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Next General Meeting via Zoom

Saturday 21st August 2021.

1:30 Short Meeting

2:00pm: **Christine Bramble**

Marmong Point Hall Opening

(TBC)

Wednesday 1st September 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



August 2021

**A Note from the President**

Greetings from lockdown in Carey Bay. We are so grateful to live in such a beautiful and relatively safe area as Lake Macquarie during this period.

A lively Committee meeting was held last Friday when we considered the implications of the Covid situation for our Group. All present felt that our lockdown would continue beyond two weeks so we made the decision to postpone our Annual General Meeting and to move our monthly meeting to an online meeting via zoom. Details of these events can be found on the reverse page of this newsletter.

Also on our postponement list is the Ryerson training session at Toronto Library in September. This has been deferred to a date yet to be decided in 2022. We also discussed postponement of the Newcastle tram outing.

August, in Australia and New Zealand, is [National Family History Month](https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/). Have you entered the prize draws on the website? There is a long list of valuable prizes available from vendors and societies. You can enter here: <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/competitions-in-august/>. There are also plenty of opportunities to attend a range of online events that are either free or at a low cost. I have enjoyed and learned from a number of these sessions. The events list is here <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/events/>.

I have spent some time reading through and contributing to the blog posts written for [The Genealife in Lockdown Challenge](#) for National Family History Month. [Click here to see a list of contributions](#) from several Australian genealogists. You may even find some inspiration to write for the next issue of The Chronicle or a post for our [Lake Macquarie Family History Group Blog](#).

On a personal note I want to thank Robert Ball, who patiently copes with my genealogy addiction, for taking the minutes at our last Committee Meeting and for proofreading these monthly newsletters. He also acts as packhorse as I bring books to and from home to catalogue for our library. We appreciate the similar service that Steve, our Librarian Linda's husband, so willingly provides.

As you bunker down at home I encourage you to follow the many links in this newsletter. They may lead to an exciting discovery or provide some entertainment during our period of confinement. Please reach out to your Committee Members if you have a question or need to chat, we are just a phone call, email or zoom call away.

Stay safe, Stay well
Jill Ball – President

POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. scheduled for Saturday 21 August has been postponed due to Covid19 and will now be held at Marmong Point Community Hall, 31B George Street Marmong Point on Saturday 16th October at 12:30 pm.

This meeting will include the election of Office Bearers for 2021-2022 and the adoption of the Auditor's Reports for the years ending 30th June 2020 & 2021.

Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) or, as ordinary members of the committee, must be made in writing, signed by two financial members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. These must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least fourteen days before the 16th October.

Due to the postponement valid nominations already received by the secretary before the 7th August will remain valid for election.



Guest Speaker – Christine Bramble

**Lake Macquarie Family History Group
Monthly Meeting 21 August 2021
Via Zoom**

1:30pm Short Meeting
2:00pm Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker
Christine Bramble
Great War Nurses

The link to join this session has been distributed to members via email and will be available in our Facebook Members' Discussion Group. You can learn more about Christine here on her blog: <https://huntervalleygreatwarnurses.com/>

Wednesday Night – Zoom with Karen

Regular events that we can attend safely during lockdown are Karen's sessions 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.

Newcastle Tram Excursion



Our planned excursion on [the tram](#) will need to be postponed. Thanks to our organiser, Jean Jones, for her work for this and our other events.

Ten dollars will buy you a whole day of lectures

Until the 20th August you can sign up to attend the NSW&ACT Annual Conference (11th September) for just \$10. For this you will hear 10 well known genealogists present on a range of topics.

<https://conference2021.wixsite.com/pmdfhs/registration>

Some Lockdown Activities

Watch

National Library of Australia – Past webinars

<https://www.nla.gov.au/content/past-webinar-recordings>

Every Picture tells a story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-86PJLGgg>

Familysearch Learning Center

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/learning-center>

NSW Parliament - A Colonial Divorce: Drawing the Boundaries of NSW

<https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au/watch-now-a-colonial-divorce-drawing-the-boundaries-of-nsw/>

State Records of NSW Webinars

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

Videos from The National Archives UK

<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/category/video/>

RAHS webinars on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCosqGz1hshIN9gvMmhq5mGw>

Listen

The Burial Files

<https://audio.sl.nsw.gov.au/podcast/burial-files>

Genealogy Gems Podcasts

<https://lialouisecooke.com/podcasts/>

Audio sessions from The National Archives UK

<https://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/category/video/>

Sign up

How to use the new PROV website

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KSwZUugIQymfVaxzR95qzQ

Researching Family History from Home – Michelle Nichols

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/researching-family-history-from-home-tickets-166061818369?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Speers Point Volunteers

This service was cancelled for August, hopefully it will be able to proceed in September.

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>