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

Monthly Meeting

Saturday 21st June

Hall open from 10:00am

Discussion 11:00am - Coloured dots on Ancestry

Speaker 2:00pm – John Graham – Ryerson Index

Marmong Point Hall Opening

1 June 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**

May 2022

**A Note from the President**

G'day Members,

It seems ages since I have seen you all. Having missed the last two meetings and our last committee meeting I am looking forward to seeing you all in person at our meeting on Saturday. Thanks to our wonderful committee members and volunteers for managing those events in my absence.

I have been spending some time in Narrabri with my husband who is doing work in that area. I am thankful that email, social media and zoom make it easy to connect with members from afar. We have recently returned from a cruise through the Kimberley from Darwin to Broome, It was wonderful to be able to explore and learn the history of those remote regions in comfort although some of the excursions were a challenge. The biggest challenge was being [unplugged \(off the internet\)](#) for the duration of our journey.

On Monday evening I presented to our DNA Interest Group. I am so impressed by the enthusiasm of our members who join in every fortnight to learn and discuss their DNA journeys. Thanks to Clare, Jan, Karen and Lyn for all the work you do organising these meetings and for offering individual assistance and guidance to members in one-one sessions.

Someone said the other day that DNA is just another resource, one of a stable of vital resources we must use in our research. If you haven't yet dipped into DNA please consider it, we have a group of enthusiastic DNA devotees who will guide you on your journey.

If you have done an Ancestry DNA test make sure you come along to our Discussion Group on Saturday where members will be discussing the use of coloured dots to organise your matches.

Thanks to Jean who has stepped up to coordinate our volunteers at Speers Point Library. We are now offering additional sessions that can be booked via this link <https://library.lakemac.com.au/Events/Family-History-help-session>. Jean, in her role as Excursions Coordinator, has organised an outing to [Stanley Park](#) at Fullerton Cove for June 21st where a tour will be followed by a light lunch. Further details will be available at our meeting on Saturday

Thanks also to those members who answered my call for items for this newsletter. As I had been out of the loops your contributions were most timely.

Stay safe, Stay well
Jill Ball – President

Ryerson Training of Transcribers

A small band of LMFHG members attended their second training session to become volunteer transcribers for the Ryerson index at the end of April. This index is a free index of death notices appearing in a lot of Australian newspapers from 1803 to present day. The goal is to complete as many notices as possible so there is a continuation of information.

Initially, this index was started by the Sydney Dead Persons Society and is now carried out by a team of volunteers from all over NSW and increasingly from other states. LMFHG is very happy to support this service with willing transcribers, and we hope more members will become involved so that Newcastle newspapers will also be well covered in the Ryerson index.

Jan Butcher

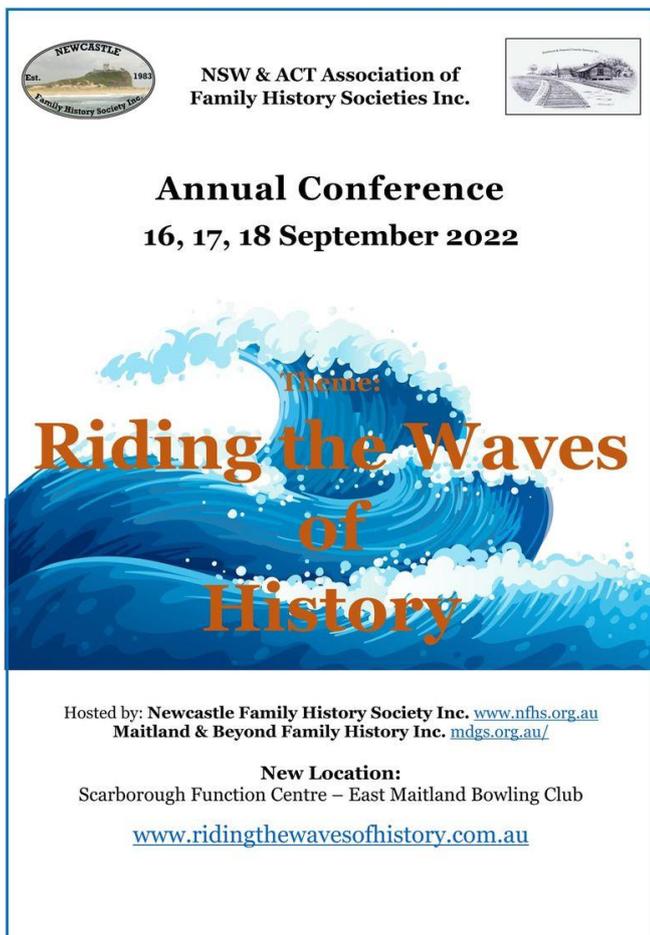
NB John Graham, President of the Ryerson Index will be our guest presenter on Saturday

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.

Dates for your Diaries



The poster for the Annual Conference 2022 features a blue wave graphic with the text 'Riding the Waves of History' in orange and white. At the top left is the Newcastle Family History Society logo (Est. 1983). At the top right is the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. logo. The central text reads 'Annual Conference 16, 17, 18 September 2022'. At the bottom, it lists the hosts: Newcastle Family History Society Inc. (www.nfhs.org.au) and Maitland & Beyond Family History Inc. (mdgs.org.au). The new location is Scarborough Function Centre – East Maitland Bowling Club, with the website www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au.

Dobell Festival

<https://www.lakemac.com.au/Events-directory/Council-events/Lake-Macquarie-Dobell-Festival-2022>



Make a date with LMFHG

Each Monday evening at 7pm you are invited to join fellow members for a discussion on zoom.

Karen, who is always on the lookout for topics to discuss will be hosting a general session next Monday 23 May. If you wish to be enlightened on any aspect of research please contact Karen.

On May 30 there will be the next DNA session hosted by Jan Butcher.

DNA Tests are expensive

While experts suggest first testing with Ancestry.com as it has the largest number of results in its database you need to get value for the dollars you have invested in your test.

This post explains how to use Gedmatch which will give you more value from your results

<https://blog.kittycooper.com/2021/02/a-really-basic-approach-to-using-gedmatch/>

Familysearch Center at Charlestown

The FamilySearch Family History Centre is open at the LDS Church at Charlestown on Tuesday and Thursday 10am- 3pm. I have visited the last two Tuesdays and found a few German documents I was hoping to find.

Linda.

Do you have an old laptop hanging around?

Thanks to Karen who shared this link on how you can use a second laptop as a monitor for your main laptop. So useful when researching or transcribing documents.

<https://www.hp.com/us-en/shop/tech-takes/how-do-i-use-laptop-as-monitor>

Quick tip – Research living people first

An excellent blog post from Yvette Hoitink in The Netherlands

<https://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/research-living-people-first/>

Generosity

Thanks to members Elspeth and Ken for your recent donations to our library. Linda is busy cataloguing and processing them.