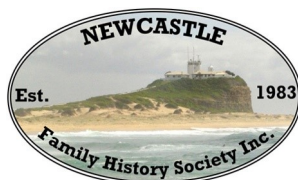


# Newcastle Family History Society Inc.



Telephone: (02) 4957 8296  
Email: [nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.nfhs.org.au/>  
Editor: [nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com)  
ABN: 43 533 036 199

**Library Hours:**  
Thurs: 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Sat: 10.00am – 3.00pm

## Newsletter

Number 225

### WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 2

Our September Journal has a fascinating theme:

**My ancestor was ...**

Deadline for articles: **5 August 2023**

June 2023

Note  
2pm

### June Meeting

**Tuesday 6 June—2.00pm**

### General Meeting

### Speaker—Member Julie Keating

**Meeting will be held in the Rooms and via Zoom**

Our June meeting will feature member Julie Keating speaking on the Australian Agricultural Company (AA Co). I'm sure many members will find this subject extremely interesting.

Next year the AA Co will celebrate two hundred years since it was set up to invest in the New South Wales Colony. Its aim was to improve the quality of merino wool and the company received a grant of 500,000 acres of land centred on the Port Stephens area. This land was not suitable for wool growing and other crops were tested. Once again this venture was not successful and the company swapped part of the initial grant for land further west.

The government had been using convicts to mine coal and was under increasing pressure to run the mines on a more efficient and sustainable basis. It negotiated with the AA Co to have a monopoly on coal mining in the area for a period of 30 years. Part of this agreement was that the company was given 2,000 acres stretching from Crown St westwards.

The company is no longer involved in mining and wool production. Today it is the largest cattle and beef producer in the country and its land holdings, mainly in the Northern Territory, account for 1% of Australia's landmass. According to the company's website more than one million people consume its product each day.

If you would like to join by Zoom but feel you need some assistance, please contact our Secretary (email address above).

The Zoom meeting connection is on page 2. Please note the link to join the Zoom meeting changes each month.

Mel Woodford (President)

### Annual General Meeting results

Our Annual General Meeting held on 2 May was very successful. Reports were given by Mel Woodford (Vice-President) and Marie Hughes (Treasurer). These reports can be viewed in full in the Members' section of the website.

The results of the voting were as follows:

#### Elected Positions

President:	Mel Woodford
Vice President:	Rosalie Bunn
Secretary:	Karen Smith
Treasurer:	Marie Hughes
Committee Members:	Sharyn Boyce
	Laraine Cross
	Kirstie Carrick

#### Voluntary Positions

Publications Officer:	Jane Ison
Research Coordinator:	Laraine Cross
Events Coordinator:	<b>Vacant</b>
Courses Coordinator:	<b>Vacant</b>
Publications Assistant:	<b>Vacant</b>
Maintenance Officer:	<b>Vacant</b>
IT Officer:	Clive Maddocks
Snippers Coordinator:	Karilyn Pawley
Membership Registrar:	Sharyn Boyce
Sandgate Group Coordinator:	Margaret Ashford
Website Coordinator:	Glenn Matthews
Guest Speaker Coordinator:	Mel Woodford
Cleaning Coordinator:	<b>Vacant</b>
Public Officer:	Sharyn Boyce
Librarian:	Jim MacDougall
Journal Editor:	<b>Vacant</b>
Publicity Officers:	Karen Smith
	Raelene Pratt
	Jo Newton
	Ros Cheetham
	Jane Ison
	Mel Woodford
	Lea Harris

Facebook Administrators:

Newsletter Editor:

Mel Woodford (President)

Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one. – Unknown

# Journal and Newsletter

## 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).

## December Journal

Our December Journal (No 244) has the theme of "Memories". What memories do you have of your ancestors? Put pen to paper and share them with us. Send your article by **5 November 2023** to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com).

The year 2023 also represents 40 years since the Newcastle Family History Society was formed. The December Journal will also highlight some interesting stories about 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).

## Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
June	13 May	6 May
July	10 June	
August	15 July	
September	12 August	5 August
October	16 September	
November	14 October	
December	11 November	5 November
January	No newsletter	

## About the eTeam

The eTeam is a collegiate group who plan and work well together. The eTeam welcomes new members. Do you have time to join this group to help put together and occasionally write for our award-winning Journal? As well as the team who proofread articles and offer feedback, we have a team member who does the layout and formats each Journal and an Editor who does the following:

1. maintain the editor email and the eTeam Gdrive
2. ensure there is enough paper to print the Journal
3. accept contributions
4. do an initial proofread
5. email articles to the two other initial proof readers
6. communicate to contributors any queries or additions that might be added to their article
7. consider and make any corrections suggested by the proof readers
8. send that corrected article and any provided images to the formatter who will add them to the Journal
9. in consultation with the eTeam make editorial decisions regarding content to fill gaps in the Journal
10. coordinate print day

We would love to have more members participate on the Journal team. Even distance members are welcome to join as a lot can be done online.

If this is something that would interest you, please contact Jane on  
[nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com)

The team would like to say a HUGE thank you to Noelene Lowes for the brilliant job she does on formatting the Journal.

Jane Ison (eTeam)

Topic: June Monthly Meeting

Time: Jun 6, 2023 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031175107?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031175107?pwd=UFQ3NjhWRXN5RXNGYUUrYmU1K1dWdz09)

[pwd=UFQ3NjhWRXN5RXNGYUUrYmU1K1dWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031175107?pwd=UFQ3NjhWRXN5RXNGYUUrYmU1K1dWdz09)

Meeting ID: 810 3117 5107

Passcode: 938670

## Congratulations

to our Mothers' Day raffle winner

Sonia T (friend of Karen S)



# Events and Outings

## Future dates

**6 June**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm—Julie Keating speaking on the Australian Agricultural Company

**19 June**—Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley meeting—1.00pm (see page 6)

**1 July**—Irish SIG Open Day (see page 4)

**4 July**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm—Christmas in July with Trivia and Festive Afternoon Tea

**30 July**—10am-4pm—Scrapbooking SIG full day event—note this is a Sunday

**1 August**—Monthly meeting—note 2.00pm—Dr Jan McLeod will share the story of her great-uncle, Private Lawrence Nicholas Kennedy

**5 August**—Articles due for Journal 243

**12 August**—Scottish SIG Open Day (for National Family History Month—see page 5)

**19 August**—Course—9-11am—details to be advised

**5 September**—Monthly meeting

**8-10 September**—NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference *The Running Waters of History* (see below and attachment to newsletter)

**3 October**—Monthly meeting—Assoc 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

1 December—Christmas lunch—11.30am—Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead

**Every Monday (except public holidays) from 10.30am**—Coffee and Chat, Wests, Hobart Road, 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.

## NFHS Mini-Conference

This year Wyong Family History Group is hosting the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies' 2023 Conference on

8, 9 and 10 September

For details check their website: <https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>

We will also be streaming the Conference in our rooms as we did last year.

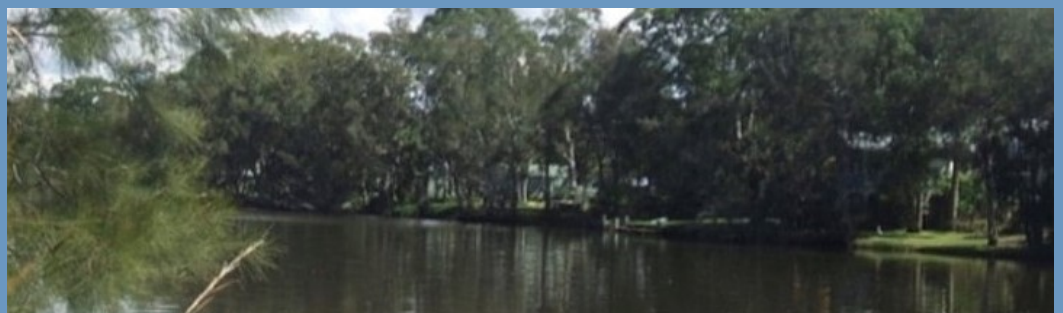
If you would like to watch some or all of the presentations at the Mechanics' Institute with other members you can do so.

To book your seat at our rooms, please send **your name** and the reference **Wyong23** along with a direct debit for **\$30** to our NFHS bank account:

Account Name:	NFHS
BSB:	650-000
Account:	501 652 808

Further details will follow as we receive them.

Also see attachment in newsletter email.





# Irish Open Day

## Saturday 1 July

Newcastle Family History Society rooms  
68 Elder Street, Lambton

9-10am

An interesting talk on the Four Pillars of Irish Family History Research

10am-3pm

Library open for you to experience:

- A display of maps
- Notes re finding your ancestors in the various counties of Ireland
- Notable Irishmen who helped develop Australia
- Family stories of Irish ancestors
- Numerous other items



Irish tea will be available for you to enjoy a cup

If you are of Irish descent and would like to contribute a story about your Irish ancestors, male or female, convict or free, then we would be glad to add it to the display.

To contribute stories, book into the talk or find out more information, please contact Pat on [pat.healion1@gmail.com](mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com)





# Scottish Open Day



Do you have Scottish ancestry?  
Are you interested in Scottish  
customs, traditions, superstitions,  
scenery, food and more?

Pop this date in your diary to visit the  
Society rooms where the Scottish  
Special Interest Group will be  
presenting all things Scottish

Saturday 12 August 2023  
10.00am – 3.00pm

Do you have anything Scottish in your  
collection which you would be willing to  
include in the display? If so, please send  
an email to Mel on

[nfhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com)



# Courses and Learning

## 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>
Scottish Family Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00pm	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@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>
Cemetery Research	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday every 2 <sup>nd</sup> month—June, August, October, December, February,	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:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@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.

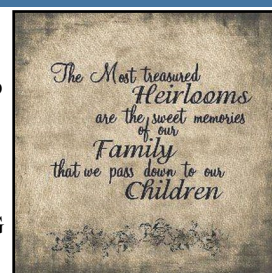
## Scrapbooking SIG

### Whole day of scrapbooking

The Scrapbooking SIG are going to hold a whole day of scrapbooking in the Society rooms for you to enjoy. Grab your photos and accessories, bring your lunch and join us on:

**Sunday 30 July—10.00am-4.00pm**

Scrapbooking SIG



## Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley

Would you like to be involved in an NFHS group which is about to be formed to bring the history of our convict pioneer women of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley to the attention of a much wider audience?

Come along to our first meeting at **1.00pm on Monday 19 June** and hear about the new website we are about to launch and other ways that we can help people learn more about this important part of our local history.

If you would like to come along send me an email on [nfhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com) and reserve your seat.

Mel Woodford (President)

# 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)

## Publications

Publications Group meets: 3rd Friday of even months (except December) from 10.00am to 12.00noon—may be held by email or Zoom depending on the need

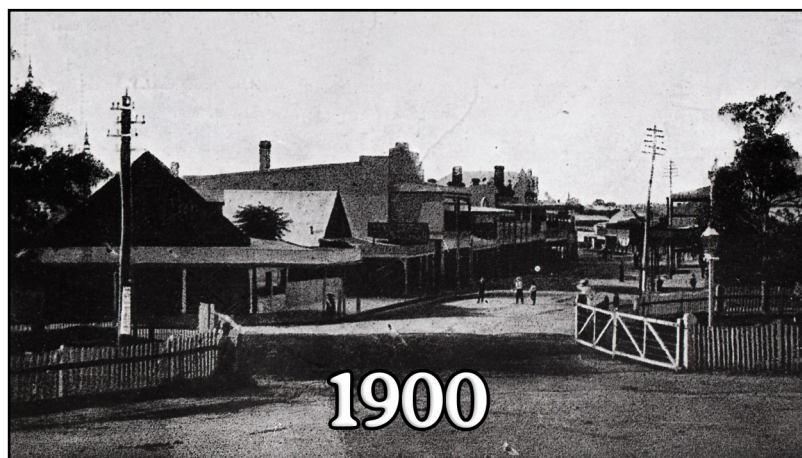
### General

Just a reminder that there is a Publications meeting on 16 June at 10.00 am where members will have their first get-together since the *People of Newcastle* Launch. Members will have the opportunity to revisit what others are doing and to update their own projects if they are a coordinator. Could coordinators please send a brief written report to [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) as soon as they can?

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

Because **Wallsend is celebrating its 150th anniversary** next year, could anyone coordinate the wealth of information already compiled to begin to produce a Wallsend book. If anyone is interested in this, please contact the Publications Officer on [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com).

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)



Nelson Street, Wallsend

<https://www.heritagenow.com.au/wallsendwalk>

Wallsend  
150 years old  
in 2024

I am bound to them though I cannot look into their eyes or hear their voices. I honour their history. I cherish their lives. I will tell their story. I will remember them for I am the result of the very love, struggle, sacrifice and journey of thousands. – Unknown

## Recent Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Probert, Rebecca	<i>Marriage law for genealogists: the definitive guide Rev. 2nd ed. [2016]</i>	N2/10/11	
Smith, Babette	<i>Defiant voices: how Australia's female convicts challenged authority [2021]</i>	A7/14/46	Chris Baker
Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra	<i>Family history for beginners and beyond 16th Ed. [2020]</i>	A2/10/35	Chris Baker
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Apr-Jun Suburban &amp; Hunter News &amp; Index [2023]</i>	NLP/06/1935d	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Apr-Jun Suburban &amp; Hunter News [2023]</i>	NLP/06/1935c	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Sep Newcastle news [2023]</i>	NLP/05/1935d	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Sep Newcastle news &amp; Index [2023]</i>	NLP/05/1935e	
H E C Robinson	<i>Lake Macquarie map No. 223</i>	AH9/14/21	
Kyle, Noeline	<i>Researching your ancestor's childhood [2016]</i>	A2/10/36	
Riley, Carole	<i>Land research for family historians 2nd Ed.[2023]</i>	A2/10/37	
Elder, Diana, Dyer, Nicole, Wirthlin, Robin	<i>Research like a pro with DNA: a genealogist's guide to finding and confirming ancestors with DNA evidence [2021]</i>	A2/15/07	
	<i>Australian Pastoral Directory compendium 3: 1913, 1923, 1925, 1931, 1939, 1954 [2011]</i>	A5/80/CD01	
Lake, Max	<i>Hunter winemakers: their canvas and art [1970]</i>	AH7/60/19	Denise Porter
Biedermann, Hans	<i>Dictionary of symbolism: cultural icons and the meanings behind them (translated by James hubert) [1992]</i>	A1/60/01	Beverley May
Hughes, Joy N.	<i>Local government... local history: a guide to N.S.W local government minute books and rate records [1990]</i>	AN5/65/01	Marilyn Bridges
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Oct-Dec Domestic notices &amp; accident reports [2023]</i>	NLP/03/1935d	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Dec: Court reports [2023]</i>	NLP/04/1935b	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Dec: Industrial &amp; Mining news [2023]</i>	NLP/07/1935b	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Dec: Miscellaneous news from Australia &amp; overseas [2023]</i>	NLP/02/1935b	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Oct-Dec Newcastle news &amp; Index [2023]</i>	NLP/05/1935d	
Snippers	<i>NMH 1935 Jul-Sep: Sport reports &amp; results [2023]</i>	NLP/08/1935c	
Newcastle City Council	<i>City of Newcastle Pink Pages 5th Ed.</i>	AH5/83/07	Annette Barker
Muswellbrook Shire Council	<i>In our own words</i>	A3/60/01	
Spicer, Bill	<i>The other four corners...an intersection in Muswellbrook [2023]</i>	AH8.333/01/08	
Ahearn, Lionel	<i>Little bits of history Vol. 3 [2023]</i>	AH8.333/01/09	
Anderson, Val	<i>Dorothea Mackellar: My Country, Paterson Valley connection Rev. Ed. [2016]</i>	AH8.421/01/08	Val Anderson

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)



## 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>		
3 June am	Lea H	
3 June pm	Lea H	
10 June am	Closed due to	King's birthday
10 June pm	Closed due to	King's birthday
17 June am	Marie H	Noelene L
17 June pm	Marie H	
24 June am	Sharyn B	
24 June pm	Sharyn B	Jude C
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00-3.00pm</b>		
1 June	Alison M	Clelia P
8 June	Jane I	Rosalie B
15 June	Marilyn M	Jane I
22 June	Karen S	Rosalie B
29 June	Marilyn M	Jane I

## Library duty volunteers

We are urgently in need of some extra library volunteers to keep our rooms open on Thursday afternoons and Saturdays. Our numbers have dwindled once again and we are finding it very hard to keep the library open some weeks – many of our volunteers are being asked to do multiple duties each month.

If you could spare 3 hours once a month to assist an experienced volunteer it would make such a difference to our Society.

Everyone has something to offer and we all help one another in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Doing library duty is very rewarding and you also learn so much each time you do.

Please consider offering your support by emailing me at [nfhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com)

Mel Woodford (President)

## Library Orientation 2023

May Orientation was very successfully run. We're gradually working our way through our ever-growing list so if you haven't been invited yet, you'll still be on the list for whenever we can plan another set of sessions.

If you are interested or you're unsure whether you've already told us you're interested, please email Marg ([nfhsorientation@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsorientation@gmail.com)).

Margaret Ashford (Group Leader)

# Members' Interest Directory

Our Members' Interest Directory is due to be updated this year. Please see the form attached (both Word and pdf formats) to the newsletter email for all members to complete so the database can be revised.

Please email completed forms to [Membership](#) by 30 June 2023. Thank you.

We are still deciding on how we are going to produce the MID this year - whether it will be digital, hardcopy, or just available on our website. What are your thoughts? Please contact Sharyn by email at [Membership](#) or by phone on 0408 629 768.

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)



## New Members

We welcome the following new member 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.

#1289 Patricia Skelton

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

# Miscellaneous

## Email Addresses

President	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>
Vice-President	<a href="mailto:nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com">nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	<a href="mailto:nfhssinc@gmail.com">nfhssinc@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	<a href="mailto:nfhstreasurer@gmail.com">nfhstreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Courses	<a href="mailto:nfhscourses@gmail.com">nfhscourses@gmail.com</a>
Events	<a href="mailto:nfhsevents@gmail.com">nfhsevents@gmail.com</a>
Journal	<a href="mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com">nfhseeditor@gmail.com</a>
Librarian	<a href="mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com">nfhslibrarian@gmail.com</a>
Maintenance	<a href="mailto:nfhsmaintenance@gmail.com">nfhsmaintenance@gmail.com</a>
Membership	<a href="mailto:nfhsmembership@gmail.com">nfhsmembership@gmail.com</a>
Newsletter	<a href="mailto:nfhnewsletter@gmail.com">nfhnewsletter@gmail.com</a>
Orientation sessions	<a href="mailto:nfhsorientation@gmail.com">nfhsorientation@gmail.com</a>
Publications	<a href="mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com">nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com</a>
Research	<a href="mailto:nfhresearcher@gmail.com">nfhresearcher@gmail.com</a>
Sandgate group	<a href="mailto:nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com">nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com</a>
Used book sales	<a href="mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com">nfhslibrarian@gmail.com</a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:nfhwebmaster@gmail.com">nfhwebmaster@gmail.com</a>

## Snippers Group

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

\* \* \* \* \*

## Attachments from other Societies

Wyong FHG—Information about the 2023 Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies—*The Running Waters of History*—8-10 September 2023—lists the speakers

\* \* \* \* \*

## 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 (President)

\* \* \* \* \*

## Change of password for member area of website

As of **Wednesday 3 May**, the password for the Member area of our website will be **68Elder**.

**Note:** 68Elder is all one word.

## 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.

\* \* \* \* \*

## Family History ACT (FHACT) 2023 E.M. Fletcher Short Story Writing Competition

Our very talented NFHS member, Beverley Richardson, won the coveted prize last year.

<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>

<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetition>

Use these links above. As the image to the right is only an image, those links don't work.

## 2023 E.M. Fletcher Writing Award Family History ACT (FHACT)

The E.M. Fletcher writing competition is open now until 15 July 2023. All information about how to enter is available [here](https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation).

This exciting short story writing competition is back for 2023, with cash prizes - 1st prize of \$1,000 sponsored by Family History ACT, 2nd prize \$500 sponsored by the University of Tasmania and a special Family History ACT member only prize of a \$100 society voucher. The competition will be judged to select the best short story of 1,500 – 2,000 words on a family history / genealogy theme.

We also welcome **three new judges** to the 2023 competition – Heather Garnsey, Bernadette Thakur and Jenny Higgins.

**Heather** is best known for her 35 years working with the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG). She retired from this very full-time position in February 2020 hoping to finally spend more time on her own family history. Heather is an Honorary Fellow of FHACT.

**Bernadette** was awarded the T.T. Reed Family History Book Award in 2021 for her book *Irish Settlers in South Australia: the Hayes and O'Toole Families*. This Award is made annually by the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society to the person producing the best family history in a given calendar year.

**Jenny** is a long term FHACT member and has been researching family history for over forty years, working as a private researcher and a family history librarian at the National Library of Australia. She is currently employed as a family history researcher at the Australian Dictionary of Biography at the Australian National University.

*Every family has a story - write yours now!*


<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>



UNIVERSITY of  
**TASMANIA**

# June

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<b>Red—SIG Groups</b> <b>Blue—Volunteer Groups</b> <b>Green—Courses</b> <b>Purple—Meetings</b> <b>Black—Library Open</b> <b>Brown—Events</b>				<b>10am—Cemetery Research</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>10am—Convicts in Australia</b> 12.30-1.55pm—Library open <b>2.00pm—General Meeting</b>	<b>10am-2pm—Snippers</b>	<b>10am—Ancestry Users</b> 1-3pm—Library open	<b>9.30-12.00—Feedback/Planning Journals 242/243</b> <b>12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing</b>	Library closed due to King's birthday long weekend <b>Submissions due for July newsletter</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
King's birthday long weekend	King's Birthday 	<b>1pm—Scottish Fam Research</b>		<b>10am—Management Committee</b> 1-3pm—Library open	<b>10am-12.00 Publications meeting</b>	10am-3pm—Library open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests <b>1.00pm—Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley</b>	<b>10am—English Ancestors</b> <b>1pm—DNA</b>	<b>10am-2pm—Snippers</b>	<b>10am—Scrapbooking</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	<b>9.30-11.30am—Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>10am—Irish Ancestors</b>		1-3pm—Library open		

# July

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
<b>Red—SIG Groups</b> <b>Blue—Volunteer Groups</b> <b>Green—Courses</b> <b>Purple—Meetings</b> <b>Black—Library Open</b> <b>Brown—Events</b>						10am-3pm—Library open <b>9-10am—Irish talk (see page 4)</b> <b>10am-3pm—Irish Open Day</b> <b>Articles due for Journal 243</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>10am—Convicts in Australia</b> 12.30-1.55pm—Library open <b>2.00pm—General Meeting—Xmas in July and Trivia</b>	<b>10am-2pm—Snippers</b>	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<b>9.30-11.30am—Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>1pm—Scottish Fam Research</b>		<b>10am—Ancestry Users</b> 1-3pm—Library open	<b>10.00-4.00pm—Publications printing</b>	10am-3pm—Library open <b>Submissions due for August newsletter</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>10am—English Ancestors</b> <b>1pm—DNA</b>	<b>10am-2pm—Snippers</b>	<b>10am—Management Committee</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>9.30-11.30am—Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	<b>10am—Irish Ancestors</b>		<b>10am—Scrapbooking</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
30	31					
<b>10am-4pm—Scrapbooking SIG</b>	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					



# August

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events		10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2.00pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery Research 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 243
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 243 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open 10am-3pm - Scottish Open Day Submissions due for September newsletter
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	10am-12.00 Publications meeting 12.00-12.30—Cover printing—Journal 243	9-11am—Course—details to be advised 10am-3pm—Library open
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 243	10am-3pm—Library open
27	28	29	30	31		
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests			1-3pm—Library open		

# September

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events						10am-3pm—Library open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	1-3pm—Library open	NSW/ACT Annual Conference	NSW/ACT Annual Conference Library closed due to conference
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NSW/ACT Annual Conference	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Feedback/Planning Journals 243/244 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for October newsletter
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open