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Monthly Meeting

Saturday 19th March

Hall open from 10:00am

Discussion 11:00am - Burials

Speaker 2:00pm - Maria Northcote

- 23 ways to use Wikipedia for family history research

Marmong Point Hall Opening

6th April 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](#)

[LMFHG Library Catalogue](#)

Zoom Meetings

7pm Mondays

LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



March 2022

**A Note from the President**

G'day Members,

I am currently in recovery mode after a busy few days attending the online [Rootstech](#) Conference, a free event from Familysearch. One of my genimates described Rootstech as a circus. I can see why she said that but inside the Big Top that is Rootstech one can find, as well as colourful videos of places, people, music and food representing different cultures, a huge collection of valuable educational resources and genealogy news.

For my [Rootstech](#) experience I go straight to the list of sessions available to compile my playlist. I search for keywords of topics that interest me, names of speakers that I know and products that I want to learn about. I also watch Twitter and Facebook to see what sessions my genimates suggest as worth watching. My playlist is long so I don't persist. If a presentation is not up to expectations or is an infomercial I cut my losses and move on.

There was no way that I could manage to watch everything on my playlist during the event. In [my interview with her](#) the Rootstech Director, Jen Allen, confirmed that all 2021 and 2022 sessions with content that remains current will remain on the Rootstech site as a free online learning archive. Any time you have a need to know about a topic you can search the list for a presentation that may answer your question. On the reverse page of this newsletter I will list some Rootstech recommendations for you.

On the home front I thank Jenny Myers and our troop of volunteers for chairing and managing our last meeting. I was thrilled to learn that Avondale's Professor Maria Northcote, who is a committed genealogist, will be our special guest via zoom at our March meeting. Maria hosted the excellent [Genies Down Under podcast](#) which aired for several years.

As we have relaxed our Covid restrictions in line with government policy we look forward to welcoming all members to our March meeting. We encourage you to wear masks and, if you are unwell, please do not attend and hear our guest speaker from home via zoom.

Last night we had our fortnightly DNA meeting, thanks to our leader Jan and all who attended for another top-class event. With an online session each week LMFHG is leading the way in member education options.

I hope this newsletter finds you high and dry and taking advantage of time indoors to hunt down your pesky ancestors.

Stay safe, Stay well

Jill Ball – President

Heirlooms

Are you the custodian of a family heirloom? Do you have a photograph and/or short story about the item? Please consider submitting your story for the next issue of The Chronicle.

You can submit your stories to Elspeth and Glynda or via email to Chronicle@lmfhg.org.au.

Irish Orphans

Thanks to Clare for this link

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/missing-children>

Rootstech Roundup

These are some of the talks I enjoyed at the 2022 event. You can watch them for free on Youtube any time – Jill

Nick Barratt: [When Harry Met Dotty - using DNA to break down brick walls](#)

Else Churchill: [From Rolled Pedigrees to Digital Data](#)

Myko Clelland: Series (3 talks) [Birth, Marriage and Death in Scotland – going beyond the basics](#)

Jackie Depelle: [Ideas for Researching Non-Conformist Ancestors](#)

Roberta Estes: [Associating Autosomal DNA Segments With Ancestors](#)

Caroline Gurney: Series (3 talks) [Tracing the English Ancestors – beyond the basics](#)

Rob Hamilton: Series (3 talks) [A Freemason and his records](#)

Shauna Hicks: [Digging Deeper into Australian Archives](#)

Sophie Kay: [The 1921 census of England & Wales: Who, what and where?](#)

Michelle Leonard: [Top tips for identifying DNA matches](#)

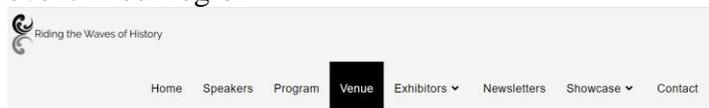
Diana Nicolson: [Who was Kastian Richardson?](#)

Cathie Sherwood: [The Poor in Ireland: Workhouses and Poor Law](#)

This blog post, [The Dos and Don'ts of DNA](#), from Judy G Russell clarifies one of the issues from the live session on ethics.

Sad News from the Newcastle Group re our State Conference

Many genies were looking forward to a face-to-face event in our region



Conference is now online only

Except for

The local family history day to be held on Sunday 18th September at
The Barracks, Lindsay Street, East Maitland

Map News

[Rumsey maps to be text searchable](#)

How good is that!

The Australian Heritage Festival

The country's largest community-driven heritage event, returns 1 April – 31 May 2022, celebrating the theme 'Curiosity'.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/>

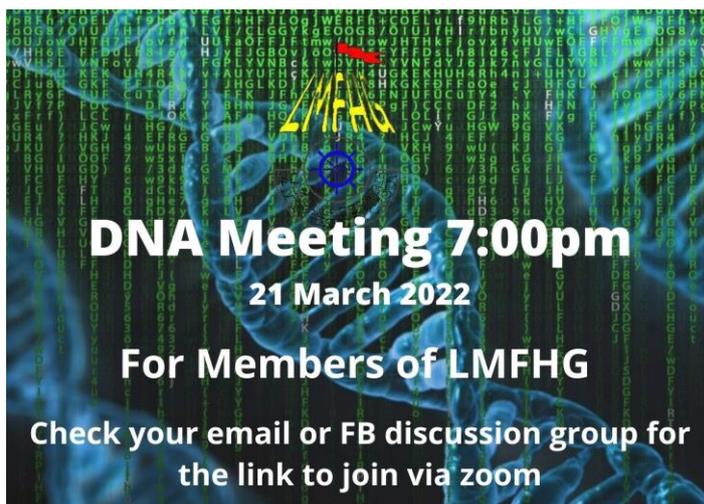
Norfolk Island is Calling

It's not too late to register for the AFFHO Congress – a face-to-face event in historic Norfolk Island,

Congress website <https://affhocongress2022.com>

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/AFFHO2022>



Lake Mac Libraries Present

Memoir writing workshop

<https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Memoir-Writing-Workshop>

Stories from the Shoebox: Capturing history of East Lake Macquarie

<https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Stories-from-the-Shoebox-HELM>

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