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**Members' Discussion Group**

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

**Next General Meeting**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Discussion Group: 11:00am**

Organising files on your computer.

**Speaker 2:00pm** Greg Ray

**Marmong Point Hall Opening**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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



June 2021

**A Note from the President**

Since having my first Covid jab I am becoming brave about going out and about in the community. Once I have the second dose later this month I look forward to more outings. Jean has several ideas for Group outings that she will present to you at our meeting on Saturday.

I recently spent a pleasant day at the [Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Family Research Group](#) presenting two Trove workshops to members. Highlight of the day was finding, seated next to me, the husband of a descendant of my convict ancestor, [Elizabeth Phipps](#). Finding that connection made my day.

On Saturday with Treasurer Karen and VP Jenny I represented LMFHG at the Family History course being presented by [The SAG](#) at Speers Point. The SAG President Mel Hulbert gave an excellent presentation on DNA.

On a visit to the Fullerton Hotel in Sydney last week I availed myself of an opportunity to do a tour of the old Sydney GPO where my mother worked in the 1940s. Walking in my mother's footsteps was a touching experience which I wrote about here: [In Elsie's Footsteps](#).

I have had a couple of recent finds relating to my family history. I have been chasing my priestly 3x Great-Uncle, [Michael Harrington Ryan](#), for many years. Recently, when cataloguing a book for our Group I found a mention of Michael in the index. On following the reference I found a photo of him, this was pure geneagold!

I also visited [The SAG Library](#) in Sydney. My task was checking the St Mary's Cathedral early registration microfilms for the baptism of Patrick Curry, my 2x Great-Grandfather, which does not appear in index searches. Once again I struck gold after about 40 minutes scrolling, it appears that Patrick's mother took him along to be baptised and while the priest recorded his mother's surname, Patrick's was noted with a question mark.

These two personal finds where so many people in this internet era conduct their research solely online reinforced the notion that **It's not all online**.

I had a visit and coffee with Michelle Nichols at Hawkesbury Library last Thursday. I continue to be impressed with her dedication to Local and Family History in the region. The collection gathered and curated by Michelle over four decades is testament to her passion and commitment. If you need to do a spot of genealogy research consider visiting and browsing the collection in this library in Windsor, NSW. I just wish that our Council at Lake Macquarie would give similar support to family history in our region.

Stay safe. Stay well.

Jill Ball – President

## Volunteers Needed



Please consider nominating for positions on our committee. Our election of officers that was delayed by Covid will be held at our Annual General Meeting in August. Nomination forms are available from our Secretary, Warren Oliver.

## Greg Ray - Our Guest Speaker this Month

<b>Lake Macquarie Family History Group Monthly Meeting 19 June 2021</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>All Welcome</b>	Venue: Marmong Point Community Hall
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	10:00am Hall opens and Research time
<b>Local Author - Greg Ray</b>	11:00am Discussion Group
<b>Stories of War</b>	12:30 Meeting
	2:00pm Greg Ray
	3:00pm Raffle Draw and Research time
	BYO Lunch and Mug Tea/Coffee Available

## Local Groups to Follow on Facebook

If you follow local groups on Facebook you may find a wealth of relevant local material.

HELM (Heritage of East Lake Macquarie)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199576480750725>

Lake Macquarie – Then and Now

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/259319437593065>

Lost Belmont NSW

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/139008306307781>

Lost Valentine NSW

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/218832762962322>

Rediscovered Newcastle and the Hunter Region, NSW  
(Greg Ray)

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

Swansea NSW History (no recent posts but many relevant older posts worth viewing)

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

This is just a small selection. There are similar Groups for most of the places where your ancestors lived and worked. We would love to hear about your favourites.

## How do you decide?

Genealogist, Pauleen Cass, discusses an issue that many of us face.

<https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/how-do-you-decide>

## An Exciting New Resource from Lake Mac Libraries



Lake Mac Libraries

27 May at 10:33 · 🌐



Did you know that as a member of the library you have access to more than 7,000 digital magazines and newspapers?

Pressreader provides Lake Mac Libraries members with access to some of the world's top publications online via their website or using the dedicated PressReader app.

Visit [pressreader.com](https://pressreader.com) or download the app to get started today!

Login Steps:

- 1) Borrowers will need to select 'library or group'
- 2) Search for 'Lake Mac Libraries'
- 3) Enter library card number and pin See less

## Wednesday Night – Zoom with Karen

Join Karen and fellow members to discuss issues and share ideas each Wednesday evening at 6pm. The link is available in the email Karen sends each week or in our Facebook Discussion Group.

## Central Darling Burials Index

Thanks to Linda for sharing this link in our Facebook Discussion Group.

<https://opusxc.opusxenta.com/deceased-search>

## New Titles for Sale

Further titles have been added to the list of secondhand books for sale on our website.

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

## Next Free event from Scotland – 10<sup>th</sup> July

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/>



Scottish Indexes  
Conference  
SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021

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[www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

## Lookup Service - Family History Library

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/library-lookup-service-fhl/>