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Next General Meeting:
Saturday 16th January 2021.
Speaker: Robert Eldridge - DNA
and a journey of discovery.

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.

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

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LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER

January 2021



A Note from the President

Congratulations to you, our members, for your support during the roller coaster year of 2020. I am so proud that we continued to meet (albeit via zoom) and produce our journals and newsletters according to our regular schedule. Special thanks to Karen for her weekly zoom sessions, Glynda and Elspeth for the journals and Linda and Jean for their library work.

Our Facebook Page connects us with the genealogy community and our Facebook Members' Discussion Group provides a safe space for members to share news and resources and seek assistance from fellow members. Since it was launched in June [our blog](#) has had nearly 3,000 visits.

We plan to return to face to face meetings in 2021 and will trial sharing the presentations from those meetings via zoom for those who are unable to join us in person. As your health and safety are so important we will closely monitor the Covid19 situation and return to online meetings if necessary.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2021 filled with geneasurprises.

Stay safe. Stay well.
Jill Ball – President

Members' Christmas Get together

It was lovely to see a small number of members join us for our December gathering at Marmong Point Hall. The opportunity to catch up with those members who are not able to join our zoom sessions was most gratifying.



Are you interested in Exchange Journals from other Groups?

Our Group receives several journals from other societies in both in print and digital formats. We are making some changes to our procedures for the digital journals that come to members by email.

From this month **we will not be printing off and keeping copies** of these journals in our library. The Secretary will still distribute these journals to you by email so, if you have an interest in particular publications you will need to save the copies to your files. If you wish to have hard copies, you will need to print them off for yourself.

A Tip for Ryerson Users

Several members have reported success when seeking notices for entries on [The Ryerson Index](#). They have found that local public libraries in the newspapers' places of publication will generally source, copy and send requested notices in response to enquiries.

Book Sale

Several of the books donated to our Group recently were duplicate copies of titles already in our library. At our last meeting your Committee agreed to list these books on our website and offer them for sale to the public.

We agreed to give members first option to purchase these books. Distributed with this newsletter is a list of titles with prices. If you wish to purchase any of the books please contact our Treasurer Karen prior to our next meeting. Books will be available for collection at the meeting on 16th January after which they will be advertised to the public.

Speakers for 2021

Our first speaker will be our webmaster, Robert Eldridge, with the topic "DNA and a journey of discovery". Michelle Nichols OAM from the Hawkesbury Library has agreed to be our guest for a future meeting.

Elsbeth does an amazing job coordinating our speakers but she needs your support. If you have any suggestions or contacts for speakers, please contact Elspeth.

Australasian Genealogy Congress 2021

Congress which is held every three years is planned for 1st to 5th August 2021 on Norfolk Island. A range of speakers will deliver talks on history, genealogy, DNA and more and the speaker's programme will be published soon. Check the website <https://affhocongress2021.com> for more details. You can register for Congress on the website but you need to register soon as Norfolk Island does not have the facilities for more than 200 attendees.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Legacy will shortly be announcing its program of webinars for 2021.

DNA featured heavily in the list of Top 10 webinars for Legacy in 2020. By purchasing a subscription to Legacy Webinars you have access to these and an enormous collection of webinars.

The Top 10 for 2020

1. [An Introduction to DNA Painter](#) by Jonny Perl
2. [Discover the new Legacy Family Tree 9](#) by Geoff Rasmussen
3. [Organizing Your DNA Results \(updated!\)](#) by Diahn Southard
4. [Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries](#) by Michelle Leonard
5. ['What are the Odds?' An online tool that can help solve DNA puzzles](#) by Jonny Perl
6. [50 More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega
7. [Foundations in DNA 1 of 5: Genealogy and DNA](#) by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.
8. [3 Genealogy DNA Case Studies and How I Solved Them](#) by Roberta Estes
9. [Effective Use of GENUKI: England's Largest Free Genealogy website](#) by Paul Milner
10. [Case Studies in Gray: Identifying Shared Ancestries Through DNA and Genealogy](#) by Nicka Smith

Rootstech Connect – Just 8 weeks away

Register for this free conference in 2021 hosted by Familysearch. Registration is simple and quick via the website <https://www.rootstech.org>