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**Next General Meeting via Zoom
Saturday 18th September.**

1:30 Short Meeting

2:00pm: **Sue Ryan**

Marmong Point Hall Opening

6 October - Cancelled - Covid

Speers Point Library Volunteers

Currently Cancelled

[https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/](https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Family-History-help-session)

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The Chronicle

Next Topic: Inventions

Deadline 27 October 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****September 2021****A Note from the President**

Greetings from lockdown. Hopefully if vaccination rates continue to climb we may be able to return to face to face meetings by November.

At our Committee meeting last Friday we considered the implications of the Covid situation for our Group. We agreed to go ahead with our Annual General Meeting at our zoom meeting on 16th October as it is unlikely that we will come out of lockdown prior to that date.

Another item under discussion was the frequency of The Chronicle. The production of this publication is a demanding task that falls on just a few shoulders; we greatly appreciate the work of Elspeth, Glynda, Jan and Linda on this project. It is likely that, after further consultation with the Editors, we will pare back the frequency to three issues per annum in place of the current four. If you have any concerns on this matter contact the Committee who will make a decision at our next meeting.

We thank Jean for her efforts in postponing and rescheduling our excursion on the Newcastle tram. This has now been postponed again until a date to be confirmed.

I hope that you took advantage of some of the free events that took place in National Family History Month. Initially I attended quite a few but as August drew to a close I was beginning to suffer from zoom overload.

I represented our Group at the Annual General Meeting of our NSW State Association via zoom last Sunday. I was most disappointed to hear that several societies similar to ours have not been meeting during Covid times. Those of us who have embraced zoom encouraged them to do so. I proudly reported that, at LMFHG, we had not missed a meeting due to Covid. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm for our online meetings.

Following on a suggestion by Jan a first meeting of a proposed DNA Interest Group for members was scheduled. Eighteen members joined the meeting on Monday evening, 30th August. Those in attendance agreed to continue with regular meetings once a fortnight. At our second meeting this week we had twenty members in attendance. You are all invited to join in these sessions, knowledge of DNA is not required for attendees.

Thanks again to those members who have renewed their memberships. We appreciate your support during this difficult time.

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.



DNA

The next meeting of our DNA Special Interest Group will be via Zoom at 7pm on Monday 27th September 2021



The link to join zoom will be emailed to members on the evening prior to the event and will be available via our Facebook Discussion Group



September Guest Speaker – Sue Ryan

Lake Macquarie Family History Group
Monthly Meeting 18 September 2021
Via Zoom

Guest Speaker
Sue Ryan
Local History Coordinator
Newcastle Library

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

The link to join this session has been distributed to members with this newsletter and will be available in our Facebook Members' Discussion Group.

Wednesday Night – Zoom with Karen at 7pm

Please note the new time for Karen's sessions to discuss issues and share ideas each Wednesday evening is 7pm. The link is available in Karen's weekly email or our Facebook Discussion Group.

Scottish Indexes Conference

A number of our members regularly attend the free online conferences hosted by Scottish Genealogists Emma and Maxwell. The next event (at an Australia friendly time) is on October 23rd.

Scottish Indexes
Conference
SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021

FAMILY

Learn how to trace your Scottish
family history

www.scottishindexes.com

Focus on DNA

Following are some links to blogs and other resources that may be of use to those exploring DNA

DNA and Genealogy

Website of Australian Expert, Louise Coakley
<https://www.genie1.com.au/>

DNA Explained

Website of Roberta Estes
<https://dna-explained.com/>

The DNA Geek

Leah Larkin's website and blog
<https://thednageek.com/blog/>

DNA Painter

Information and resources
<https://dnapainter.com/>

DNA Testing Company Blogs

[Family Tree DNA](#)
[Ancestry](#)
[MyHeritage](#)
[23andMe](#)
[LivingDNA](#)

Gedmatch

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

International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki

https://isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page

Jellygenes – <https://familysearchjellygenes.org/>

An explanation of how DNA is passed down

Kitty Cooper's Blog

<https://blog.kittycooper.com/>

Using DNA for Genealogy - Australia & NZ

Ask your questions in this Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400009620157960/>