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## Newsletter

Number 228

### WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 4

Our December Journal has the theme of:  
**Memories ...**

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 4 November 2023**

September 2023

### September Meeting

**Tuesday 5 September—7.30pm**

### General Meeting

### Guest speaker—Member Louise Evans

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

Our member Louise Evans will present an interesting talk *From Hippocrates to Modern Day*, a medical terminology presentation.

Louise will cover medical terms used in old records, eg death and war records; basic prefixes, suffixes and root words; common medical abbreviations; and scientific/medical facts of relevance to the family historian.

This will be a presentation where you will definitely learn.

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

Mel Woodford (President)

### Zoom link for September meeting

Topic: September Monthly Meeting

Time: Sep 5, 2023 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

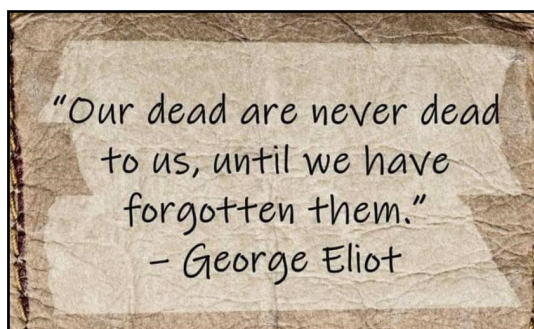
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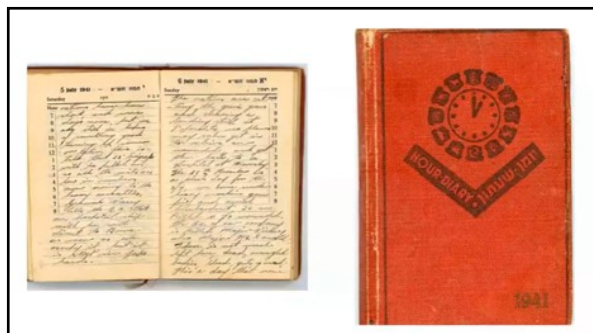
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### Overview of August meeting

Our August monthly meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by 17 members and visitors in the rooms and four on Zoom. Our guest speaker, historian and author Dr Jan McLeod, gave an interesting overview of her great-uncle Private Lawrence Nicholas Kennedy's story. Private Kennedy was a medical orderly who served in the Middle East and on the Kokoda Track during World War II. Jan used Private Kennedy's wartime diary and photographs to highlight the important links between personal, local, national, and global history.

Jan's interest in her Uncle Nick's story is focussed on the medical service and the provision of medical care to the soldiers. To give a little background, prior to the war Nick owned a home at 6 Cleary Street, Hamilton which he did return to many years later. Both Nick and his brother, Bill, worked at Peat and Milson Islands Hospital, Nick as a trainee 'mental' nurse, and Bill as a laundryman. Jan's interest was piqued when she was given an ice-cream container by her father labelled "Medals Nick". Inside was a plethora of items including Nick's armband still with the blood stains, Nick's diary, postcards and his medals.

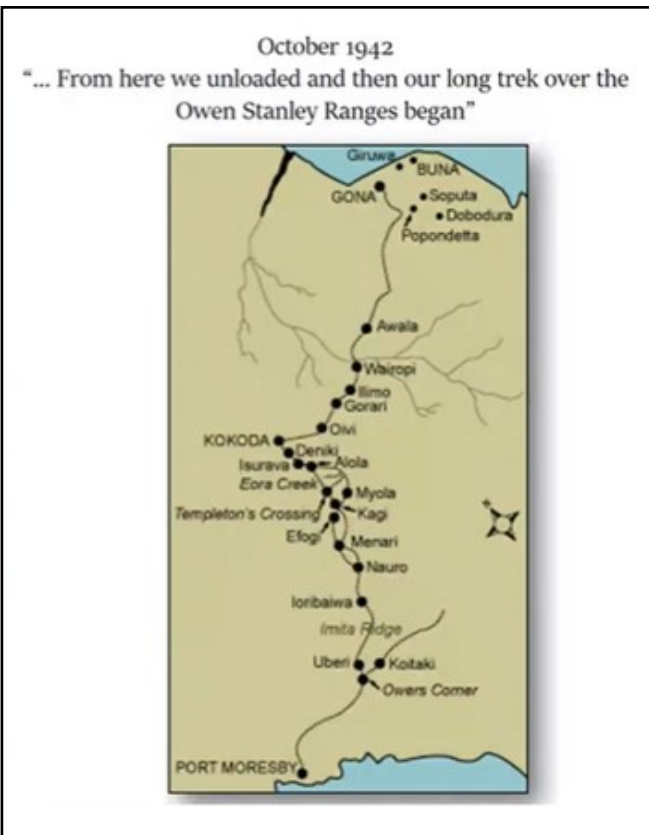


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When Nick joined the AIF with his brother Bill on 27 May 1940, he was a member of the 2/4 Australian Field Ambulance 7 Division AIF. In this unit there were 28 personnel who had links to Newcastle and the Hunter, hailing from suburbs including Abermain, Carrington, Cessnock, Dungog, Morisset, Minmi, Newcastle, Redhead, Toronto and Wallsend. Their occupations were varied covering Clerk, Truck Driver, Waiter, Steel Worker, Storekeeper, 'Mental' Nurse, Railway Worker, Shop Assistant and at the time of enlistment ages ranged from 22 to 40. In the unit, there weren't a lot of nurses as the role of the Field Ambulance was broader than just nursing in that you had transport, guys that went along and constructed field stations, stretcher bearers. There were also 'Mental' Nurses because in those days there were no male nurses unless they were in the 'mental' field as it was considered strength was required here. Interestingly, a lot of the Army personnel didn't see the Field Ambulance as soldiers because they were not fighting on the front. On the other side, the female nurses resented having the males in their hospitals and having to train them. Historically the Medical Corps was sometimes referred to as Linseed Lancers.

Nick and Bill's training was in Ingleburn and Bathurst. The Field Ambulance members still had to do all the rigorous training the same as the infantry, including the marches, however they also had to complete medical training which in the early stages was very much like first aid training. They sailed out of Fremantle on 27 October 1940 aboard the RMS Aquitania heading to the Middle East via Bombay, India where they arrived on 4 November. Whilst onboard the Aquitania, they were responsible for the medical care treating over 600 for things such as infections, fractures, cuts, dental and boils. After Bombay they travelled on to the Middle East reaching Port Suez in November.

Nick's first experience of war was when he went into Egypt at the end of 1940 as a first-aid man on a convoy of motor trucks. He was in the Middle East until early 1942. As well as more training, most of the work was done serving in Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon but mostly Syria. Here there was infrastructure – towns, railways, roads, air fields, transport system for supply and evacuation. Nick's own health took a bit of a dive here with him spending weeks in hospital. Nick's diary gives vivid descriptions of their experiences.



On 16 February 1942, while they were at sea, they learnt of the fall of Singapore and they knew they were going home. They returned to Australia moving around from South Australia to New South Wales to Queensland in different training camps. Later in 1942 they were sent to Port Moresby aboard the Jason Lee arriving on 17 September. By the time Nick arrived, the Australians had unsuccessfully attempted to push the Japanese back along the Kokoda Track. Nick went up as part of a team to reinforce the militia men that were up there and was part of the offensive heading back up the Kokoda Track.

Some of the health and medical challenges they had to face whilst fighting in Papua were lack of leadership; lack of preparation and planning (it was not thought that the Japanese would attack from the north and get over the ranges); the terrain, environment and lack of infrastructure (far different to the Middle East); communication; supply/transport issues (there were planes but not many, and also not many pilots); how to treat people in this environment in the jungle; and one of the key issues was evacuation (no casualty clearing stations, an under-equipped and under-staffed base hospital, there were only dressing stations along the Track). Malaria was one of the main issues. Approximately 90% of Australians contracted malaria during the Papuan Campaign, affecting the soldiers but also the men of the medical unit. The whole situation was completely different to the way things were done in a location where there was infrastructure. They had to make ad hoc decisions on treatment. Many times, they spent 18 hours straight attending to casualties. Morphine which was air dropped was greatly used. Although many men didn't make it, it is amazing how many survived.

The last section focusses on The Beachheads from November 1942 to January 1943 in the area of Gona, Buna and Sanananda. The furthest north the 2/4 Field Ambulance reached was Soputa getting ready for the offence that was planned by MacArthur and there was great fear something terrible was going to happen, and it did. Far more of the fighting, the malaria and the deaths happened here than anywhere else on the track. On 27 November the Japanese bombed strafed the 2/4 Field Ambulance Main Dressing Station and the nearby 7 Division AIF Headquarters. This was regarded by the Australians as a war crime. Nick drew a map of this area and indicated where his mates were buried. Nick wrote in his diary "We come under heavy machine gun fire and aerial bombardment. 36 are killed and 70 wounded. The OC of our company is killed, Major Vickery. Also Major McDonald. There is not much left here – dead mangled bodies, blood, guts, and mud. This is a day that none of the 2/4th will forget, and some great boys have paid the supreme sacrifice. Bill buries most of our dead. It is midnight before the last of the dead is covered in." These were tragic circumstances.

After the war, Nick came back to Australia and completed his medical training, then working for 30 years on Peat and Milson Islands. He never married.

Jan has written two books, the first being *Shadows on the Track: Australia's Medical War in Papua 1942-1943* which was published in 2019 as part of the Australian Army History Collection. Her second book, *All the Broken Soldiers: Private Kennedy's War* was released in November 2022 and tells the story of Nick in a lot more detail. To listen to Jan's presentation, visit the Society's YouTube channel [here](#).

Thank you so much Jan for your extremely interesting presentation. The photos here are from Jan's presentation.

Lea Harris (with assistance from Jan McLeod)

# Events and Outings

## Future dates

**5 September**—Monthly meeting—Louise Evans—*From Hippocrates to Modern Day*

**8-10 September**—NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference *The Running Waters of History* (see below). Also see page 8 re the Conference raffle

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

**14 October**—To be confirmed—Orientation Print Session

**28 October**—To be confirmed—Orientation Digital Session

**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.



**The conference is getting very close now and is sure to be a wonderful event.**

**Don't forget to book your seat in the rooms to enjoy with other members.**

# 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 below. Please email the facilitator to join a group.

Group	Meeting date	Facilitator	Contact email
Convicts in Australia	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	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, April	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>

# Journal and Newsletter

## September Journal

Your September Journal (No 243) is ready for you to collect from the rooms. It has some wonderful articles and well worth the read.

## 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 **Saturday 4 November 2023** to [nfhseeditor@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.

## March Journal

Our March Journal (No 245) has the theme of *Writer's Choice*. We always receive many interesting articles when we suggest this theme for contributions. We invite you to send in some interesting information or discoveries about your family history with any focus you like. We look forward to a wide variety of contributions. Send your submissions by **Saturday 3 February 2024** to [nfhseeditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com).

## Journal and Newsletter

### Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
October	16 September	
November	14 October	
December	11 November	4 November
January	No newsletter	
February	13 January	
March	10 February	3 February
April	9 March	
May	13 April	
June	11 May	6 May

## 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 (cTeam)

## 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.**

At the August Publications meeting the group agreed that the August meeting would be the last meeting for 2023 and from 2024 Publications would meet face-to-face twice a year. **The next meeting of the Publications group will be at 10.30 am on 15 March 2024.** Anyone interested in working in any capacity with a Publication for NFHS is welcome to join the meeting. If you have anything to suggest, email Jane on [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com).

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)

## Library News

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

### 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>		
2 Sept am	Lea H	Karen S
2 Sept pm	Lea H	Karen S
9 Sept am	Library	closed
9 Sept pm	due to State	Conference
16 Sept am	Marie H	Noelene L
16 Sept pm	Marie H	
23 Sept am		
23 Sept pm	Jude C	
30 Sept am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
30 Sept pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00-3.00pm</b>		
7 Sept	Alison M	
14 Sept	Jane I	Rosalie B/Bert G
21 Sept	Marilyn M	Jane I
28 Sept	Karen S	Rosalie B

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

Mel Woodford (President)

Sign found at the Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada whilst Margaret Ashford and Jim MacDougall were visiting

### Library Orientation 2023

**We have two potential dates for Library orientation in October—14th for print and 28th for digital. These will be confirmed at a later date.**

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)

### CURSE AGAINST BOOK STEALERS

For him that stealeth a Book from this Library,  
let it change into a serpent in his hand and  
and Rend him. Let him be struck with  
Palsy, and all his Members blasted.  
Let him languish in Pain crying  
aloud for mercy and let there  
be no surcease to his  
Agony till he sink  
in Dissolution.  
Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the  
Worm that dieth not, and when at last he  
goeth to his final Punishment,  
let the flames of Hell  
consume  
him for ever and aye.

~ Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona

# All things Scottish

## Open Day

The Scottish Special Interest Group were extremely pleased with the result of our Scottish Open Day held at the Society rooms on Saturday 12 August. We couldn't have asked for better weather which helped bring over 100 people to visit the rooms to enjoy the displays and activities provided. We all enjoyed chatting and making new Scottish connections.

The highlights of the day commenced at 11.30am when Ian Innes piped a number of Scottish and Australian tunes outside the Society rooms. He played so beautifully and hypnotised the listeners. Quite a few passers-by stopped to listen and enjoy with some coming into the rooms. Immediately following Ian's performance, we were highly entertained by Mick Farrell (husband of our member Sheila) when he presented a fascinating overview of the life of Scottish poet Robert Burns and cleverly intertwined excerpts of Burns' poetry throughout the story. Mick was extremely animated in his delivery and held our attention throughout. Then there was the haggis – piped in by Ian and presented by Sheila, beautifully dressed in her kilt. Mick gave the Address to the Haggis whilst cutting it. Everyone was invited to taste the haggis and enjoy a dram of whiskey. Mick and Sheila certainly did a great job of cooking it and it was admitted all round that it was surprisingly tasty.



Numerous displays attracted attention – books; family histories; tablecloth, scarves and tea towels; a Scottish flag; information on births, deaths and marriages; Scottish naming patterns; Scottish sayings, words and slang; Scottish traditions and superstitions; maps; rolling presentations of Scottish photos and a blog of the travels of Janet and Stephen; plus more. Boards were available for visitors to place stars against the region where their ancestors lived as well as write the names of their forebears.

For a small \$5.00 donation, visitors were able to enjoy a delightful morning tea with numerous selections such as Scottish oatcakes, shortbread and traditional Dundee cake. With the assistance of Mae, Scottish terrier, Su Carter did a fabulous job manning the stand and was kept very busy making well over 60 cuppas.



Our open day raffle was hugely successful with a number of happy winners:

- 1st prize – framed photograph of Eilean Donan Castle taken by Ken Shilling and framed by Newcastle Men's Shed – Beverley Richardson (Red D90)
- 2nd prize – Scottish teddy bear donated by Sheila Farrell – Lee (Blue F18)
- 3rd prize – Scottish Dundee cake made by Sheila Farrell - John (Blue F71)
- 4th prize – Scottish Dundee cake made by Sheila Farrell – Sharyn Boyce (Red E65)
- 5th prize - \$40 gift voucher at Two Christmas Crackers obtained by Kerren Robards – Clive and Marilyn Maddocks (Blue F29)
- 6th prize – Teddy bear PJ case donated by Sheila Farrell – Michelle (Red E79)

It was incredible to see approximately \$900 raised for the Society considering that the focus of the day was never financial. An added bonus was five new members joined the Society.

Thanks so much to all the members of the Scottish SIG for the massive effort put in to make this day a huge success.



Photos by Mel Woodford and Lea Harris. Many more photos are available to view on our Facebook page.

# All things Scottish continued

## Scottish newsletter



The Scottish SIG is about to launch a quarterly newsletter titled *Caledonian*. The newsletter will be distributed to interested members on the four Scottish quarter days: 28 February – Candlemas; 28 May – Whitsunday; 28 August – Lamas; 28 November – Martinmas.

This newsletter will be filled with all things Scottish and will be available by email; via the Newcastle Family History Society website; and on our Facebook page. The newsletter will be available to members and non-members of the Society.

If you would like to be included on the email list for this newsletter, please send an email to Lea on [nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com).

Scottish SIG group

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## 2024 Scottish calendar

Would you love to have a beautiful 2024 calendar with some magnificent photos of the glorious Scottish countryside and towns?

Now is your opportunity.

For just \$20.00, you can place an order for a calendar. They will be **available for pre-Christmas collection from NFHS rooms**, otherwise postage will need to be added.

When open, the wall calendar measures 43cm x 28cm and has lovely thick, glossy pages.

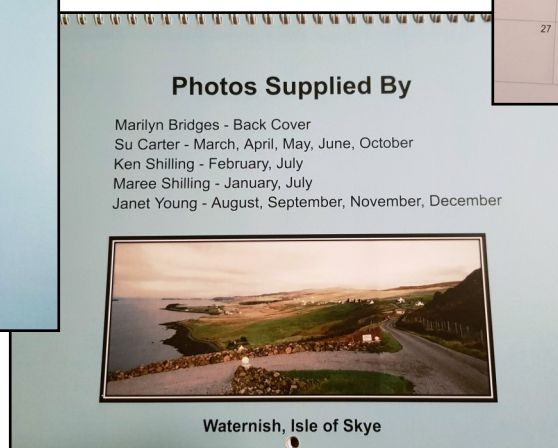
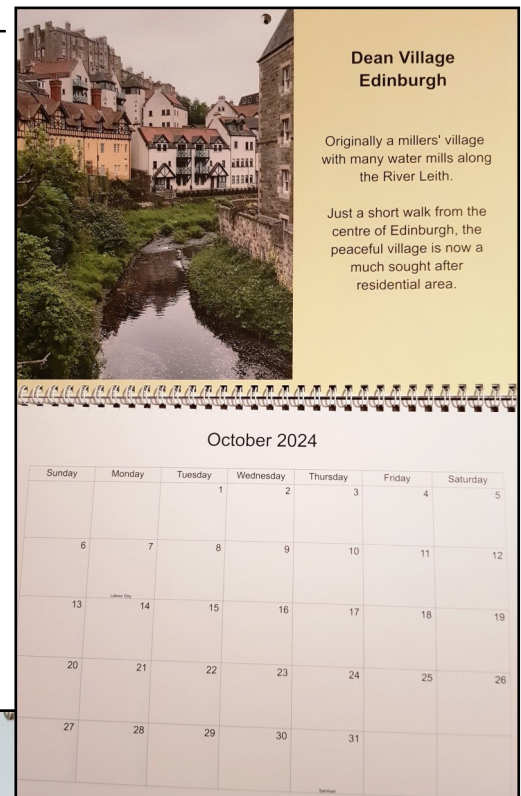
To place your order, you can do one of the following:

1. Order and pre-pay your \$20.00 at the Society rooms; or
2. Pay via direct debit to the Society, ensuring the description states your name and 2024 Scot calendar.

Direct debit details are:

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

Orders need to be placed by Saturday 11 November 2023.



# Miscellaneous

## Podcasts

Our IT Officer, Clive Maddocks, recently attended a Podcasting course through Newcastle Library with the view in mind of beginning to make some NFHS podcasts to keep people abreast of what we do and to advertise our publications.

*Exciting news—our first podcast will be produced this month on *People of Newcastle*.*

Watch this space to find out how you can listen to the podcast.



Mel Woodford (President)

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## U3A Family History Group

Our Secretary, Karen Smith, has been invited to speak about the NFHS to the U3A Family History Group on Wednesday 23 August. The group will then visit our rooms on Wednesday 30 August for a tour and light refreshments.

Another great opportunity to let more people know about our great Society.

Mel Woodford (President)

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## NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies' 2023 Conference

### Raffle



Tickets are now available to purchase online for the State Conference raffle. There are some fabulous prizes up for grabs including Ancestry, FindMyPast and My Heritage subscriptions; DNA kits; books; webinar tickets; software and more.

To view a full list of the prizes, click [here](#)

Tickets are available for purchase in various packages from 1 ticket for \$2.00 through to 20 tickets for \$20.00.

To purchase your online tickets, click [here](#)

# Miscellaneous continued

## Email Addresses

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Webmaster	<a href="mailto:nfhwebmaster@gmail.com">nfhwebmaster@gmail.com</a>

### Password for member area of website

The password for the Member area of our website is **68Elder**.

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



## 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.

#1293	Maureen Foster
#1294	Lee and Cindy Laycock
#1295	Jane Harris
#1296	Isabel Jarman
#1297	Susan Dredge
#1298	Christine Field
#1299	Harley Ross
#1300	John Easton
#1301	Cheryl Jobson

## Snippers Group

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

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## Clans on the Coast

A Celtic festival—**Clans on the Coast**—will be held at Lakeside Sports Complex, Raymond Terrace on **Saturday 23 September 2023**, 8.30am-4.00pm.

Parade at 9.30am; stalls; bands; dancers; and more.

For full details and purchase of tickets, click [here](#).

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## Attachments from other Societies

Wyong FHG—Friday Family History Fair—8 September 2023

NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc—August 2023 newsletter

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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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# September

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<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
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

# October

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<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>	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am—Cemetery Research 1-3pm—Library open		Library closed  LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND	LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND	1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	10.00am-4.00pm— Publications printing	9-11am—Possibly Library Orientation (Print) - TBC 10am-3pm— Library open Submissions due for November newsletter
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	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
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Possibly Library Orientation (Digital) - TBC 10am-3pm— Library open
29	30	31				
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

# November

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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 Articles due for Journal 244
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 244 12.00-4.00pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for November newsletter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish Fam Research	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	12.00-12.30—Cover printing—Journal 244	10am-3pm—Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 244	10am-3pm—Library open
26	27	28	29	30		
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors				

# December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events					11.30am—Christmas Lunch, Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead	10am-3pm—Library open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am—Cemetery Research	9.30-12.00—Feedback/ Planning—Journals 244 and 245	10am-3pm—Library open
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish Fam Research		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
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	Library closed for Xmas/ New Year break	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Library closed for Xmas/New Year break				
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Library closed for Xmas/New Year break						