

### **Webmaster Report December 2023**

The members area of the website now has over 160 2023 exchange newsletters and journals available for reading and/or downloading. There are many interesting and relevant articles contained in these publications, especially if you are researching ancestors from a particular geographic region.

New podcasts have continued to be uploaded to the podcast area of the website which now contains the first 2 episodes of Jane's research of the Newcastle Industrial School & Reformatory, Mel's first 2 episodes of the series *Felonious Females* that provides background material about some of the female convicts sent to Newcastle, a podcast outlining the functions of the society's Scottish SIG group, and Carol Duncan's interview with Maree and Ken about *The People Of Newcastle* Volumes 1-3.

Links to the recordings of our guest speakers have been added to the YouTube section of the website – these are hosted on our YouTube channel. For 2023 we have:

- Jude Conway - *Her Brilliant Career: University of Newcastle Geology Professor Beryl Nashar (1923-2012)*,
- Julie Keating - *The Australian Agricultural Company*,
- Jan McLeod - *Private Lawrence Nicholas Kennedy*,
- Jo May - *Of Secular Nuns and Men of the World*,
- Alek Schulha - *The Greta Migrant Camp*.

Work has continued on the development of a new website *Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley*. It is hoped that it will be ready for publishing early in 2024. It contains a database of the female convicts taken from 'They Sent Me North', their counties of origin, the ships they arrived on, a gallery of photos from the 'Roses From the Heart' project, and much more.

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