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## Newsletter

Number 222

### WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 2

Our June Journal is always a popular theme  
Free choice

Deadline for articles: 6 May 2023

March 2023

### March Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday 7 March 2023—7.30pm**

### “Hollywood”

by our member Lachlan Wetherall

“Hollywood” was the ironic name of the unglamorous depression-era unemployed workers’ camp in the Jesmond bushland. The site will soon be obliterated by construction of the last section of the Newcastle Inner City bypass.

This presentation will cover a brief history of “Hollywood”, the people who lived there, and the road that will soon remove all traces of the camp.

The meeting will be held in the Society rooms as well as via Zoom (see link below).

If you would like to join by Zoom but feel you need some assistance, please contact our Secretary on [nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com).

Mel Woodford (Vice-President)

### Topic: March Monthly Meeting

Time: **Mar 7, 2023 07:30 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

### Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82902964025?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82902964025?pwd=SWovNVNlekRpN2VUMzZ6bUJsTGx0UT09)  
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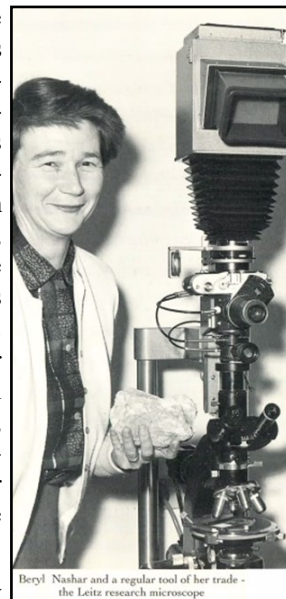
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### Overview of February Monthly Meeting

It was fantastic to see so many members and visitors join our February monthly meeting where we had a very interesting and sometimes amusing presentation by our member, Dr Jude Conway. There were 28 people in our rooms and 15 on Zoom to listen about the life of Prof Beryl Nashar, the first University of Newcastle Geology Professor. Prof Nashar actually had a number of firsts throughout her life and career.

Beryl was born in Maryville, Newcastle on 9 July 1923. She first attended Tighes Hill Public School before moving to Cardiff Public School when her father commenced working in that area. She was always top of the class. Beryl was selected to attend Newcastle Girls’ High School where she studied English, French, German, Latin, Maths, Science (Geology). She excelled in all subjects except for German which she disliked. Beryl admitted she had a crush on her science teacher, Lillian Whiteoak. Beryl completed her leaving certificate twice, having passed the first time, but not getting the scholarship she wanted. In her second attempt, she was first in the state for Geology.



Beryl Nashar and a regular tool of her trade - the Leitz research microscope

She attended the University of Sydney studying the Earth Sciences - Geology and Geography – as well as Maths and Chemistry, graduating with 1st class honours in 1947, won the University Medal. Beryl’s research thesis was the geology of the Stanhope district, in the Hunter Valley. When she was in the field, she fell in love with every rock. In 1948 Beryl had to decide if she would become a geologist in the field or a teacher. She completed her teaching degree and commenced teaching at Home Science Girls’ High School in Newcastle. After only one day there, she was offered a role as a demonstrator at the University of Tasmania which she accepted, stating she didn’t like playground duty or signing on and off. She paid up her bond and left.

Prior to accepting the role at the University of Tasmania, Beryl had applied for a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. Professor Carey, head of the department in Tasmania, said it didn’t matter and they would

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### 4 Stages of Ancestor Research

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# Covid and Duty of Care

## Covid update

From time to time, we need to update our Covid rules so that they reflect the current information provided by the NSW Government. For the most recent information you can visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe>.

Upon arrival at the NFHS you will need to sign in with your membership number, name, time of arrival and phone number. You can also check your temperature. When leaving you will need to sign out.

It is no longer compulsory to wear a mask, but the NSW Government highly recommends it if you are in a public area where you cannot socially distance. Masks will still be available for purchase at the front desk.

As the Delta and Omicron forms of the virus are aerosols, doors will need to remain open to allow through ventilation and the up-

right fans will be used to ventilate the computer area. If the temperature in the rooms warrants it, close the doors and turn on the AC. Please turn off when you leave the room.

Please clean the area where you have been working with the wipes provided as an added protection for yourself and others.

Remember you can always borrow books via 'click and collect' as well as in person. Contact the Librarian at [nfhslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com) to organise click and collect.

We aim to maintain as healthy an environment as possible at the NFHS rooms and all are welcome to attend. Remember to socially distance. If you are still hesitant, wear a mask to safeguard yourself from any aerosol droplets.

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

Management Committee (20 October 2022)

## Journal and Newsletter

### June Journal

Our June Journal (No 242) is always a popular choice for members' articles. It is a free choice so you can spread your wings and use your imagination. The eTeam invites you to send in some interesting information or discoveries about your family history with any focus you like. Send your article by **6 May 2023** to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com).

### September Journal

Our September Journal (No 243) has the theme of "My Ancestor Was ...". Let your imagination run wild. Maybe you could share your ancestor's occupation, character, hobby. Send your article by **5 August 2023** to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com).

### Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
April	11 March	
May	15 April	
June	13 May	6 May
July	10 June	
August	15 July	
September	12 August	5 August
October	16 September	

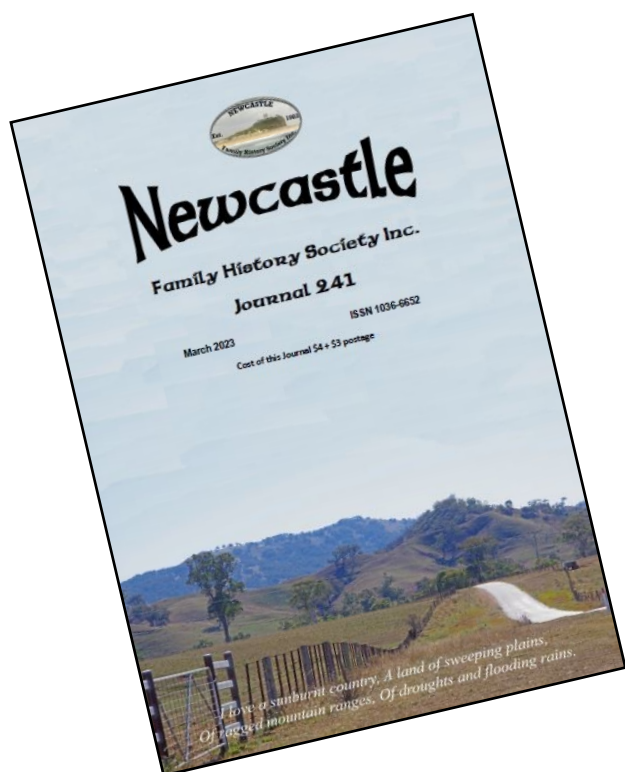
### March Journal

If you do not get your Journal emailed, make sure that you collect your March Journal (No 241) from the front desk next time you visit the Society.

### Receipt of your Journal

Reminder that our Journal is sent to many members as a PDF. If you would like to change your preference so you receive your Journal as a PDF, please send a message to our Membership Registrar on [nfhsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsmembership@gmail.com).

Jane Ison (eTeam)



# Events and Outings

## Future dates

**7 March**—Monthly meeting—Guest Speaker Lachlan Wetherall  
**11 March**—Library Orientation—Print (see page 6)  
**18 March**—Beginning Genealogy Course Day 2 (see page 5)  
**25 March**—Library Orientation —Digital (see page 6)  
**1 April**—Library Orientation—Print (see page 6)  
**4 April**—Monthly meeting—Lesley Gent OAM speaking on the 77th Squadron RAAF  
**15 April**—Beginning Genealogy Course Day 3 (see page 5)  
**22 April**—Library Orientation —Digital (see page 6)  
**2 May**—Annual General meeting  
**6 May**—Articles due for Journal 242  
**6 June**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm  
**1 July**—Irish SIG Open Day  
**4 July**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm—Christmas in July with Trivia and Festive Afternoon Tea  
**1 August**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm

**5 August**—Articles due for Journal 243  
**12 August**—Scottish Open Day (for National Family History Month)  
**5 September**—Monthly meeting  
**3 October**—Monthly meeting—Prof Jo May speaking on Newcastle Girls' and Newcastle Boys' High Schools  
**4 November**—Articles due for Journal 244  
**5 November**—English Ancestors SIG Day—note this is a Sunday  
**7 November**—Monthly meeting

**Every Monday (except public holidays) from 10.30am**—Picnic in the Park—Regent Park, New Lambton. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to have an informal catch-up with other members. Some great discussions occur about any number of family history topics.

Bring your own coffee, morning tea, chair, hat and sunscreen.

Pat Healion (Events Organiser)

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## Overview of February monthly meeting

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support her. She was successful in gaining the Fellowship (the first woman to ever receive this). So, in 1949 Beryl headed to Cambridge for 12 months, to the Department of Mineralogy and Petrology, taking her Tasmanian rock collection with her.

Whilst at Cambridge, Beryl met her future husband, Ali Nashar, an Egyptian philosopher. He proposed to her; however, Beryl chose to come home for two years to be sure of her decision. At the end of her PhD, Beryl became the first Australian person to gain a PhD in Geology at an Australian university. Her PhD was on the Cambrian volcanic rocks of Tasmania. In July 1952 Beryl married Ali in Cairo and their son Tarek Ali was born in November 1953 back home in Newcastle Hospital. She did return to Egypt at the beginning of 1954, however because of political upheaval in Egypt, Ali had to flee to Lebanon. It wasn't the best sort of place politically to bring up their son, so towards the end of '54 it was decided she would come back to Australia and Ali would follow when he could. This never eventuated and Ali died in 1980, never actually having lived in Australia – only visiting, and Beryl and Tarek would visit over there. Ali's last job was in Monaco but he returned to Egypt only two weeks before passing. He knew he was dying and wanted to be on Egyptian soil.

In 1955, Beryl applied for and was successful in gaining the position of Geology Lecturer at the newly formed Newcastle University College (at the time in the grounds of the Tighes Hill College). She became the second Geology staff member at the University and the first female staff member at the university. She loved the teaching, her only disappointment was that she could not do any research because there was no equipment.

In 1968, Beryl became the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Newcastle, being elected by 60 male staff. Another first – the first woman Dean of Science in Australia. Her department was known as being innovative; she introduced vivas (oral testing). She also had to be very diplomatic in a male world.

Beryl was very involved in the community and sat on a number of committees and boards. There were University committees; the Board of Directors of the Royal Newcastle Hospital; the Board of Directors of the Greater Newcastle Building Society; the secondary schools Board; the academic committee of the Higher Education Board; the Hunter Valley Research Foundation; the committee to achieve autonomy for the university; president of the Newcastle branch of BPW (Business and Professional Women); national president of the Australian Federation of BPW; international president of BPW; and a few others. Beryl stated that she wanted to be involved because it would have been a backward step for women if she declined.

Beryl had a great deal of public recognition and in 1972, before the Order of Australia came into being, she was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Beryl also found she was good at writing books for school children and published four books. She passed away in 2012. Her son, Tarek, became a Consulting Geologist, married a French lady, and lives in Sydney.

Thank you so much to Dr Jude Conway for taking the time to provide us with a fascinating overview of Beryl Nashar's brilliant life and achievements. The photos are screenshots from Jude's presentation.



Lea Harris (with Jude's assistance)



## General

Our last **Publications meeting** was held on Friday 17 February 2023 via email. Anyone who has any ideas for updates, future publications or suggestions, please contact Jane at [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com).

We have a small number of **second hand NFHS publications** for half price available at the front desk. Take a look and you might pick up a bargain.

**Pre-orders** for Vol III of *People of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley* are now being taken. The form is attached to this newsletter email. There are also printed forms on the reception desk that may be used or an email can be sent to the Publications Officer ([nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com)) outlining the required order. Payment needs to accompany the order.

Remember to **continue checking the website as more publications** are added for download.

The **next Publications meeting** will be held on Friday 15 April at 10.00am in the Society rooms. You are all welcome to attend.

Jane Ison (Publications Group Co-ordinator)

## Wanted - Your Stories

Do you have a family member who served in World War II or a later conflict and would like their story told?

If so, Ken and Maree Shilling would love to hear from you for the forthcoming publication, *They Served Their Country*.

We have been very fortunate in the response for stories for World War I and earlier conflicts and that section of the publication has been completed.

Thank you to those who have already contributed.

We look forward to receiving stories and images for WWII and later.

Please contact us at [kenandmaree@gmail.com](mailto:kenandmaree@gmail.com)

## PofN Vol III Book Launch

### You're Invited

We are pleased to announce that Volume III of *People of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley* will be launched at 11am on **Friday 21 April 2023** at Jesmond Bowling Club, 48 Mordue Parade, Jesmond.

NFHS members and friends are welcome to attend. Please register your intention to attend by Thursday 6 April 2023 at [kenandmaree@gmail.com](mailto:kenandmaree@gmail.com)

Maree and Ken Shilling

### PEOPLE OF NEWCASTLE AND THE HUNTER VALLEY: THEIR STORIES – OUR HERITAGE Volume III

Compiled by Maree & Ken Shilling



A Newcastle Family History Society Publication

# Courses and Learning

## Beginning Genealogy Courses

Would you like to trace your family tree and discover who your ancestors were?

How do you begin this quest?

Become a family history detective!

Newcastle Family History Society is running a course over three days to help you begin this addictive quest. During February/March/April, we will present seven units to get you started, whether computer aided, or good old paper and pencil.

On Sunday 19 February from 10.00am-4.00pm, and Saturdays 18 March and 15 April from 9.00am-11.00am, join a group of like-minded people to begin your journey of discovery.

Courses will be held at the Newcastle Family History Society Rooms at 68 Elder Street, Lambton. It may be possible to provide a Zoom link – this will depend on numbers and the number of distant participants interested in attending.

**When:** Sunday 19 February - 10.00am to 4.00pm – Pat Healion, Karen Smith  
Saturday 18 March – 9.00am to 11.00am – Kirstie Carrick  
Saturday 15 April – 9.00am to 11.00am – Laraine Cross  
**Venue:** Newcastle Family History Society, 68 Elder Street, Lambton  
**What to bring:** Your lunch/morning tea and a mug - tea, coffee and milk supplied  
Paper, pens and pencils, and an eraser  
Your questions and any tips you may have

### Day 1 – Sunday 19 February 2023

10.00am Getting started with your family research 1 - Pat  
11.15am Getting started with your family research 2 - Pat  
1.00pm Births, deaths and marriages - Karen  
2.15pm Using Trove to enhance your research - Karen  
3.30pm Any questions, comments ...

### Day 2 – Saturday 18 March 2023

9.00am Research logs and citing your research sources - Kirstie

### Day 3 – Saturday 15 April 2023

9.00am Free and subscription websites for family research - Laraine  
10.00am Using the Ryerson Index to enhance your family history research - Laraine

**Cost: Sunday 19 February** - \$10.00 per session/\$30.00 per day for NFHS members  
\$20.00 per session/\$60.00 per day for non-members

**Saturday 18 March** - \$10.00 for NFHS members. \$20.00 for non-members

**Saturday 15 April** - \$10.00 per session/\$15.00 per day for NFHS members  
\$20.00 per session/\$30.00 per day for non-members

Payment must be made at least one week prior to the course date

To **book**, email Pat at [pat.healion1@gmail.com](mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com)

**Payment** can be made by direct debit as follows:

BSB: 650 000

Account No: 501 652 808

Ensure you include your name when making payment

# Courses and Learning continued

## Special Interest Groups

Members of the Society are welcome to join one or more groups and share their knowledge as well as learn something new. All the groups meet in the NFHS rooms, monthly at 10.00am unless otherwise stated. Groups and contact details are as follows:

Group	Meeting date	Facilitator	Contact email
Convicts in Australia	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday—will be meeting at West Leagues Club at New Lambton	Laraine Cross	<a href="mailto:nfhsresearch78@gmail.com">nfhsresearch78@gmail.com</a>
Military Family History	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Kirstie Carrick	<a href="mailto:kirstie.carrick@gmail.com">kirstie.carrick@gmail.com</a>
Scottish Family Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00pm	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com">nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com</a>
English Ancestors	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>
DNA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00pm	Sandra Jones	<a href="mailto:sjones11@bigpond.net.au">sjones11@bigpond.net.au</a>
Irish Ancestors	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday—will be meeting at West Leagues Club at New Lambton	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Ancestry Users	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com">nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com</a>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>

Please email the facilitator to join a group. Any questions, please contact Pat at [pat.healion1@gmail.com](mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com) or text 0427 577598.

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## Courses

Courses were planned in 2019 and after a few courses were run, Covid meant that many planned courses could not be run.

The Beginners Course over two days has been run a number of times and hopefully will be run again mid-year. Other courses have been presented individually or presented as part of Seminar Sunday. So, to date the following courses have been presented:

- Citing your sources, source logs
- Births, deaths and marriages (BDM site)
- Using Evernote
- BDM Desktop NFHS rooms
- Trove
- Free and subscription websites for genealogy
- Getting Started with Family History

**To run a course, I need someone to volunteer to provide the input.** The following are suggestions for courses to be run:

- Finding Convict Ancestors: using records in Great Britain, Ireland and Australia
- Contribution of Fort Scratchley towards Newcastle
- Military ancestors
- Maintenance of military memorabilia
- Criminals in the family: use of NSW Archives' resources to fill out their lives
- Finding English ancestors
- Finding Scottish ancestors
- Irish records: The four pillars of Irish Genealogy
- The Ryerson Index
- Using your digital equipment
- DNA
- Introduction to Family Search
- Introduction to Find my Past
- Aboriginal family and Torres Strait Islander relatives' family research
- Shipping Records
- Publicans in the family
- Medical terms and what they mean
- German ancestors
- Occupations from the past
- Old photographs: types
- Dating them, using fashion, etc
- Introduction to Legacy
- Introduction to My Heritage
- Introduction to Ancestry
- Introduction to Family Tree Maker
- Using land records to find Irish ancestors
- Writing your story: historical context; writing styles; writing packages to help you write your book
- Paleography: reading old handwriting
- Researching Scottish Family history
- Using ScotlandsPeople
- Introduction to DNA terminology
- 'V' rolls and their use in early NSW colonial genealogy
- Writing a genealogical report
- Cemetery research
- Photographing headstones, cemeteries
- Using Find a Grave; A Billion Graves; Australian Cemetery Index; and other sites
- Heraldry: it's history and use in family history research
- Using Google resources in family history
- Social media and family history
- Mapping your family's history
- Digital records of your family history
- Using census documents to research your family history: England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland

We will organise to run these courses face to face and via zoom, for members near and far. If you can offer a course or a suggestion for a course, please contact Pat at [nfhscourses@gmail.com](mailto:nfhscourses@gmail.com) or text Pat on 0427577598.



# New Research Group

## Expression of Interest

Members are invited to submit an expression of interest in joining a newly formed Research Group for NFHS.

## Role

To join a small group of like-minded members in providing fee attracting research assistance upon request from members of the public or members of the society.

## Essential Criteria

- Being comfortable around a computer, either a laptop or a PC (use of iPad/tablet/phone for group research not suitable)
- Being familiar with online or NFHS resources.

## Desirable Criteria

- Having regular access to Ancestry.
- Having easy access to Genealogy publishing programs such as Family Tree Maker or Roots Magic7/8

## Contact Details

To express your interest, please send an email to Laraine Cross on [nfhsresearch78@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsresearch78@gmail.com).

Laraine Cross

# Library News

Library Group meets: 2nd and 4th  
Mondays from 9.30am-11.30am

## Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
<b>Saturday Library Roster</b>		
<b>Morning 9.45am-12.30pm</b>		
<b>Afternoon 12.30pm-3.00pm</b>		
4 Mar am	Lea H	Sandra J
4 Mar pm	Lea H	
11 Mar am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
11 Mar pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
18 Mar am	Karen S	
18 Mar pm	Karen S	Wendy G
25 Mar am	Marie H	Noelene L
25 Mar pm	Marie H	Jude C
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00-3.00pm</b>		
2 Mar	Alison M	Clelia P
9 Mar	Jane I	Rosalie B
16 Mar	Marilyn M	Jane I
23 Mar	Karen S	Rosalie B
30 Mar	Marilyn M	

## Library Report

The Society's open day for Seniors was a big success. The Library Group organised a used book sale on the front lawn of our building and we raised approximately \$300 for the Society. Many thanks to the members who donated books to be sold. At our March meeting we will have a table of used books for sale to members, and back issues of Journals free for members to take.

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

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## Library Orientation Sessions for 2023

Print and Digital Library Orientation sessions will be held on Saturday 11 March and Saturday 25 March. Many members have already expressed interest and we will be working through the list to include as many people as possible as soon as possible! If you haven't already said that you want to do the sessions, please let me know on [nfhsorientation@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsorientation@gmail.com).

Margaret Ashford (Group Leader)

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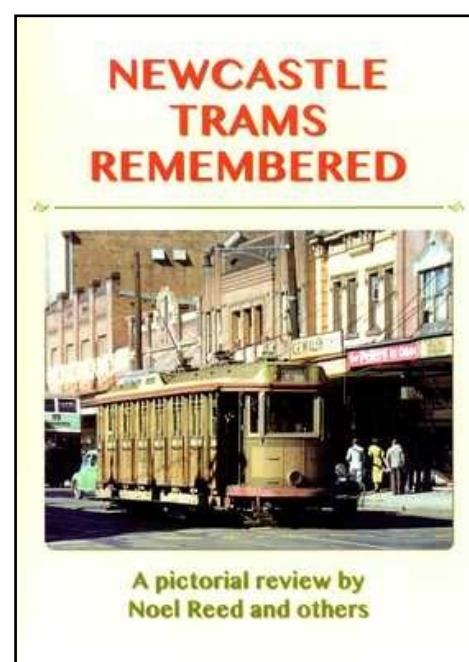
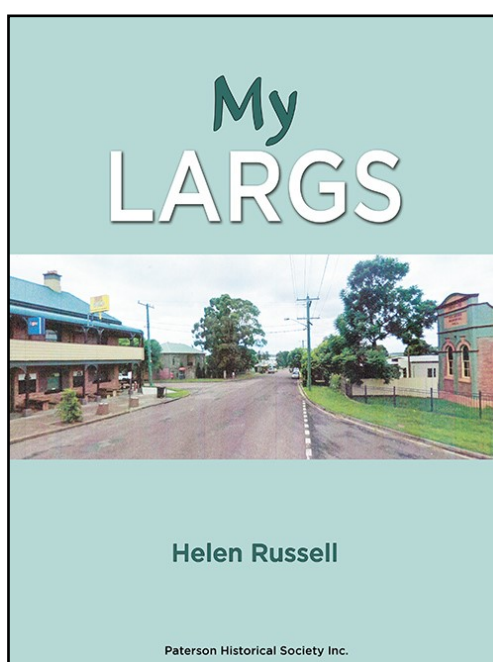
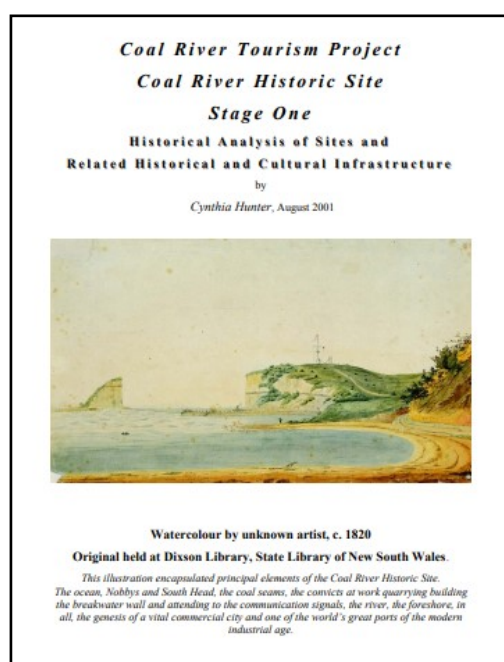
## Library duty

We do have a few gaps in the Library roster for March. If you could spare a few hours, please complete and submit your interest on the form at <https://nfhs.org.au/calendar/>

**Attending the Orientation Sessions is not a prerequisite for volunteering on the library roster - you will always be rostered with an experienced volunteer. All our members have valuable experience which they can share with others. Please volunteer if you have the time - the NFHS needs you!!**

## Library Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Downing, R. N. (Bob)	<i>Those early years: a history of Wentworthville Leagues Club 1957-1971</i> [1995]	AN7/30/05	
	<i>Newcastle earthquake photographs</i> [1989]	AH7/99/06	Christine Grogan
Hunter, Cynthia	<i>Coal River tourism project Coal River historic site stage one: historical analysis, etc</i> [2001]	AH7/37/02	Annette Barker
	<i>Western Suburbs Hospital: records and images V.1</i>	AH7/32/19a	LMFHS
	<i>Western Suburbs Hospital: records and images V.2</i>	AH7/32/19b	LMFHS
Hubbuck, G. R.	<i>The Scottish Companies and the founding of Lambton</i>	AH8.299/01/06	
	<i>Municipality of Wallsend jubilee celebrations 1874-1924</i> [1924]	AH8.287/01/05b	
Bruce, M E Cumming	<i>Family records of the Bruces and the Cumyns</i>	A4/BRU/03	John Easton
NRMA	<i>Australia remembers 1945-1995: commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II</i> [1995]	A7/80/07a	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Sep Domestic notices and accident reports</i> [2022]	NLP/03/1935c	NFHS
Coalfield Heritage Group	<i>Where pioneers sleep No. 6: Newcastle Cathedral Cemetery Part 2 as written in 1902 Newcastle Morning Herald</i> [2002]	AH5/15/73d	Marie Hughes
Anlezark, Teresa & Carmody, Shirley	<i>The Anlezarks</i> [1988]	A4/ANL/01	Kathy Lynch
Russell, Helen	<i>My Largs</i>	AH8.320/01/11	NFHS
Bailey, Cherylanne, Rigby, Mark & Watson, Michelle	<i>Stockton over the years Vol. 4</i> [2022]	AH8.295/01/05	NFHS
Reed, Noel et al	<i>Newcastle Trams remembered: a pictorial review by Noel Reed and others</i> [2017]	AH7/50/21	Marie Hughes
	<i>St Matthew's Catholic Church Windsor 1840 - 1990</i> [1990]	AN8.756/85/05	Marie Hughes
Saxon, Doug	<i>"Pit Props and sleepers" (the story of Awaba)</i> [1988]	AH8.283/01/06	Marie Hughes
Saxon, Doug	<i>Wangi Wangi Public School: celebrating 100+ years 1920 - 2022</i> [2022]	AH8.267/48/01	Doug Saxon





# Membership Renewals

We are close to the time of year when membership renewals are due. We look forward to seeing all members renew and continue to be part of the Newcastle Family History Society.

**Membership renewals are due by 1 MARCH 2023**

To renew your membership, please see renewal form attached to this newsletter email. **Renewals can be paid by direct debit - please ensure you quote your Name and Member Number in the reference.**

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

## New Members



We welcome the following new members to our Society and we encourage you to enjoy your research in our Library. You are welcome to join any of our Special Interest Groups (SIG) to help with your research.

#1273 Bev May  
#1276 Helen Bridges  
#1279 Sonia Conley  
#1281B Michelle Fellows

#1274 Trish O'Dowd  
#1277 Denise Porter  
#1280 Jane Buchan

#1275 Sue Porter  
#1278 Susan Langley  
#1281A Dannielle Fellows

Members rejoining

#698 Alwyn Wardell

#914 Suzanne Weller

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

## Miscellaneous

### Email Addresses

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Secretary	<a href="mailto:nfhspinc@gmail.com">nfhspinc@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	<a href="mailto:nfhstreasurer@gmail.com">nfhstreasurer@gmail.com</a>
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Used book sales	<a href="mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com">nfhslibrarian@gmail.com</a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:nfhswebmaster@gmail.com">nfhswebmaster@gmail.com</a>

### Snippers Group

**Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm**

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### Attachments from other Societies

NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. February newsletter.

Wyong Family History Group Inc General Meeting—11 March 2023—speakers Bruce and Laraine Geddes—*Adventures on Topaz*

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### Newcastle Family History Society Inc.

#### Copyright Licencing Agreement

Previous newsletters have given an explanation about our new Newcastle Family History Society Inc. Copyright Licencing Agreement and a copy of the actual Agreement.

**Thanks to all those who have already signed and submitted the Agreement. A reminder to those who have not as yet done this, you still can.**

Mel Woodford (Vice-President)

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### Disclaimer

Although all reasonable care is taken, the Newcastle Family History Society Inc. accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of information, which is printed in good faith from other sources, or for any opinions expressed in this newsletter.

### Password for Member Area of website

The password for the Member area of our website is  
**FamilyHistory.**

**Note:** FamilyHistory is all one word.

# Miscellaneous continued

## Celebrating Seniors

We got off to a busy start for the year with our table at the Seniors' Expo in the Town Hall on Thursday 9 February which was an excellent way to showcase our Society and let everyone know where we are and what we do. The Expo was a great success with a constant stream of visitors enjoying the exhibits, the free morning tea, and the Comedy Gala which attracted a large audience. Our NFHS table was constantly busy with many people interested in their family history. Those of us manning the stall enjoyed chatting with visitors and encouraging them to visit our website, join our closed Facebook Group, and attend our upcoming open day.

Our Seniors' Open Day on Saturday 11 February provided an opportunity for visitors to tour our historic building, get some family history advice from our knowledgeable volunteers, and enjoy looking at displays, browsing the trade tables and partaking of some homemade morning tea.

It was interesting to note that quite a few of our Open Day visitors had attended the Expo at the Town Hall two days before. Eight of those people became NFHS members on the Saturday and a number also joined our closed Facebook Group.

A huge thank you to our many members who assisted on one or both of the days.

It was a most successful start to the year by all accounts.



Kirstie Carrick, Karen Smith and Mel Woodford  
manning the table at the Town Hall

Mel Woodford (Vice-President)



Photos at our Society Seniors' Open Day taken by Ken Shilling



# Miscellaneous continued

## Victoria Theatre, Newcastle

Members may be interested in the event below that will be held in the Victoria Theatre, Newcastle prior to the renovations beginning mid-year.

### The Victoria Theatre

MARGARET HENRY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



An evening *with* Carl Caulfield &  
'The Vic' history *with*  
Gillian Arrighi

*Hosted by Jonathan Biggins*

*Friday March 3, 2023 from 7 - 9:30pm*

*At the historic Victoria Theatre*

*Tickets \$75 / \$60 Concession*

**Friday 3 March 2023 – 7.00-9.30pm**

The Victoria Theatre - A fundraiser event for the 2023 Margaret Henry Memorial Lecture. The Victoria Theatre restoration is expected to start mid-year and we have a unique opportunity to see inside the theatre before the restoration work begins.

Join us for an entertaining, instructive, and dramatic night hosted by Jonathan Biggins and featuring local playwright and actor, Carl Caulfield who will explore two of his works, followed by a Q & A.

Plus, Dr. Gillian Arrighi, a theatre historian with a special interest in the Victoria Theatre, will introduce us to the wonders of the building and present a recently made video tour that will allow us to experience the theatre's opening night in 1891.

All this whilst you enjoy an array of enticing finger food and drinks.

The Victoria Theatre

8-10 Perkins Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

To book your tickets or contact the organiser

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1007518>






# March

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events			10am-2pm— Snippers	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm— Library open
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Convicts in Australia 6-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—Monthly Meeting		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— Feedback/planning meeting—Journal 241/242 12.00-4.00pm— Publications printing	9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm— Library open Submissions due for April newsletter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Military Family History 1pm—Scottish Fam Research	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am— Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am— Beginning Genealogy Course - Day 2 10am-3pm— Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm— Library open
26	27	28	29	30	31	.
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Irish Ancestors		1-3pm—Library open		

# April

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events						9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm— Library open
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Convicts in Australia 6-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—Monthly Meeting	10am-2pm— Snippers	1-3pm—Library open	 GOOD FRIDAY	Library closed due to Easter Submissions due for May newsletter EASTER SATURDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
 EASTER SUNDAY	 EASTER MONDAY	10am—Military Family History 1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	10am-4.00pm— Publications printing	9-11am— Beginning Genealogy Course - Day 3 10am-3pm— Library open
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am— Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	10am-12.00 Publications meeting	9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm— Library open
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	 ANZAC DAY		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm— Library open
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# May

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Convicts in Australia 6-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—Annual General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 242
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Military Family History 1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 242 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for June newsletter
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	12.00-12.30—Cover printing—Journal 242	10am-3pm—Library open
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 242	10am-3pm—Library open
28	29	30	31			
	10.30am—Picnic in the park					

# June

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events				1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2.00pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Feedback/Planning Journals 242/243 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	Library closed due to King's birthday long weekend Submissions due for July newsletter
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	King's Birthday 	10am—Military Family History 1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	10am-12.00 Publications meeting	10am-3pm—Library open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Picnic in the park	10am—Irish Ancestors		1-3pm—Library open		