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### Newsletter

Number 229

### **WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 3**

Our December Journal has the theme of:

Memories ...

Deadline for articles: Saturday 4 November 2023

October 2023

### **October Meeting**

Tuesday 3 October—7.30pm General Meeting

### Guest speaker—Assoc Prof Jo May

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

Our October meeting will be very interesting, especially for those who either attended or had relatives who attended NGHS and NBHS.

Assoc Prof Jo May will be giving a presentation with the fascinating title Of Secular Nuns and Men of the World: Gender and Memories of Teachers at Newcastle Girls High School (NGHS) and Newcastle Boys High School (NBHS) from the 1930s to the 1950s.

#### Abstract:

Newcastle citizens fought to have separate state girls' and boys' selective high schools established within the city. From their opening in 1930 until their closure (and transformation into comprehensive co-educational schools in the mid-1970s), the two single-sex state schools discussed here were at the apex of the secondary education ladder in Newcastle. It is still a matter of some pride to have attended either NGHS or NBHS. The fact that the schools were generally staffed by some of the most senior and talented teachers in the service helped to enhance the schools' high social standing.

Everyone has stories to tell about their secondary school teachers. Rarely though have such stories been taken seriously as sources for understanding the nature of teachers and teaching in the past. In this talk, I look at the historical construction of teachers in students' memories. The presentation is based on the memories of forty students who attended NGHS and NBHS from the 1930s to the 1950s. Despite common features regarding what teachers were expected to do within the classroom, the comparison of women's and men's oral histories about teachers reveals distinctly different memories about the characteristics of teachers. These constructions of female and male secondary teachers embedded within the living memories of their students reflect the gender regimes of a former time.

Dr Josephine May Dip. Ed. is Honorary Associate Professor, Pathways and Academic Learning, at the University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia. Jo is widely published in the history of Australian education with special interest in biography, gender, visual representations, and oral history. Among her books, Jo is author of Reel Schools: Schooling and the Nation in Australian Cinema, co-author of Portraying lives: Headmistresses and Women Professors 1880s-1940s, and First-in-Family Students, University Experience and Family Life Motivations, Transitions and Participation (second edition forthcoming). One of her recent projects focuses on women's history and the lives of the first NSW state secondary girls school principals. Jo is also interested in methodologies in the history of education. She is a longstanding member of the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society (ANZHES), having served as President and Secretary. Jo is member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the History of Education Review.

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)

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### **Zoom link for October meeting**

Topic: October Monthly Meeting

Time: Oct 3, 2023 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84370001451? pwd=aXdYRFAvczQwcFMvSmo3WkI5enVvZz09

Meeting ID: 843 7000 1451

Passcode: 858253



### September meeting

It was with regret that our September meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute due to our guest speaker being ill.

We hope to hold this session with our member Louise Evans at a later date.

Lea Harris

# **Events and Outings**

### **Future dates**

**3 October**—Monthly meeting—Assoc Prof Jo May speaking on Newcastle Girls' and Newcastle Boys' High Schools (see page 1)

**14 October**—Orientation Print Session (see page 4)

**21 October**—Orientation Print Session (see page 4)

**28 October**—Orientation Digital Session (see page 4)

2 November—Cemetery SIG—Stockton Breakwall (see page xx)

**4 November**—Articles due for Journal 244 (see page 3)

4 November—Orientation Print Session (see page 4)

**7 November**—Monthly meeting—Alek Schulha speaking on Greta Migrant Camp

18 November—Orientation Digital Session (see page 4)

**1 December**—Christmas lunch—11.30am—Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead (see below)

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.



### General

Publications has met for the final time for 2023 but we are still working on our projects. Our next meeting will be at 10.30am on Friday 15 March 2024. Anyone interested in working in any capacity with a Publication for NFHS is welcome to join the meeting. Working with a team can open up possibilities that an individual might not initially consider or may feel they can't undertake. Teamwork is also important for the Society as NFHS makes money from our Publications, so to fully maximise any earning capacity of a project that members may be investigating, please run ideas and progress by the group.

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)

## Journal and Newsletter

### September Journal

Reminder—if you haven't already done so, your September Journal (No 243) is ready for you to collect from the Society rooms.



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 nfhseditor@gmail.com.

### 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.

Jane Ison (eTeam)

### **Newsletter—Heads Up**

A heads up that I will be away next year for about three months. We will need someone to take over the newsletter preparation for this time. If you are able to help out with producing the newsletter for the months of June, July and August, please send me an email at nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com

Lea Harris (Newsletter Editor)

Our December Journal (No 244) has the theme of
Memories. What memories do you have of your an-
cestors? Put pen to paper and share them with us.
Send your article by Saturday 4 November 2023 to
nfhseditor@gmail.com.

	Newsletter	Journal
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
July	15 June	

**Journal and Newsletter** 

**Deadlines** 

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





### **New Special Interest Group**

### **Podcasts**

As you will read on page 8, our first Society Podcast has been produced.

Clive Maddocks, our IT Officer, is asking for Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in joining a Podcast SIG/sub-committee to plan for future podcasts.

If you're interested in being part of this group, Clive would love to hear from you. Send him an email on clivemaddocks@outlook.com



### **Cemetery SIG**

Meets first Thursday of each month at 10.00am

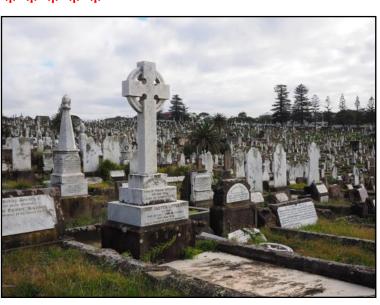
- 5 October meeting at the NFHS rooms, 68 Elder Street, Lambton
- 2 November meeting at Stockton Breakwall to record data on memorial plaques, rock face and concrete walkway

Bring your phone/camera, pens, pencils and sheets to record data

October meeting: please bring sheets/notes from Stockton Breakwall and we will discuss this work as well as update each other on other research endeavours

Please contact me at pat.healion1@gmail.com to let me know if you will be there. Thanks.

Pat Healion (Cemetery SIG Facilitator)



# Library News

### **Library Roster**

Date	Librarian 2					
Saturday 1	Saturday Library Roster					
Morning 9	.45am-12.30	)pm				
Afternoon	12.30pm-3.	00pm				
7 Oct am	Lea H	Karen S				
7 Oct pm	Lea H	Karen S				
14 Oct am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T				
14 Oct pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T				
21 Oct am		Noelene L				
21 Oct pm		Clelia P				
28 Oct am	Marie H	Mel W				
28 Oct pm	Marie H	Jude C				
Thursday	Library Ros	ster				
1.00-3.00p	m					
5 Oct	Alison M	Clelia P				
12 Oct Jane I Rosalie		Rosalie B/Bert				
19 Oct	Marilyn M					
26 Oct	Karen S					

#### Please note

The Library is closed on Saturday 30 September due to the October Labour Day long weekend

### **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 <a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>

Mel Woodford (President)



### **Library Orientation 2023**

One way the Society welcomes new members is providing Library Orientation sessions. These sessions are a great way to understand just what our wonderful library can offer you for research, as well as to meet other members of the Society.

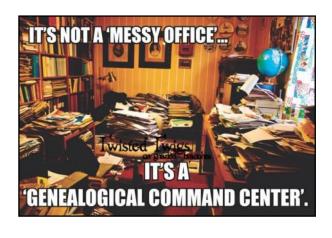
Jim (the Librarian) and Margaret (a member of Library Group) will lead you through how to find print resources, many of which are unique to the Society and still so valuable even in the digital age! President and Library Volunteer Mel will help you investigate the digital resources – both on our computers and some external resources that the library provides.

For the dates, of the next sessions, take a look at the Events and Outings on page 2 and the calendar on page 10. Personal invitations will be going out very soon.

Margaret Ashford (Group Leader)

If I say "First of all,"
run away, because
I have prepared
research, data, charts
and I will totally
prove you wrong.

Cool Funny Quotes.com



# All things Scottish

### Scottish newsletter



The Scottish SIG launched their first quarterly newsletter titled Caledonian on 28 August 2023. 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 is very interesting, including information on the Glenelg Brochs and facts on the man who gave the world Peter Pan, Sir James Matthew Barrie. Thanks to Ken and Maree Shilling for producing this first issue. Maree tells us she already has the next two issues prepared. This newsletter is only available by email or via the Newcastle Family History Society website by clicking on the SIGS tab on the main menu and selecting Scotland. We already have almost 50 subscribers. If you would like to be included on the email list for this newsletter, please send an email to Lea on <u>nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com</u>.

Scottish SIG group

### 2024 Scottish calendar—there's still time to order

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.

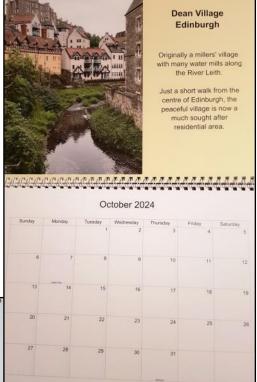


### **Photos Supplied By**

Su Carter - March, April, May, June, October Ken Shilling - February, July

Maree Shilling - January, July Janet Young - August, September, November, December





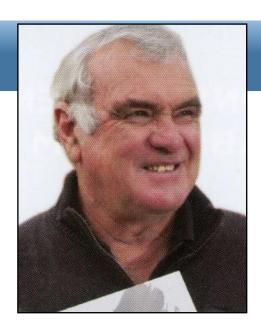


### New Members

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.

#1297	Susan Dredge	#1303	Tony Winton
#1298	Christine Field	#1304	Dinah Stehr
#1299	Harley Ross	#1305	Sandra Olive
#1300	John Easton	#1306	Tammy Russell
#1301	Cheryl Jobson	HON	Ed Tonks OAM
#1302	Judith Browning		

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)



# Honorary Membership

It is with great pleasure we advise that Ed Tonks OAM has been offered and accepted an honorary membership to the Newcastle Family History Society.

Ed is a very active member of the community having led many talks for service clubs, community groups and professional bodies as well as having produced numerous books and calendars.

He has been a huge support to the Society over many years and has led our Sandgate War Cemetery tours as well as our Whitebridge Cemetery tour.

We are delighted to welcome Ed as a member of our Society.

Mel Woodford (President)

### Miscellaneous

### Margaret Engel

It is with much sadness we advise of the passing of past member, Margaret Engel. Margaret was a member of our Society for 19 years, being the Librarian and on the Management Committee for a number of years.

We pass on our condolences to her husband, Brian, and family.

Brian would like us to acknowledge the poem:

You Can Shed Tears

from the book The Smoke Jumper

by Nicolson Evans

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Officer)



Photo supplied by Brian Engel



# Miscellaneous continued

### **Podcasts**

Newcastle Family History Society's first podcast was recorded on 7 September by Maree Shilling, Ken Shilling, Carol Duncan and Clive Maddocks, promoting the *People of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley: Their Stories—Our Heritage* publications.

Maree, Ken, Carol and Clive have certainly produced a very professional and engaging podcast which is extremely interesting and well worth listening to. Maree and Ken both commented that it is not something to be nervous about. Carol and Clive both made it a casual environment and Maree and Ken thoroughly enjoyed being part of this production.

The podcast is available on Podbean, Spotify, Apple, Google and most likely on other podcast apps - search Newcastle Family History Society. It can also be accessed on the NFHS website - click the link to 'Podcasts' from the main menu. You can also click on the link here.



Carol Duncan, Ken and Maree Shilling looking very relaxed—photo supplied by Clive



Mel Woodford (President)





Karen Smith (front left) with some of the visitors from the U3A group—photo supplied by Mel Woodford

### **U3A Family History Group**

As reported last newsletter, our Secretary, Karen Smith, was invited to speak about the NFHS to the U3A Family History Group on Wednesday 23 August. The group then followed up with a visit to our rooms on Wednesday 30 August for a tour and light refreshments.

We really enjoyed the visit from the U3A Family History Group. Our Membership Registrar was kept busy with four new members and others who took our membership application home to fill out. Thank you Karen for the wonderful afternoon tea.

Mel Woodford (President)



## Miscellaneous continued

### **Email Addresses**

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Librarian	nfhslibrarian@gmail.com
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Publications	nfhspublicationsof- ficer@gmail.com
Research	nfhsresearcher@gmail.com
Sandgate group	nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com
Used book sales	nfhslibrarian@gmail.com
Webmaster	nfhswebmaster@gmail.com

# Password for member area of website

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

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

### **Snippers Group**

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

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### **Attachments from other Societies**

Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO)— Newsflash newsletter—Issue September 2023 No 88—has a write up by our Society on Family History Month (Scottish Open Day). They are also requesting expressions of interest for their Webmaster role.

Wyong FHG—October monthly meeting—10 October at 1.00pm—guest speaker Lyn Parkes from Creightons Funeral Service.

Wyong FHG—Intermediate Course in Family History Research

Wyong FHG—What's Happening—Spring/Summer 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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### For Sale

#### Chairs

The Society has 30 chairs in good condition which we would like to sell for \$5 each.

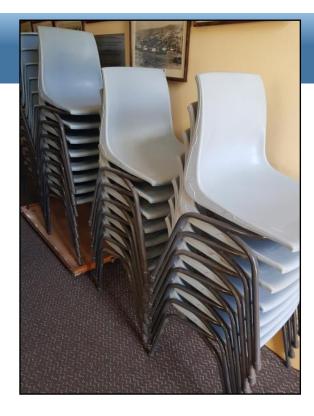
Pick up from Newcastle Family History Society rooms only at 68 Elder Street, Lambton.

To purchase these chairs, contact me on <a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>

Mel Woodford (President)

"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance."

—George Bernard Shaw



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