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

**Monthly Meeting**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Hall open from 10:00am

Discussion Group 11:00am -

Military research

Speaker, Kerrie Dean 2:00pm –

Foundations of DNA

**Marmong Point Hall Opening**

2nd February 2pm-5pm

**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



**January 2022**

**A Note from the President**

Welcome to 2022 and a year of geneasurprises!

I had been hopeful that, with most in our community being fully vaccinated, 2022 would be the year we would return to normal operations and welcome all back to our face-to-face gatherings. We took a cautious approach at our committee meeting this week when we voted to apply our current Covid policy to our meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January and our hall opening on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Those in attendance on these days will need to show proof of their Covid double vaccination. We will review this policy each month at our meetings.

In addition to face-to-face events we are committed to delivering our guest speakers and other educational offerings via zoom so that all members can be involved in our program. Our first zoom session with Karen Eldridge will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm. The link will be emailed to all members and available in our discussion group on Facebook.

We were fortunate to safely celebrate our successful year of learning and research in 2021 when several members and partners spent a few hours on a luncheon cruise around our beautiful lake: see [Christmas Social on our lake](#).

May I encourage you to submit an article or two for the next edition of The Chronicle. I am rather satisfied that I managed to write two yesterday and submit them early; it's a good feeling. Please give it a go, our kindly editors Elspeth, Glynda and Jan will read through and enhance your submissions.

Each year I encourage fellow genies to "Accentuate the Positive" and reflect on their research progress and success in the past year. As you look back on 2021 I invite you to [view and ponder the questions](#) and reflect on your geneayear; it wasn't all that bad! If you wish to write about your year we can post it on our group's blog or in The Chronicle.

A few bloggers from different countries respond to the challenge by replying to a set of questions posed. I find [these responses](#) inspiring and informative, it is a delight to read and learn from them. Please take a look.

Many genies on social media have been setting ambitious and rigid geneagoals for the coming year; I applaud them for their commitment. I have decided to take a loose approach with one goal to "Have fun and find stuff". Family history is a hobby for me. I don't want to put pressure on myself by setting lofty goals. I need to have the flexibility to change direction and go off on tangents when I find something new and interesting.

I wish you joy as you pursue your geneagoals for 2022.

Stay safe, Stay well  
Jill Ball – President

**Kerrie Dean, speaker at our next meeting** will discuss Foundations of DNA. To attend the Meeting in person on 15<sup>th</sup> January 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

### The 1921 Census of England & Wales

There has been much excitement this week as this census has been released online.



Many people are asking if they can view this census for free. FindMyPast offers this information:

“Anyone can view the digital images of the [1921 Census of England and Wales](#) for free on the premises at The National Archives at Kew. The original paper census returns are not available in the reading rooms. The paper records will be kept secure by The National Archives at their offsite storage facility and readers at The National Archives at Kew will be directed to the digital version. This is to ensure the preservation of the paper records for years to come.

In addition, the 1921 Census is free to view via Findmypast at the Manchester Central Library, on St Peter’s Square, Manchester, supported by the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society helpdesk and the Archives+ Team, and at the National Library of Wales, in Aberystwyth.

For anyone accessing elsewhere, it is free to search the 1921 Census on Findmypast. Record [images or transcriptions](#) are accessible on a pay-per-view basis using Findmypast [micropayments](#).”

### Trove

Did you know that Trove has a collection of historical books that have been digitised and can be read at home? Pick your summer reading list with ebooks, magazines and more available on Trove: <https://bit.ly/3p1Dsle>

### News from NSW State Records

On 22 January 2022 the NSW State Records will be changing their copy pricing. They have simplified the pricing structure to give a single all-inclusive fee shown at the time of order that applies on a per file/per entry basis. If you wish to order records it may be wise to order them now.

Further information can be found on their website [records.nsw.gov.au](https://records.nsw.gov.au)

### SAG News

The Society of Australian Genealogists Library will reopen on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Anyone visiting the Library must agree to abide by all NSW Department of Health regulations including being fully vaccinated unless they have an exemption.

Bookings must be made to visit the Library. Session booking allows staff to manage capacity and undertake a full clean between each session. Further information can be found on the SAG website [sag.org.au](https://sag.org.au).

### What is the best family history website for UK research?

While opinions may differ this list from *Who do you think you are magazine?* in the UK offers a reasonably balanced view.

<https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/getting-started/choosing-the-best-genealogy-subscription-website/>

### Some Local History

Did you know Lake Macquarie Private Hospital opened in 1973 with just 36 beds and currently has 187 beds?

<https://www.lakemacquarieprivate.com/About-Us/History>



The FREE Rootstech online event is less than three months away. Register here: :

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