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Monthly Meeting

Saturday 19th February

Hall open from 10:00am

Discussion Group 11:00am

Speaker 2:00pm – Glenn Dormand,
Fortress Newcastle.

Marmong Point Hall Opening

2nd March 2pm-5pm

Speers Point Library Volunteers

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

The Chronicle

Next Topic: Family Heirlooms

Deadline: 26th May 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



February 2022



A Note from the President

G'day from Narrabri,

As I had never visited the Narrabri region I accompanied Robert who is working up here for a few weeks.



Each weekend we have hit the highways and toured the surrounding towns and sights. Travelling around [Kamilaroi](#) country, the land of my aboriginal ancestor Bidy Sergeant, has given me time to reflect on that branch of my family. Walking in the footsteps of the Kamilaroi people along the Sandstone Caves walking track in Pilliga Nature Reserve was a physically challenging but spine-tingling experience. Some of these impressive caves contain ancient Aboriginal rock carvings.

I received an invitation to talk about genealogy to a local Rotary Group in Narrabri last Thursday. I enjoyed sharing my enthusiasm and believe I may have encouraged a couple of lapsed family historians to re-enter the fold. There was even a part-time Toronto resident in the group!

On our visit to Lightning Ridge I was surprised to see so many white grave markers in the cemetery. There was barely a plot without a marker. I presume that a local group of enthusiasts is responsible for this project which records names (where available) and dates on simple white wooden crosses.



Perhaps we could initiate a similar project in our local cemeteries.

My gallivanting will prevent me from attending our next meeting. I thank Jenny Myers for taking the chair and our team of volunteers who will welcome you on Saturday 19th. I will be back for the hall opening on Wednesday March 2nd. Meanwhile you can always find me by email or on social media.

Stay safe, Stay well
Jill Ball – President

Fortress Newcastle

Our guest speaker on Saturday 19th February is **Glenn Dormand**, one of the interviewers for the Fortress Newcastle film. After showing the film Glenn will talk about the film's production and answer any questions you may have. You can read about the project and have an early viewing of the film here:

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2021/11/05/fortress-newcastle-film/>

The Chronicle – Family Heirlooms

Do you have a family heirloom?
Is it of intrinsic or sentimental value?

Please share its story with us.

Submissions close 26th May 2022.

Please email your submissions (early if possible) to Elspeth or Glynda.

Take charge of your Family's Memorials



News & Announcements

The rules on **FindAGrave** have changed to make it easier for close relatives to take charge of family memorials. You can read about these changes here:

<https://news.findagrave.com/2022/01/11/memorials-for-the-recently-deceased/>

Windows into Wartime



Exhibition on loan from State Archives and Records NSW

Friday, 18 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Saturday, 19 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Sunday, 20 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Friday, 25 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Saturday, 26 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Sunday, 27 February 2022 | 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

News from Cessnock

Cessnock Library is Celebrating Cessnock's hidden herstories (International Women's Day event). Hear the inspiring stories of hidden, local heroines at this annual event. Gold coin donation to Jodie's Place. Gold coin donation and registration is required via the Cessnock Library site cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Condolences

We send condolences to members Anne (newsletter team) and Rosemary (guest speaker team) on the passing of their mother, [Constance Mary Jennings](#).

Tasmania in your tree?

For those with Tasmanian Connections

<https://suewyatt.edublogs.org/.../researching-in-tasmania/>

Don't miss RootsTech 2022!

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speakers from all over the globe.

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a FREE virtual event
3-5 March 2022

The FREE Rootstech online event is less than a month away. You will be able to access the recordings of the talks for the remainder of 2022. Register here: : <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>

Unita wrote

“A very interesting Conversations with Richard Fidler on ABC this morning. Will also be [via podcast](#). It was about how they identified body of sailor from the sinking of HMAS Sydney using DNA and genealogy. My cousin was one of those killed.”

Listen while you work

Many of the other podcasts on Conversations have a family history theme. These may pique your interest:

- [Painter Wendy Sharpe on her Jewish Roots](#)
- [Kate Forsyth on the intrepid and curious Charlotte Waring](#)
- [Searching for the Countess of Kirribilli](#)
- [The Strange New Science of Ageing](#)

Social Media – Free Event at Belmont Library

Do you want to know more about social media?

Are you interested in connecting with others online?

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/social-media-for-beginners-facebook-instagram-twitter-belmont-tickets-225646734457>