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Newsletter

Number 227

WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 5

Our September Journal has a fascinating theme:
My ancestor was ...

Deadline for articles: **5 August 2023**

August 2023

Note
2pm

August Meeting

Tuesday 1 August—2.00pm

General Meeting

Guest speaker—Dr Jan McLeod

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom



Historian and author Dr Jan McLeod shares the story of her great-uncle, Private Lawrence Nicholas Kennedy, who served as a medical orderly in the Middle East and on the Kokoda Track during World War II. Drawing on Private Kennedy's wartime diary and photographs, Jan's presentation highlights the important links between personal, local, national, and global history.

Jan lives in Lake Macquarie and holds a PhD in History from the University of Newcastle. Her first book, *Shadows On The Track: Australia's*

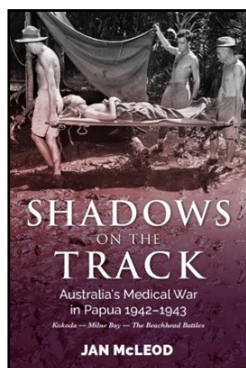
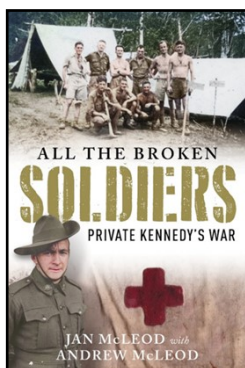
Medical War in Papua 1942-1943 was published in 2019 as part of the Australian Army History Collection.

Jan's most recent book, *All The Broken Soldiers: Private Kennedy's War* was released in November 2022.

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 7. Please note the link to join the Zoom meeting changes each month.

Mel Woodford (President)



Overview of July meeting

What a fabulous afternoon was enjoyed for our Christmas in July with trivia run by talented John and Judy Mulhearn. We had a great turn up with 27 in the rooms which gave us seven teams of three or four.

I must admit there were many people participating who were far more clever than me. I did manage to get one tricky question correct though lol.

John had put together a great selection of questions which covered a varied range of topics. We had to wrack our brains to answer questions in the categories of Entertainment, Australiana, Sport, General Knowledge, Christmas and The Eyes Have It. If you are not sure what that category was about, it was photos of just the eye section of faces and we had to work out whose eyes they were.

We had a raffle with some lovely prizes as well as lucky door prizes. The winners of the raffle were Marilyn Bridges and Sharyn Boyce.

The afternoon concluded with a magnificent spread of Christmas fare which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A huge thanks to John and Judy for the time and effort they put into making the afternoon a lot of fun.

Lea Harris



Photos by Mel Woodford and Lea Harris

Events and Outings

Future dates

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

5 August—3 October—Stand Out Women exhibition (see page 9)

12 August—Scottish SIG Open Day (for National Family History Month—see page 3)

12 August—Book launch for John Ramsland's latest book (see page 9)

5 September—Monthly meeting

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

3 October—Monthly meeting—Assoc Prof Jo May speaking on Newcastle Girls' and Newcastle Boys' High Schools

4 November—Articles due for Journal 244

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.



Scottish Open Day



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

The Scottish Special Interest Group will be
presenting all things Scottish

Saturday 12 August 2023

10.00am – 3.00pm

Newcastle Family History Society

68 Elder Street, Lambton

11.30am - enjoy entertainment provided
by a Scottish piper

Followed by readings of Scottish poet
Robert Burns' poetry

Traditional Scottish morning tea available
from 11.00am

Scottish Open Day Raffle

Newcastle Family History Society

Major prize is a beautiful framed photo of Eilean Donan Castle with a history on the back. Approx 62cm x 35cm.

Photo was taken by our member Ken Shilling.

Other prizes include a teddy bear and Scottish Dundee cakes.



Drawn Saturday 12
August 2023 at 2.30pm
at the Open Day

Tickets on sale NOW
\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Available at the Society
rooms
or via Direct Debit

Direct debit details

Account Name: Newcastle Family
History Society
BSB: 650 000

Account Number: 501 652 808

Please ensure you put your name and
"Scottish Raffle" in the description



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 st Tuesday	Laraine Cross	nfhsresearch78@gmail.com
Scottish Family Research	2 nd Tuesday – 1.00pm	Mel Woodford	nfhsresident@gmail.com
English Ancestors	3 rd Tuesday	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au
DNA	3 rd Tuesday – 1.00pm	Sandra Jones	sjones11@bigpond.net.au
Irish Ancestors	4 th Tuesday—will be meeting at West Leagues Club at New Lambton	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Cemetery Research	1 st Thursday every 2 nd month—June, August, October, December, February, April	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Ancestry Users	2 nd Thursday	Mel Woodford	nfhsresident@gmail.com
Scrapbooking	4 th Thursday	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com

Please email the facilitator to join a group.

Journal and Newsletter

September Journal

Thank you to the wonderful members who have sent in articles for the next Journal (No 243) “My Ancestor was ...”

There is still room for one or two more articles so you have time to put some of your family history together to share your story with others. Submissions close **Saturday 5 August**. Please send to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@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:nfhseeditor@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.

Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
August	15 July	
September	12 August	5 August
October	16 September	
November	14 October	
December	11 November	5 November
January	No newsletter	
February	13 January	
March	10 February	3 February

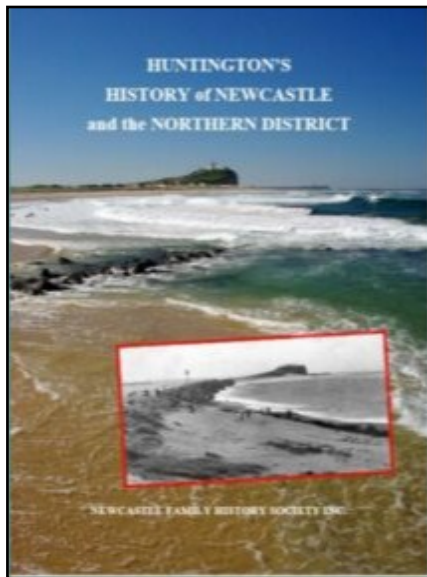
Feedback

We would love to know what you think of the Journal, especially the June issue. Please send your feedback to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com).

Jane Ison (eTeam)

General

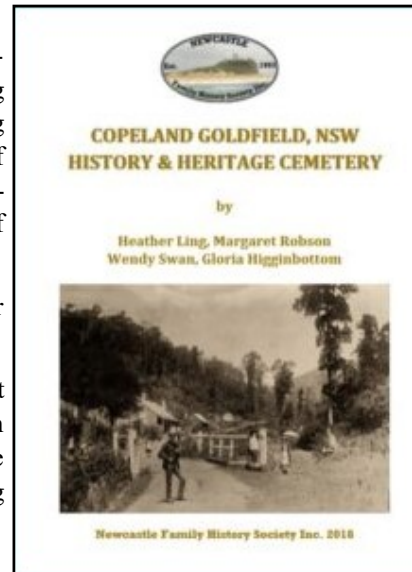
Sales of our Publications helps pay our expenses. We make more than we spend but to do that we need to keep producing information.



Publications earn NFHS money long after they were first published. The Society appreciates the members who are working with and creating new publications for sale. Any little thing that you can do to help us create new publications will be of benefit to the Society financially as well as showing the community how we contribute to remembering the history of NSW.

An attachment to the newsletter email explains the process for preparing a publication for the NFHS.

The next Publications Meeting is on 18 August at 10.30am at the Society **and via Zoom**. Anyone interested in working in any capacity with a Publication for NFHS is welcome to use the attached link to join in the meeting. If you have anything to suggest, email Jane on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com.



Zoom link:

Topic: **August Publications Group Meeting**

Time: **Aug 18, 2023 10:30 AM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87181315221?pwd=MEFWZ29EdWdEeEJRc3puTmpVdnZWUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 8131 5221

Passcode: 838134

Note this month's meeting is at 10.30am

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)

Last Call—*They Served Their Country*

If you have a story of a serviceman or woman who served their country either in times of war or on the home front and would like their story told in a forthcoming publication, there is no time to waste. The closing date for submissions of stories is **31 September this year**. Stories should be no more than 3,000 words in length and we welcome any images.

We are especially seeking stories of participation in Peace-keeping activities for *They Served Their Country* and also an item on war correspondents or artists. You may not have any of these people in your family, but if you enjoy the process of writing, a little research will no doubt provide the basis for a story.

If you have any questions, please contact us at kenandmaree@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Maree & Ken Shilling (Members 461)



Zoom link for General meeting

Topic: August Monthly Meeting
Time: Aug 1, 2023 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83544350040?pwd=THR4K0dENk13UWJ2MFV4OTBua003Zz09>

Meeting ID: 835 4435 0040
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Library News

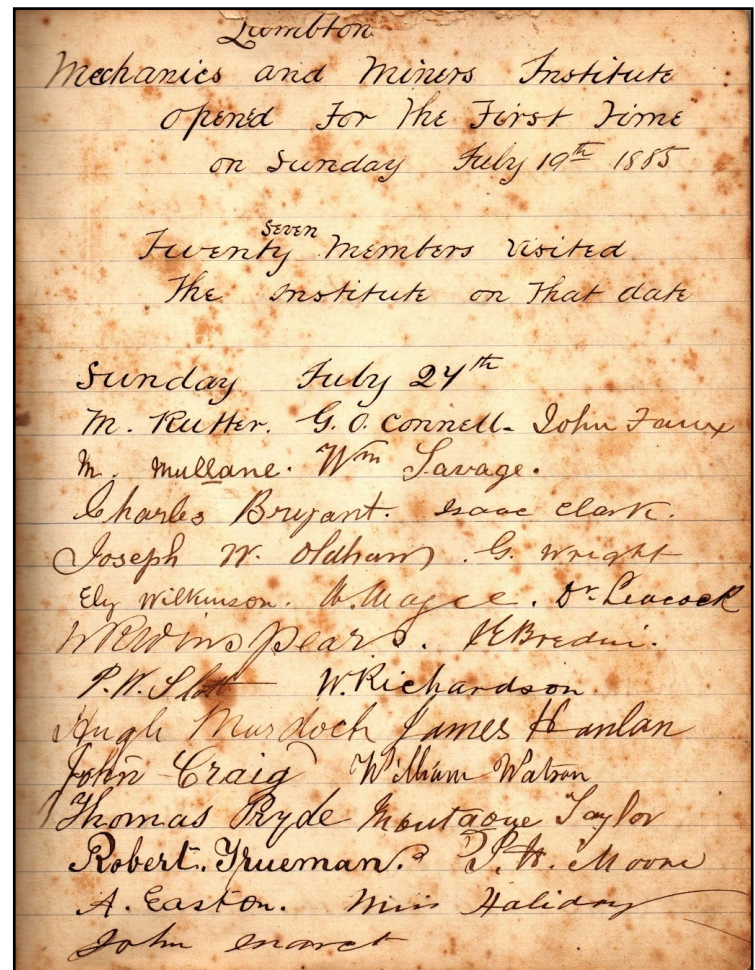
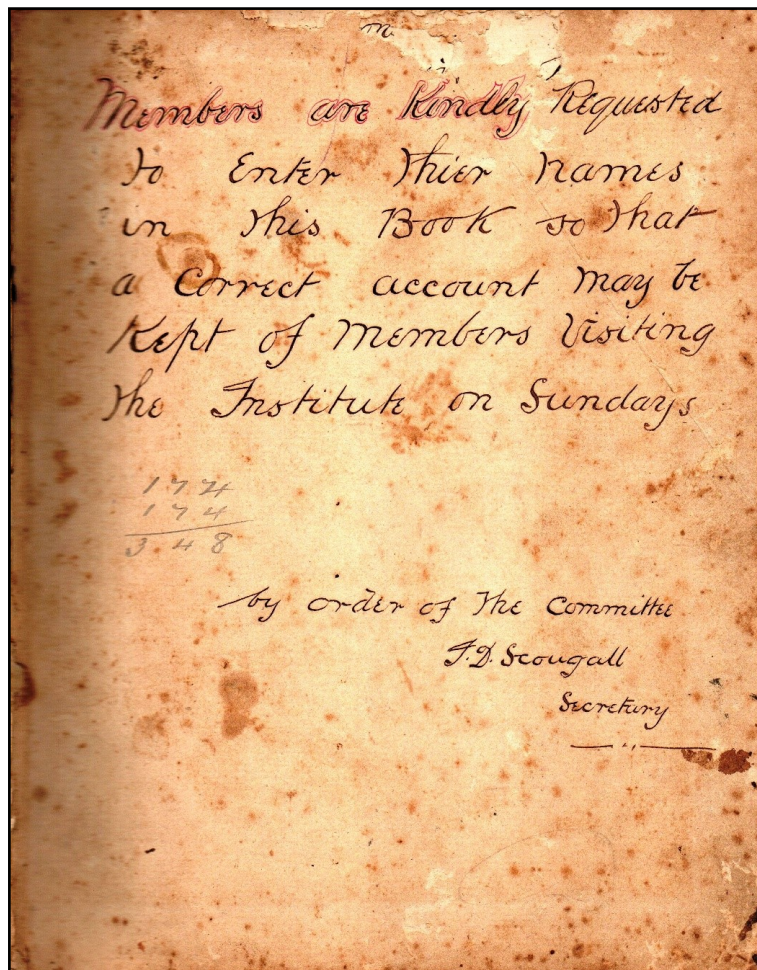
Library Group meets: 2nd and 4th
Mondays from 9.30am-11.30am
Not meeting in August

The Society receives many donations for the library. One recent donation from a community member virtually left us speechless - it was the attendance book from the Lambton Mechanics and Miners Institute dating from July 19, 1885. The Institute's new building on Howe Street housed the library and in 1885 it was decided to open it every Sunday for members to use. The book contains the signatures of the members attending on each Sunday. None of us knew such a book existed until it was given to us. The donor didn't know who was responsible for keeping the book for so many years.

Shown here are the first two pages of the book. The number of people attending proves how popular the library was with members. In 1903 the building was moved to the back of our 'new' (built in 1894) building on Elder Street and is part of our library.

We will put the book on display in the rare book cabinet in the front office.

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)



Recent acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Smith, Neil C.	<i>The war to end war: tracing your Great War Australian military ancestors [2015]</i>	A2/10/38	
Gadbsy, Kate	<i>Convicts, capitalists and corrupton: Nubrygyn and the Colony's settlement west of the Great Divide [2021]</i>	A7/10/06	Bill Munns
Simmons, Kate & Reynolds, Garry	<i>Out there: a history of education in the west [1987]</i>	AN7/48/11	Jackie Wilson
Arneson, Ted	<i>New Lambton resources</i>	AH8.305/01/02	
Jaunay, Graham	<i>Cracking the code of old handwriting [2011]</i>	A2/25/02	
Armidale Family History Group Inc.	<i>Armidale Cemetery Register: a record of our ancestors who lay at rest in the Armidale NSW Cemetery 1862-2022</i>	AN5/15/240	

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
Saturday Library Roster		
Morning 9.45am-12.30pm		
Afternoon 12.30pm-3.00pm		
5 August am	Lea H	
5 August pm	Lea H	
12 August am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T/ Sandra J
12 August pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
19 August am		
19 August pm		
26 August am	Marie H	Noelene L
26 August pm	Marie H	Jude C
Thursday Library Roster		
1.00-3.00pm		
3 August	Alison M	Clelia P
10 August	Jane I	Rosalie B
17 August	Marilyn M	Jane I
24 August	Karen S	
31 August	Marilyn M	Jane I

Urgent request for Library 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

Mel Woodford (President)

Library Orientation 2023

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).



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.

#1292A&B Bert and Steph Groen, Speers Point, NSW

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

Miscellaneous

Stand Out Women

Storytelling. History. Art.

Stand Out Women celebrates women—pioneers, innovators, influencers—who made their mark in the history of Newcastle and the Hunter.

Lighthouse Arts presents *STAND OUT WOMEN* at Nobbys-Whibayganba headland

5 August - 1 October 2023 (Weekends only 10am-4pm)

Three local historians, Christine Bramble, Jude Conway and Barbara Heaton, work with members of the Newcastle Printmakers Workshop in an exhibition that celebrates the lives of stand out women of local history.

STAND OUT WOMEN

Molly Morgan
Matron Ida Greaves
Matron Ellen Savage
Joy Cummings
Margaret Henry

Margaret "of Awabakal"
Rev. Joan Hore
"Twink" Story
Tessa Maunder
Dolly Bates

Harriet and Helena Scott
Alice Ferguson
Dr Anne Von Bertouch
Vera Deacon
Su Cruikshank

Lighthouse Arts is an initiative of the Hunter Writers' Centre, supported by Create NSW.

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Book launch

John Ramsland - *Après la guerre. Anzac Stories 1919-1939.*

Members John and Marie Ramsland most cordially invite all members to the launch of John's latest book: *Après la guerre. Anzac Stories 1919-1939.*

It was started during the Corona Virus epidemic with its restrictions and completed early this year. It draws extensively from recently published literature of the Great War, unpublished theses, many magazine and journal articles and the untapped sources of the author's considerable private collections and archives.

It is John's 30th book and he hopes for more to come.

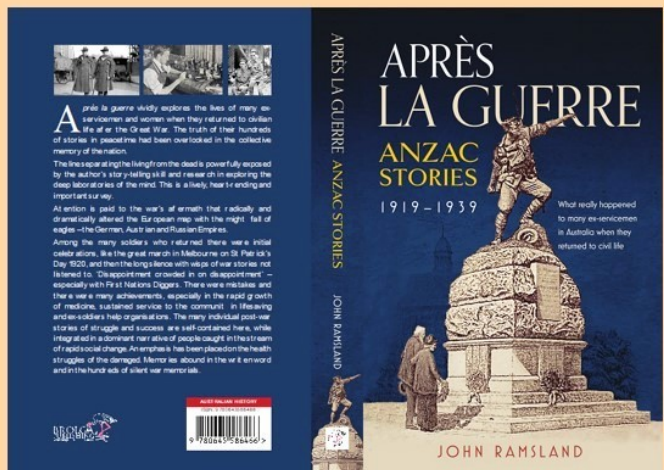
When: Saturday 12 August, 2.00-4.00pm

Where: The United Service Club
57 Watt Street, Newcastle
(between King and Church Streets)

RSVP: marie.ramsland@newcastle.edu.au
Telephone – 0428 334 704

The Club Bar will be open
Nibbles will be provided

Books available at \$30 a copy



Miscellaneous continued

Vietnam War commemorative medallion and certificate

To acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, the Department of Veterans' Affairs will produce a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration.

If you served or know someone who did, please pass this information on so those who served in Vietnam can apply. If the member who served has since passed away, a family member can apply.

Please note that only one medallion is available per Vietnam War veteran. While Australia can never repay the debt we owe to the 60,000 who served in Vietnam, this medallion and certificate are a small but meaningful way to honour their service and to recognise the sacrifice of those who never returned home.

Follow this link to read the guidelines and apply—[Vietnam War commemorative medallion and certificate | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

Information provided by Bill Hobbs



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Snippers Group

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

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Attachments from other Societies

Wyong FHG—Updated flyer re NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies 38th Annual Conference—*The Running Waters of History*

Wyong FHG—*What's Happening*—Winter/Spring

Wyong FHG—*Family History Month*—23 August 2023

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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 (President)

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Password for member area of website

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

August

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