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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 **Brick Walls**

Speaker 2:00pm: Rick Pointon  
Hey Rock 'n' Roll

**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



**July 2021**

**A Note from the President**

Although I haven't managed much personal research this month I have done a fair amount of teaching and learning. I presented two online sessions at [The Genealogy Show](#), an international event from England. The best part of this conference was the breadth and depth of the program content, I spent quite a few hours there learning online from a team of international genealogists. I have also attended online events hosted by the RAHS, The SAG and Hawkesbury Library. Participating in such events gives one an opportunity to learn from experts who will never come to Australia.

While I love the opportunities afforded by online learning I relish being able to gather with fellow genies in a face-to-face situation. As Sydney is currently under lockdown I was called on by [The SAG](#) to present the latest talk in the Family History Series at Lake Mac Libraries, talking for over three hours was exhausting but also invigorating. I thank Elspeth, Jenny and Karen for attending to support me and act as my "Brains Trust". I'm delighted that several attendees at this series have joined our Group.

My fingers are crossed that I will be able to get to Norfolk Island later this month to attend the [AFFHO Family History Congress 2021](#) where I will be presenting a session on using Librarything for personal and society use. I have already contacted the Research Centre on the Island to see if they have any records on my 3x Great-Uncle who was a Catholic Chaplain in the penal colony there.

Our Wednesday volunteers at Speers Point are already booked up for this month's sessions. We hope to add an extra session on another weekday soon, if are thinking of volunteering please let me know so that you can be included in our next training session.

It is pleasing to hear that several of our members are on their way to being fully vaccinated against Covid19. Now that I am fully vaccinated I am more confident about attending our meetings and our outings arranged by Jean. As newcomers to the area Robert and I are looking forward to our Group outing this Friday on the [Newcastle's Famous Tram](#). We will also be joining the outing for High Tea at NSW Parliament House in November. How about joining us?

Thanks to those members who indicated an interest in becoming a volunteer indexer for the [Ryerson Index](#). The training session will be held at Toronto Library on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will publicise further details closer to the date.

Stay safe, Stay well  
Jill Ball – President

## Annual Subscriptions

Thanks to those who have already renewed their subscriptions to our Group. We appreciate your support that is necessary to keep the wheels of our Group turning.

## Guest Speaker – Rick Pointon

**Lake Macquarie  
Family History Group  
Monthly Meeting  
17 July 2021**



### Program

Marmong Point  
Community Hall



10:00am Hall opens and  
Research time  
11:00am Discussion Group  
12:30 Meeting  
2:00pm Greg Pointon  
3:00pm Raffle Draw and  
Research time until 4:00pm

BYO Lunch and Mug  
Tea/Coffee/Biscuits Available

## 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.

## Speers Point Volunteers

To book in for a help session with our volunteers at Speers Point Library please go to this link at The Lake Macquarie Libraries website and then type *Family History* in the Search Box.

<https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events>

## Exciting New Databases from Lake Mac Libraries



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A wide range of new online databases are now available on our website.

The Gale databases, provided by the NSW State Library, allow users access to resources including National Geographic Virtual Library, Health and Wellness, Science, News, Biography and many more.

These resources are available for library members and can be accessed both in-branch and remotely.

The new databases replace our old databases which will no longer be available.

Ancestry, Find My Past, Choice Online and our newspaper archive services remain unchanged.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/lml-databases>

## Ancestors from Tasmania?

A Catholic burial & cremation database now accessible online. Read about it here:

<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/2021/07/08/cemetery-records-digitised/>

## Bundaberg Burials updated

<https://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/cemetery>

## New QR Code

As part of our commitment to provide a Covidsafe environment at the Marmong Point Hall we have set up a QR Code for visitors.

## Rootstech 2022 is announced

Rootstech 2022 will be hosted virtually on March 3–5. Watch this video to learn all about it:

<https://fb.watch/v/1OawL9eqO/>

You can still access all the sessions from Rootstech 2021 here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/>

## Volunteers Needed



**Please consider nominating for positions on our committee.** Our election of officers that was delayed by Covid19 will be held at our Annual General Meeting in August. Nomination forms are available from our Secretary, Warren Oliver.

## Do you know any Young Genealogists?

Young Irish genealogist, Daniel Loftus is keen to connect with 13–25-year-olds who are involved in family history research. He and an international group of young genealogists have set up a website, <https://thehiddenbranch.com/> and can be found on social media as @thehiddenbranch.



## New Initiative from Newcastle Libraries

(Reminder – you do not need to live in the Newcastle LGA to have a library card from them)



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