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Next General Meeting via Zoom:
Saturday 19th August 1:00pm, Paul Parton, Familysearch at 1:30pm

Speers Point Library:
Assistance currently suspended

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

Save the Date: 17th October
October Meeting with guest, Kerry Farmer. Topic: DNA

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LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



September 2020

EVENTS AND UPDATES

A Note from the President

I'm concerned that we are only reaching a proportion of our members in our successful Zoom sessions; I'm missing seeing the regulars who attend our face to face meetings in the hall. The buzz of conversation as you catch up with old friends, share your findings and do a spot of research can't be replicated in a Zoom session but, in these times when we are only able to have 20 people in the hall, we must make do.

We will be opening the Hall on the first Wednesday in October at 2pm for those who want to pop in, borrow a book from the library or seek help with a genealogy issue. If you wish to attend on that day please contact the Secretary by email. We have in place a Covidsafe plan that has been submitted to Council.

By the end of [National Family History Month](#) (NFHMI I was exhausted and my head was swimming with the information and news I gathered from free online presentations. Although we had a small audience for our [Trawling in the Lake: resources for family history research in the Lake Macquarie area](#), NFHM session I was pleased to see online interested locals and genealogists from afar. An event like this demonstrates that we are an active and vibrant organisation in the local community.



Please remember to join us via **Zoom on Saturday 19th September for our Monthly meeting**. Our **guest speaker, Paul Parton**, will relate the latest news from **Familysearch** and answer any questions you may have about Familysearch. Prior to the presentation at 1:30pm, we will have an informal meeting from 1pm.

We had planned to have a DNA day in October with guest, **Kerry Farmer**, but have had to change our plans. Thanks go to Elspeth who has been working with Kerry to plan a shorter **DNA online** zoom event for **our meeting on October 17th**.

Thank you to all those members who paid their annual subscriptions, your Committee appreciates your support and look forward to the time when we can gather in person once more.

Stay Safe, Stay Well,

Jill Ball – President, Lake Macquarie Family History Group

The Chronicle

Elsbeth 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.

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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 On Wednesday 16th Karen will be demonstrating the GRO (England) site.

Bring a Friend – Paul Parton - Familysearch event

If you have a friend who would like to join our zoom session with Paul Parton on **19th September** please invite them along as we have some extra spaces for the event. There is no need for members to register (you will receive the link by email) but we ask that visitors email lakemacfhg@gmail.com to be put on the list and receive the link.

Lake Macquarie Bibliography

During the [Trawling in the Lake](#) presentation a resource shared was a list of books and printed materials to assist with local research.

As an alternative to sharing a printed book list the free [Librarything](#) online platform was used for this purpose. The bibliography contains not just books held locally in our Group's collection but in local public libraries, the University of Newcastle, the State Library of NSW and the National Library of Australia. It is a dynamic list that will grow as new resources are identified.

Access the list from your internet browser via <https://www.librarything.com/profile/LakeMacFHG>

Once at the site please explore by clicking on any of the links on the site. If you know of any books that are not on the list please let Jill know and they will be added.

Waving to Helen

Absent recently from our Zoom meetings was Helen Windon. We hear that Helen had a sojourn in hospital and has recently moved to a new residence. We send best wishes to Helen and hope to see her zooming again soon.

Rootstech Connect

The biggest family history conference in the world hosted by Familysearch, has announced that it will be fully online in 2021. The best news is that it will be free. There will be a program of lectures over 24 hours each day between 25 and 27 February (Salt Lake City time). One can watch every presentation or just choose a program according to one's interests. Registration is simple and quick via the website

<https://www.rootstech.org>



I have been an Ambassador for the 11 Rootstech events in Salt Lake City, London and now in cyberspace and hope that fellow LMFHG members will take join me online for all or part of this event. Jill Ball

New Resources

Waiting to be processed for our library is a newly donated collection of South Australian books and a new book about St Anne's Ryde, The Churchyard on the Hill: St Anne's at Ryde. Once we can return to the Hall these items will be processed and added to our collection.

Black Sheep

If you ancestors from NSW had a run in with the law you may find them in the “Gaol Inmates / Prisoners Photos Index” from State Records.

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/gaol-inmates-prisoners-photos-index>

Please note; Jenny Myers has cancelled her home phone no., her contact phone no. is now 0412699502.