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Next General Meeting:
Saturday 20th March 2021.
Discussion Group: Learning from Rootstech
Speaker: Dr Jennifer Debenham - Documenting Frontier Massacres across Colonial Australia.

Speers Point Library:
Assistance currently suspended

The Chronicle
Next Topic: Researching our non-British ancestors. Please submit articles no later than 16th April 2021.

Marmong Point Hall Opening:
Wednesday 3rd April 2-5pm.

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LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER

March 2021



A Note from the President

Last month I attended the first meeting of the Cultural Collections Consultative Committee of Lake Macquarie City Council at the MAC in Awaba. I met and chatted with several Councillors who are members of the Committee. I was also pleased to see that two other members of the Committee had connections with local history focused organisations.

Our Treasurer Karen and I attended the first sessions of the Lake Mac Libraries Family History Course representing LMFHG. We spoke with the participants about their research, distributed a small flyer outlining our activities and most importantly lent the presenter a hand during the practical component of the session. We will have members of our Group in attendance at the next five sessions of this course.

While we understand that not everyone is comfortable in returning to face-to-face meetings I encourage all who are able to join us. While we endeavour to stream our guest presenters via Zoom we are aware that the sound and video may not be of a high standard. Please bear with us as we work on improving this situation.

We are thrilled to announce that we have received a generous anonymous donation to cover the cost of our Zoom account for a further twelve months. Please remember to reach out if you need help with your research. We can zoom with you to discuss your issues.

Our secondhand book sale added nearly \$400 to our coffers. Thanks to Karen and Robert for organising the distribution. We have now added more titles to our list which will be distributed with this newsletter. Members have priority to purchase these titles before they are advertised to the public after our meeting on Saturday 20th March. Please contact Karen, treasurer@lmfhg.org.au, if you wish to purchase any of these books.

At a recent Committee meeting we discussed recommencing our Help Service at Speers Point Library. We are currently in discussion with Jess Dowdell from Council to firm up arrangements for this to initially commence as a monthly service on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please contact me if you are willing to be involved as our volunteers will need to undertake some orientation which is most important in these Covid times.

I apologise that I will be late to our meeting on Saturday as I will be presenting a short talk as part of the SAG's Technology Day. Thanks to Vice-President, Jennifer Myers, who will take my place until I arrive.

Stay safe. Stay well.
Jill Ball – President

Doug Saxon



Our guest last month was local historian and author Doug Saxon. We have purchased copies of Doug's two latest books which will shortly be available for loan to members. You can access a full list of Doug's works and libraries that hold copies here on Trove:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/search/category/books?keyword=doug%20saxon&l-format=Book>

Family History Course at Speers Point



It was good to see one of our members at the course Lake Mac Libraries is running in conjunction with The Society of Australian Genealogists. There are limited vacancies for the next five sessions. One can register for one or all of the sessions here:

<https://www.lakemac.com.au/Events-directory/Eventbrite/Family-History-Series>

You can read Jill's report of the first session:

<https://geniaus.blogspot.com/2021/03/networking-news.html>

RootstechConnect Many of our members took advantage of the free RootstechConnect event. The good news is that the presentations will be available for viewing for the next twelve months. You can still register for free here:

<https://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-connect-2021-registration?lang=eng>.

Discussion Groups

The topic for our Discussion Group on Saturday 20th which will be led by Karen is the RootstechConnect event. Come along and learn what Rootstech is, what fellow members learned from the event and how it can help you.

Karen also hosts a weekly discussion group at 6pm Wednesday for members via zoom. This forum provides an opportunity to chat with fellow members and discussion on resources and research.

We also have a Members' only discussion Group on Facebook where you can ask a question any time.

Links

Earlybirds may be interested in this **free event** from The National Archives, Ireland.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/civil-records-the-gateway-to-the-past-tickets-145538558747>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars are hosting a 24 hour genealogy **webinar marathon** event later this month. Read about it here:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/01/introducing-the-24-hour-genealogy-webinar-marathon/>

You will need to be quick to grab a bargain **DNA kit** from Ancestry. Kits are \$AU89 in their St Patrick's Day promotion. [AncestryDNA® | DNA Tests for Ethnicity & Genealogy DNA](#) (This hidden link may disappear at any time?)

An interesting article on **Burial Customs** from BillionGraves <https://blog.billiongraves.com/burial-customs-from-around-the-world/>



Thanks to Robert Ball for proofreading the newsletter.