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

**Next General Meeting:**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December: 11:00am.  
End of Year Celebration at  
Marmong Point

**Speers Point Library:**

Assistance currently suspended

**The Chronicle Topic:** Irish research - what you have found and what remains a mystery. Deadline 27 January 2021.

**Marmong Point Hall Opening:**

Wednesday 6th January 2-5pm.

**Blog:**

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

**Website and Members' Interests:**

<http://https://www.lmfhg.org.au/>

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# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



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## EVENTS AND UPDATES



### A Note from the President

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Cheer Gift Draw. You will find their names on the second page of this document.

On Wednesday afternoon, while at the Hall, we heard that the NSW State Government is lifting restrictions for face to face gatherings. The six Committee members present conferred and decided that we would celebrate the year's end with a picnic style get together on the lawn beside the Hall on December 12th. In order for this event to be as Covidsafe as possible we will gather outside but still have access to the facilities in the Hall.

As an additional measure we ask you to bring your own picnic chair or rug and your own food and drink. We ask that all who attend read and adhere to our LMFHG Covidsafe Plan which will be on display and is also distributed with this newsletter.

We will not have a Christmas Carol singalong but hope that you will wear something Christmassy and be ready to share some Christmas stories with those in attendance.

Stay safe. Stay well.  
Jill Ball – President

## Members' Christmas Gift Draw

Some of the members who were at the Hall on Wednesday afternoon assisted with the Christmas Gift Draw. The prizes will be available for collection at our gathering on 12<sup>th</sup> December.



DNA Kit drawn by Helen – **Eloise Sarginson**



Gift card drawn by Linda – **Valda Owen**



Gift card drawn by Margaret – **Robert & Marilyn Lyon**



Gift Card drawn by Arthur – **Ken & Lorraine Drew**

Thanks to our VP Jenny and Treasurer Karen for organising this surprise for our members.

## New Library at Cameron Park

Message from Jess Dowdell at Council

*“Initial design concepts for the Sugar Valley Library Museum are now available for view and comment via <https://shape.lakemac.com.au/sugarvalley>*

*I will also be holding a consultation meeting via ZOOM on Monday 7 December 4pm*

*At this meeting I will talk through the plans and answer questions*

*You are able to join this meeting via the link below  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89614001999?pwd=VEVHd2ErVlFCclB6M2c1OHBFRCzFtZz09>  
Meeting ID: 896 1400 1999  
Passcode: 178694*

*If unable to join the meeting please make comment via the Council website (link above) or send through questions.”*

Please take advantage of this opportunity to voice your concerns.

## New appointment

I am delighted that I have been appointed to a new Cultural Collections Consultative Committee at Lake Macquarie Council. I'll be advocating for Libraries and Family History services in our area – Jill Ball