an interesting workshop via Zoom on The new Trove website. With the guidance of Jill and helpful add in comments by members we navigated The New Trove site. Having the ability of looking at Jill's screen as she navigated Trove meant that members could see exactly how to operate various functions in Trove. Members learned about the advantages of having a login with Trove and how to use Tags, Lists and search functions.

We also looked at the Lake Macquarie People list that Jill has set up to be a collaborative effort. This list is set up to record references to people who lived, worked, played, or might be buried in the Lake Macquarie area. If you find information about a person in Lake Macquarie think about adding them to the list. During our workshop lots of members were using their new skills on Trove as they could work on Trove and ask questions at the same time. We also found Elspeth's book on Trove that was written about Boolaroo Public School.

Lots of fun by had by all.

Looking forward to future sessions.



Chris - Member 239

Do you have a Website or Blog? Have you written a Family History Book?

Please, do not hide your light under a bushel. Let us know your URL or bibliographic details with us and we will share them with our members and followers.