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

**Monthly Meeting**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Hall open from 10:00am

11:00am - DNA Discussion

2:00pm – Q&A with Robert

Eldridge

**Marmong Point Hall Opening**

2pm-5pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Speers Point Library Volunteers**

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

**The Chronicle**

**Next Topic:** Family Heirlooms

**Deadline:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**[Lake Macquarie FHG Blog](#)****[LMFHG Library Catalogue](#)****Zoom Meetings**

7pm Mondays

# LAKE MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC NEWSLETTER



**April 2022**



## A Note from the President

G'day Members,

Since our last newsletter Covid finally caught up with me. Thankfully due to my three jabs I didn't suffer too greatly. Isolation gave me plenty of time to focus on my own genealogy research but I wasn't able to concentrate and use the time well.

In the last week I've had a busy time doing presentations for THE Genealogy Show in England, neighbouring family history groups in Newcastle and Cessnock and the SAG. I also wrote [a guest post](#) for the Genealogical Society of Queensland's blog.

I was green with envy when I saw the support the Cessnock Group gets from Cessnock Library. Their home is in one of the meeting rooms in a library that is well equipped with technology. The best news is that the group's resources have a home in filing cabinets and a compactus in that room. The Group has weekly meetings there and is able to book it and another room with a smartboard for presentations at other times.

Thanks to Glynda, one of our newsletter editors, for all her work in registering our Chronicle for an ISSN. This article [What is an ISSN?](#) will tell you all about ISSNs.

Like many genies I suffer from [Tapophilia](#). On our travels last week Robert and I stopped off to visit a charming cemetery in Quipolly and I took a few photos for [FindaGrave](#). I blogged about our visit here <http://geniaus.blogspot.com/2022/04/quipolly-cemetery.html>.

Your committee voted to go ahead with our general meeting on Easter Saturday so the hall will be open as per usual from 10am. As we were unable to secure a guest speaker for the day we are having two discussion sessions. Jan Butcher will lead the 11am session on DNA and Robert Eldridge will host a general Q&A session at 2pm. Easter is a time when our descendants gather so, as they are all visiting on Saturday and Sunday, I will be unable to join you.

Many families will be celebrating Easter and Passover this week while others will be enjoying an extra long weekend. I send wishes to you all for a happy and rewarding few days.

Stay safe, Stay well

Jill Ball – President

## Toronto Cemetery

Our Treasurer Karen has been busy on a personal project. She is going through the [100 pages of entries on FindAGrave for Toronto Cemetery](#), adding details to current entries and adding entries for those not already on the list. If you know of deceased in that cemetery and can help with further details or photographs of headstones to add to the site please contact Karen: [treasurer@lmfhg.org.au](mailto:treasurer@lmfhg.org.au). Currently only 23% of the memorials have photographs.

We congratulate Karen on taking the initiative to remember those who are buried in a local cemetery.

## Every Family has a Secret

If you have missed the first few episodes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> series of the program on SBS you can catch up with them on the web by going to <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/every-family-has-a-secret>

Some of the stories are real tearjerkers.



## Free Refresher from MyHeritage

Do you need a refresher on the basics of research? MyHeritage have a course for you.



## 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 well before 26<sup>th</sup> May. You can submit your stories to Elspeth and/or Glynda.

## WW1 ANZACs Remembered

Local Historian, Gary Mitchell, has given us permission to share his Facebook posts commemorating WW1 military from our area on our blog. In addition to his stories of those buried at Sandgate Gary is now also working on Belmont Cemetery. This link will take you directly to Gary's stories on our blog.

<https://lakemacfhg.blogspot.com/search?q=Gary+Mitchell>

## Congratulations to the Genies at Newcastle FHS

on their flash new website. Take a look at

<https://nfhs.org.au/>

## Ryerson Training

Thanks to those members who have signed up for training with Bob Atkins, Ryerson Vice-President, on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks to Karen for organising this session which will lead to volunteers indexing the issues of The Newcastle Herald that are currently missing from the Ryerson Index.

## Australian Heritage Festival

The Australian Heritage Festival, the country's largest community-driven heritage event, runs from 1 April – 31 May 2022, celebrating the theme 'Curiosity'.

You can browse the list of events here:

[https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/explore/?content=ahf\\_event&ahfdate-search=](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/explore/?content=ahf_event&ahfdate-search=)

## Convict Exhibition

Visit Old Government House's new exhibition, Making Good: Convict Artisans in Exile.

We might think convicts were just petty criminals, but this special exhibition brings together a collection of convict-made arts and crafts that reveal some of the untold stories of artisan convicts and the impact of their crafts on the colony.

Until 27 November 2022

Old Government House, Parramatta Park

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4y7hhy3u>

## Writing Competition

The 2022 Croker Prize for Biography is now open with the theme: 'Where Did I Come From?'

The Croker Prize is a great way to hone your writing skills and share your family history stories. SAG members can submit one entry each on the theme, with the winner chosen by a committee of former recipients and Society representatives. A cash prize of \$1000 is awarded to the winner each year.

Entries close 31 May 2022.

Details here: <https://www.sag.org.au/Annual-Croker-Prize-for-Biography>