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Next General Meeting via Zoom:
Saturday 17th October 1:30pm
Kerry Farmer – DNA.

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

Marmong Point Hall Opening:
Wednesday November 4th 2-5pm.

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LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER

October 2020



EVENTS AND UPDATES

A Note from the President

Thirteen members took advantage of the Hall opening at Marmong Point last week to return and borrow library books and get assistance with family history questions. It was wonderful to catch up with some members who have not been joining us on Zoom. At our recent Committee Meeting we agreed to continue opening the Hall on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. We will, however, continue to hold our general meetings via zoom as, according to Council regulations, we can only accommodate 20 persons on the Hall at one time.



Our Committee's thoughts also turned to Christmas and our Annual Christmas Raffle. As it would be difficult to gather goods for hampers in the current circumstances we discussed offering our members some Christmas Cheer. We agreed to have a free prize draw at our Hall opening on December when all financial members' names will have an opportunity to win the major prize of a DNA kit and secondary prizes of Coles/Myer Gift Cards.

The Committee also voted to commence transferring our library resources, that are currently stored on a spreadsheet, to an online system, Librarything, that is used by similar organisations. This platform will make it easier to record, share and access our collection. Our librarian Linda and assistant, Jean are working with me (I was a librarian in a former life) on this project. We have had a training session via Zoom and have so far entered our first 350 books on to the system. You can view our catalogue site here: <https://www.librarything.com/profile/LMFHG>, to see a full list of what we have added so far select [All collections](#) from the Collections section. We will provide this link on our website in addition to the current library list until we have transferred all our books to the new site.

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for the 2020-2021 year. Although we are not hosting meetings we still have ongoing financial commitments and are most appreciative of your support.

I hope to see you all at Marmong Point or on Zoom some time soon.

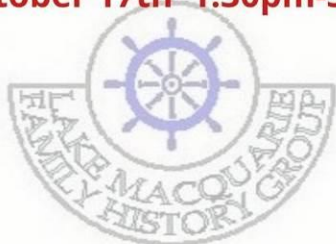
Stay Safe, Stay Well,

Jill Ball – President, Lake Macquarie Family History Group



DNA Tips and Tricks with Kerry Farmer

You are invited
to an event via Zoom
October 17th 1:30pm-3pm



For registration and payment please contact:
treasurer@lmfhg.org.au
Lake Macquarie Family History Group Members - Free
Visitors - \$5

Library News from Lake Macquarie Council

We have been engaged in an ongoing discourse with Jess Dowdell, Lifelong Learning and Engagement Coordinator, who administers Library Services for Council. Jess reports that 100% of the family history collection will remain at Speers Point Library, with 35% of items in the local studies collection also remaining. Community members will have access to these collections during Speers Point Library opening hours.

We are organising another Zoom meeting for members to discuss their concerns about family history services from Council. All members will be notified of details of this session by email.

Chronicle Deadline Approaching

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

Donation

We extend our thanks to member, Helen Windon, who has donated her substantial collection of genealogy books to our Group. Many of these books are out of print and not available in nearby libraries. The addition of these titles will benefit our members.

You can never have too many books



Robyn Anderson

We are sad to report on the recent passing of a former member, Robyn Anderson of Toronto. We are currently sorting through Robyn’s genealogy collection which she left to our Group. We have already added some of the books to our library collection and are currently sorting through her many files. We send our condolences to her family and thank her brother for his assistance with delivery of the collection.

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