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

Monthly Meeting

Saturday 11th December

Hall open from 10:00am

Discussion Group 11am - Planning

Speaker at 2:00pm, Local Author –
Scott Bevan

Marmong Point Hall Opening

5 January 2022 2pm-5:00pm

Speers Point Library Volunteers

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

The Chronicle

Next Topic: DNA Stories

Deadline: 28 January 2022

Lake Macquarie FHG Blog

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

LMFHG Library Catalogue

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



LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



December 2021

A Note from the President

Just like [Dora the Explorer](#) we, at LMFHG, made it to the end of the year. Thanks to the many members who contributed to this success. Your efforts are most appreciated.

We are celebrating the festive season at LMFHG with two events. Firstly on this coming Saturday we will have our last meeting of the year. Because of the Covid situation we encourage you all to BYO lunch and let's also wear our Christmas themed clothing. We will continue our celebrations with a cruise around Lake Macquarie on the 16th of December, there are already 28 in our group but there is room for more. If you wish to join us you can book directly with Lake Macquarie Cruises on [02 4044 7000](tel:0240447000).

We had our Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of December at Marmong Point Hall. While two of our members joined via zoom I enjoyed being able to meet in person. Members are welcome to join us and observe now that we have space to accommodate you at the hall.

For many years Elspeth Bradbury has organised our education program of visiting speakers and discussion groups. Recently Elspeth indicated that she wished to retire from this position, we thank Elspeth for her many years of dedication to this task that she has carried out with diligence and dignity. We are grateful to two members, Rosemary Tytherleigh and Jan Dalton who have volunteered to take on this role from 2022.

I know that we have a lot of experience and expertise within our ranks but so often these members are so modest that they don't put themselves forward to share their knowledge. This was evident when, after a bit of arm-twisting, our member Jan Butcher gave an excellent presentation at our last meeting sharing the story of her elusive ancestor, Robert Smith.

At LMFHG we aim to provide a supportive environment where all members can share their research and ancestor stories. Please let Rosemary or Jan know if you have something to share and we will weave it into our program. You can speak for five or ten minutes and there is no requirement to use a computer.

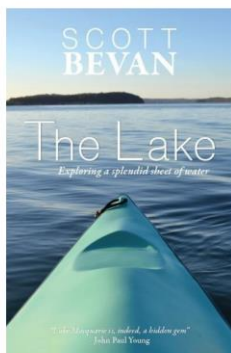
Robert and I send Greetings of the Season to you and your loved ones and wish you all a happy, healthy and Covid free 2022.

Stay safe, Stay well

Jill Ball – President



Lake Macquarie Family History Group Monthly Meeting - 11 December 2021



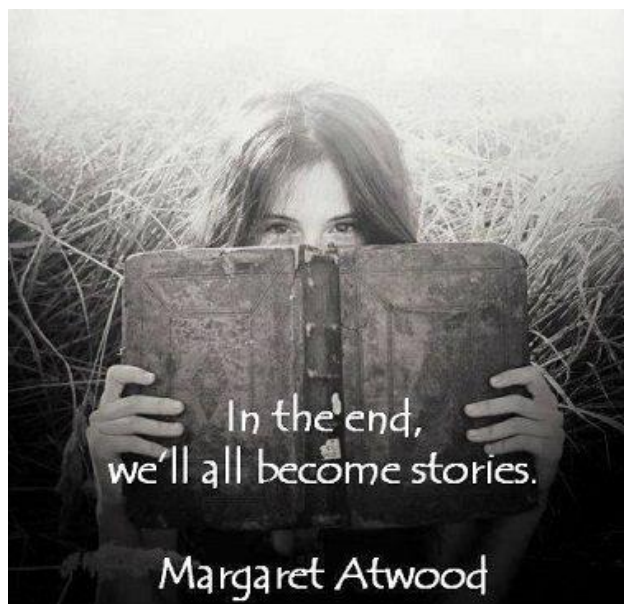
10:00am Hall opens
11:00am Discussion Group
1:00pm Formal Meetings
2:00pm Guest - Scott Bevan
3:00pm Christmas Hampers
4:00pm Hall closes



The speaker at our December meeting is local Author **Scott Bevan** who will be discussing his book *The Lake*. This session will not be broadcast via zoom.

To attend the Meeting in person on 11th December you will be required to:

- Check in on arrival with the Service NSW QR code system or via our Covid sign in sheet
- Provide proof of double vaccination
- Wear a mask indoors
- Observe safe physical distancing, hand washing and sanitising practices
- NOT attend this event if you feel unwell



Thanks to :[Twisted Twigs On Gnarled Branches Genealogy](#)

You will be an ancestor one day.

What are YOU doing to preserve your personal stories?

Help for Mac Users

Our member Chris Pateman who has lots of experience with Mac computers and iPads is offering to give members personal assistance with their Mac related tech issues. Please email Chris at bonnyalexis@outlook.com to arrange a mutually convenient time to set up a call or zoom session.

It's not too late



You can bring your contributions on the 11th December

Holiday Activities

There are so many opportunities to learn from home as we recover from our Christmas activities. Here are just a few:

There are over 200 oral histories from New South Welshmen that you can enjoy via the State Library of New South Wales.

<https://bit.ly/SLNSWOrals>

Visit an exhibition at State Archives and Records

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions>

As you gather with your family members consider these activities from Familysearch

<https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/activities/>

Download and read this free guide to Convicts in Western Australia

<http://www.friendsofbattayelibrary.org.au/files/Convict%20Records%20of%20Western%20Australia.pdf>

Play with maps from all over the world via The National Library of Scotland's map collection

<https://maps.nls.uk/>

Explore the free international newspaper archive at The Google Newspaper Archive.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Add to your ancestors' entries at FindAGrave



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