

Quarterly Library Group report to Management Committee

It's very nice to see members returning to the library on Saturdays and Thursdays. We were able to run two print orientation sessions for new members. These were very well received - members felt they received a good overview of our resources.

In this quarter, we have accessioned 42 books and 9 CDs. We continue to receive large numbers of donations. Books which are not suitable for the library are put up for sale to members. We are pleased that this has raised a large amount of income for the NFHS.

We recently received a huge donation from John Easton of his late wife Jan's family history material on the Cummings and related families. Special thanks go to Maree and Ken Shilling who have stepped in to help with the organisation of this material.

Work on culling old journals continues. Thanks goes to the regular members of the Library Group – our meetings are always productive and enjoyable. Several other new members have recently joined.

The Surname Index continues to grow rapidly with the backlog of material from 2020-2021 finally being reduced.

A new project is underway to combine all the old place names in Newcastle and the Hunter into a searchable resource. This builds on work done by Karilyn Pawley and Monica Gibbs to establish the drawer of place name cards near the Miners' Superannuation cards.

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