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

Next General Meeting

Saturday 19th June 2021.

Discussion Group: 11:00am

Organising files on your computer.

Speaker 2:00pm TBA

Marmong Point Hall Opening

Wednesday 2nd June 2-5pm.

Speers Point Library Volunteers

Every third Wednesday 10am-1pm

<https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Family-History-help-session>

The Chronicle

Next Topic Have you found a musician or artist in your family? Deadline 28 July 2021

Lake Macquarie FHG Blog

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

LMFHG Library Catalogue

<https://www.librarything.com/profile/LMFHG>

LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



May 2021

**A Note from the President**

Your President is a Lifelong Learner! Last Saturday I learnt that, in cooler months, one needs to dress warmly for a meeting at the Marmong Point Hall. Although the temperature was chilly for our May meeting the atmosphere in the hall was warm and friendly. Let's be prepared and wear our woollies to our June meeting.

It was pleasing to see more members return to one of our meetings after an absence of over a year. As more of us have our jobs we hope see more familiar faces reappear. We have recently welcomed several new members to our Group, we look forward to supporting you in your hunt for ancestors, please ask us for assistance. You can ask for help anytime in our private Facebook Discussion Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lmfhgdiscussion>.

A positive from the Covid situation for lifelong learners is the proliferation of free and low-cost online education offerings. We can now learn from international experts in distant places from the comfort and safety of our homes in Lake Macquarie. I encourage you to check out some of the links to such events on the reverse side of this newsletter.

In our May Discussion Group we looked at the many free resources available via the Libraries Tasmania website. During our (in)formal meeting time we discussed news and resources. Our guest speaker, archivist Gianni di Gravio, relayed the latest news from Special Collections at The University of Newcastle and demonstrated how to search for resources on the site, <https://livinghistories.newcastle.edu.au/>. We thank Gianni, a lively and enthusiastic raconteur, for sharing his expertise with us.

Six members attended a volunteer training session at Speers Point Library last week. If you are able to join our team of volunteers please contact me to organise training as we hope, in the future, to expand our volunteer sessions from the current monthly program. Members needing research assistance can also register for a one hour free personal session at the library website, <https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Family-History-help-session>.

The weather gods were kind to us for our first excursion in 2021. Thanks to Jean for organising our visit to Alison Homestead and Museum at Wyong and to fellow members for your company. You can see some photos from the outing here on our blog, <https://lakemacfhg.blogspot.com/2021/04/lmfhg-genies-cross-border.html>.

Stay safe. Stay well.
Jill Ball – President

National Volunteer Week 17-23 May

We salute all our volunteers, past and present, who have worked to keep our Group afloat.



Condolences

Sincere condolences to Robert and Karen Eldridge on the passing of Robert's mother, Betty.

We send condolences to the family of Barry Wilks who passed away on the 17th of April.

Wednesday Evening Zoomers

Each Wednesday evening, usually at 6pm, our Treasurer, Karen, hosts a zoom session in which members discuss and learn about genealogy resources and programs and collaboratively try to solve brick walls. Please watch out for Karen's weekly emails which contain the link to join these sessions.

Last month our guest speaker was Bob Atkins from the [Ryerson Index](#). Bob indicated that indexing of The Newcastle Herald is a priority. After hearing his presentation two of our members signed up to be Ryerson volunteers. In the future we are planning on hosting a training session for new volunteers but firstly we are approaching other Groups in the area to see if any of their members are interested in joining in the training session. If you are interested please contact Jill.

Secondhand Books for Sale

Please have a look at the list on our website.

<https://www.lmfhg.org.au/books.html>

News from Lake Mac Libraries

Good news regarding Ancestry Library edition: remote access has now been extended to **September 30, 2021**. This means that libraries can continue to offer access to members beyond the end of June.

A Link from Kerrie

During our Tasmanian discussion Kerrie shared this useful link: <http://www.tasmanianwarcasualties.com/>

Do you have ancestors in Waverley Cemetery?

This article from MyTributes gives an overview of the cemetery's history and some of the people resting there.

<https://www.mytributes.com.au/article/history-waverly-cemetery/4246273/>

Rookwood is Running out of Space

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-05-15/sydney-rookwood-cemetery-running-out-of-burial-space/100095266>

Webinars from State Archives and Records

Check out this growing library of free webinars here,

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

A Free Event from Scotland



Book Early for this International Show from England using the discount code on the website, <https://www.thegenealogyshowlive.com/about/> Our President is one of the Australians on this program.



Family History Library Free Online Classes Calendar – June 2021

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/2/2e/FHL_06_2021_Class_Calendar.pdf

Finding Families

A free course from The State Library of Victoria

<https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/finding-families>