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

**Next General Meeting:**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021.  
Speaker: Local Author – Doug Saxon

**Speers Point Library:**  
Assistance currently suspended

**The Chronicle**  
**Topic: Researching our non British ancestors** - we always appreciate items, large or small on any topic!

Due Date: by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 or earlier

**Marmong Point Hall Opening:**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2-5pm.

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

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# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER

February 2021



## A Note from the President

I am thrilled to report that our first Face to Face General Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> went off without a hitch. Thanks to all who joined us and graciously adhered to our Covidsafe plan thus providing a safe environment for our members.

Those present enjoyed having time to chat and do a spot of research before we gathered for our meeting. Thanks to Elspeth Bradbury who stepped in to take notes of the meeting as our Secretary, Warren, was absent. Thankfully Warren is well down the road to recovery. Several of our members shared news of research success and offered suggestions for resources prior to a presentation by our Webmaster, Robert Eldridge.

Robert shared a case study on one of his DNA connections where he emphasised the importance of having a well documented family tree to support one's genealogy research. This presentation was shared online via the zoom platform. We apologise to those who had issues with the sound quality and will endeavour to have better sound next week.

It was pleasing to see members attending the Hall on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to seek research assistance. If you need some assistance with research please come along from 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month where you can access help, borrow resources and use the databases on our computers.

Our Committee Member, Christine Pateman has resigned from her position on our Committee. We thank Chris for her support of the Group's work.

Last week I attended a briefing at Warners Bay Theatre for potential volunteers for Lake Mac Council Activities. Among the many opportunities for volunteers are positions to support the Community History Team. If you are interested in this activity please contact Jess Dowdell at Council by email, [jdowdell@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jdowdell@lakemac.nsw.gov.au).

Next week I will be attending the first meeting of the Cultural Collections Consultative Committee at Council. In my role I will be stressing the importance of family and personal history in the community.

While we understand that not everyone is comfortable in returning to face to face meetings I encourage all who are able to join us next Saturday.

Stay safe. Stay well.  
Jill Ball – President

## Have your say

We encourage members to respond to this latest survey from Council. It is important that we let them know about the importance of family history. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lakemachistory>

## Are you missing out?

As well as having a Facebook page for LMFHG we also have a private members' discussion group on Facebook. Our members in this group regularly share links to resources and events. This group provides a safe forum where members can seek advice or answers to research questions. If you post a question to this Group you will usually receive a response within a day. You can apply to join this group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion>

## Doug Saxon

Our guest next Saturday is local historian and author Doug Saxon. While we have several of his works available for loan in our library you can access a list of his works and libraries that hold copies here on Trove: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/search/category/books?keyword=doug%20saxon&l-format=Book>

## Resources

A book recommendation from Elspeth:  
A Grandmothers Legacy by Jenny Mallin  
- 5 generations who lived through the days of the Raj.  
Recipes and stories of ancestors from 1797 taken from an original cookbook  
Available as an eBook on Amazon  
<https://www.amazon.com.au/Grandmothers-Legacy-memoir-generations-through-ebook/dp/B0749LSYHC/>

Thanks to Lyn for this link for those with Irish interests:  
<https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2021/02/digitisation-of-church-of-ireland.html>

For those interested in military maps:  
<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/blog/2020/01/29/huge-archive-of-old-military-maps-published/>

In last week's Wednesday evening Zoom session Karen introduced a discussion on Familysearch. You can access Help videos about Familysearch here on Youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/FamilySearch/videos>

We thank Karen for her dedication in hosting our weekly zoom sessions.

## Members

We extend our condolences to the family of member **Paul Ryan** who passed away on 28 December 2020.

We send greetings to **Eloise Sarginson** who has had a sojourn in John Hunter after falling and breaking her hip.

## Family History Course at Speers Point

Lake Mac Libraries in conjunction with The Society of Australian Genealogists are running a Family History course for six sessions from March. A member of our Group will be in attendance at each session to give attendees information about our activities. To register go to: <https://www.lakemac.com.au/Events-directory/Eventbrite/Family-History-Series>

**RootstechConnect** is just around the corner. Register for free here: <https://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-connect-2021-registration?lang=eng>.

If you can't attend at the advertised times it is still worth registering as the session recordings will be online for your viewing for the next twelve months.

The RootsTech Connect 2021 Main Stage Schedule and Full Schedules are now available as PDF viewable docs on [RootsTech.org](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/RootsTech/2021/Main-Stage-Schedule-eng.pdf) at the links below.  
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## From Lake Mac Community History

**SHARED STORIES**  
TREASURES OF THE LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTION

Never-before-exhibited objects and photographs from our Local Studies Collection.

**Saturday 13 February – Sunday 28 March 2021**  
SEEN@Swansea, Swansea Centre Open daily, 10am-2pm  
Entry by gold coin donation

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