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

Next General Meeting:

Zoom Meeting: Saturday 15th
August 1:00pm with Guest Pauleen Cass

Speers Point Library:

Assistance currently suspended

Members Interests:

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The Chronicle Topic: a story (not a book!!) about yourself or someone you have found to be of interest such as a local identity. Submissions due: 22nd October

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



August 2020



EVENTS AND UPDATES

A Note from the President

Best wishes for [National Family History Month](#) (NFHM), a time during which we are encouraged to reflect on our ancestry, education and research. I have taken advantage of several free events that are on the [National Family History Month Calendar](#), due to the Covid situation many of these events are online giving us, in regional areas, access. I have entered the [NFHM competitions](#) to win several valuable genealogy themed prizes.

It has been a busy month for me, I presented a webinar on Blogging for The Society of Australian Genealogists, I am also hosting several other webinars for them plus watching many free NFHM online sessions. We, at Lake Macquarie, are hosting a free Zoom session on August 28th, [Trawling in the Lake: resources for family history research in the Lake Macquarie area](#), as part of the NFHM program. I am hoping that this session will encourage people in and out of our area to research their links with Lake Macquarie and to recognise the value of belonging to groups such as ours.

Many of our members were distressed when we heard of plans to move the Family History collection from Speers Point Library to Swansea Library. Thanks to those members who expressed their disappointment to Council. As a result, several members have joined Jess Dowdell from Council in online Zoom meetings to discuss our issues. Today, Jess confirmed with us that, for the time being, Family History Resources will remain at Speers Point while further options for housing the service are investigated. We look forward to further discussions with Council and commend Jess for her commitment to family history services in Lake Macquarie.



Pauleen Cass

Please remember to join us via **Zoom on Saturday 15th August for our Monthly meeting.** Our guest speaker, [Pauleen Cass](#) who has presented on Irish topics in Ireland and around Australia, will present a session for us "**Uncovering your Irish Roots**". Following the presentation, we will have a short informal meeting where you can share your news.

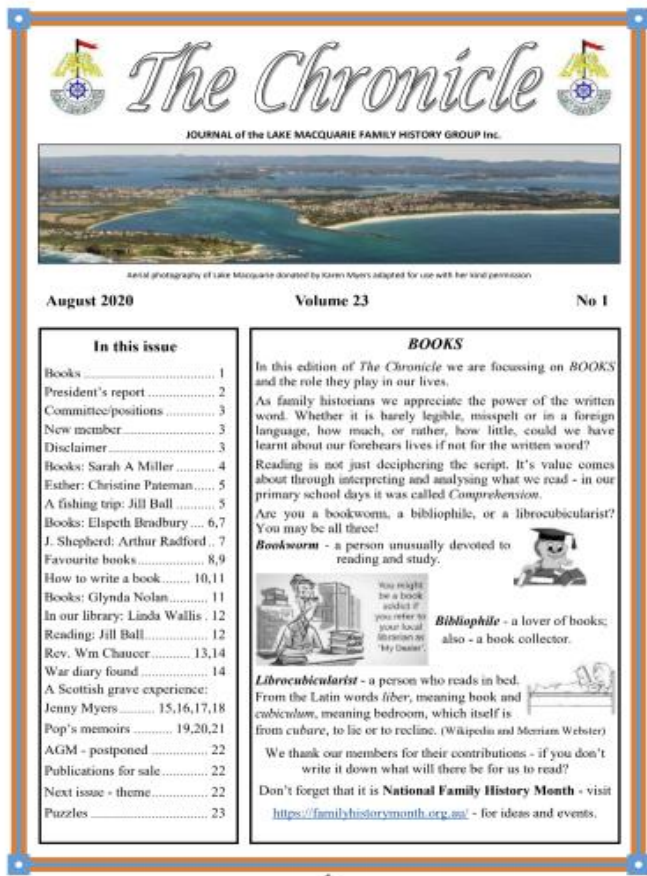
I am concerned that we are only reaching a proportion of our members with our Zoom sessions. Please contact me or a Committee member by phone or email if you have a genealogy question. We miss you.

Stay Safe, Stay Well,

Jill Ball – President, Lake Macquarie Family History Group

The Chronicle

Thanks to Elspeth and Glynda, our Chronicle Editors who have excelled themselves with our recent edition on Books. This latest issue is bulging with interesting and varied content.



Elspeth writes, "for the next issue we would appreciate a story (not a book!!) about yourself or someone you have found to be of interest such as a local identity."

Please remember that contributions do not have to be limited to the issue topic - we appreciate items on any subject that may be of interest to our members.

Submissions to Elspeth by 22nd October please. This is the cut-off date - please feel free to send earlier.

Zooming on Wednesdays with Karen

Treasurer, Karen, is hosting regular Zoom sessions for you on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm**. 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.

The Marriage Locator - Cracking the code of the GRO Marriage Index

<http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk/>

Please Invite your Friends to this Event

Trawling in the Lake

Resources for family history research in the Lake Macquarie area

August 28 2020 Presented by Jill Ball

Bookings are necessary for this Event

Please email lakemacfhg@gmail.com to register. A link to the event will be emailed to participants in the days prior to the event.

Some WW1 Military Sites from Kerrie D.

Tasmanians: good info and photographs that don't necessarily appear on the NAA

<http://www.tasmanianwarcasualties.com/>

South Australian casualties:

<https://sarcib.ww1.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/search>

Danes in Australia who fought with the AIF.

Names sometimes Anglicised:

<http://www.danesinaustralia.com/danes-who-fought-in-world-war-i.html>

Some Reading and Events for You

Advice for those with public Ancestry trees.

<https://www.thefamilyheart.com/fix-ancestry-family-tree/>

An online event from Ireland

<https://backtoourpast.ie/>

A three part series on British research

<https://www.rootstech.org/blog/5-tips-for-finding-your-british-ancestors>

New online from State Records

TRAMWAY STAFF RECORDS c.1879-1911. Search 10,600+ entries and view / download the digitised records! <http://ow.ly/sZRI50ALSs2>

Pauleen Cass tells us why we should WRITE

<https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/tell-your-family-stories/>