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## Newsletter

Number 233

**WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 2**

The theme for our June Journal 246 is:  
**Medical Matters**

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 27 April 2024**

**March 2024**

### March General Meeting

**Tuesday 5 March—7.30 pm**

#### General Meeting

**Guest speaker—Louise Evans**

**From Hippocrates to Modern Day:**

**Medical Terms and Facts**

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

One of our members, Louise Evans, will be presenting the above topic at our March meeting. Louise is interested in all forms of history, and worked for 45 years in a variety of healthcare and related settings both in Australia and the United Kingdom. Louise is fortunate to be able to say that she thoroughly enjoyed her career. Along the way she met patients and colleagues who were inspirational, and vividly remembers many of them.

Louise also has a passion for meteorology and is often looking up at the clouds and checking her rain gauge! When she was 61 years of age, Louise realised that she should have concentrated more at high school and spent less time chatting with friends, before studying medicine. However, her chosen career in nursing allowed her to work in diverse areas, including health promotion, research, patient safety, quality management and strategic planning.

Louise's presentation will be of interest to fellow family historians, and anyone interested in the ancient art and science of medicine.

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

Mel Woodford (President)

### Zoom link for March meeting

Topic: **March Monthly Meeting**

Time: **Mar 5, 2024 07:30 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280336943?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280336943?pwd=dE5NeC91a1liYmxENkhyNENWd2JNUT09)

[pwd=dE5NeC91a1liYmxENkhyNENWd2JNUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280336943?pwd=dE5NeC91a1liYmxENkhyNENWd2JNUT09)

Meeting ID: 832 8033 6943

Passcode: 715206

### May Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 7 May—7.30 pm**

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

Further information and the Zoom link will be provided in the April newsletter.

Mel Woodford (President)

### Overview of February meeting

Once again, the Society's February meeting was extremely interesting as well as educational. Our guest speaker, member Dr Jude Conway, regaled us with the story of the life of Dr Ethel Byrne, the beloved physician, who was a key figure in Newcastle's medical history.

Ethel Byrne was born in 1895 in a small community named Cookardinia, the ninth child of ten to James Byrne and his wife Margaret, née Crennan. Ethel received her initial schooling in Currabubula (near Werris Creek) and later in Maitland. She loved music and reading, and her favourite school subjects were Latin and Botany.

Ethel and her siblings were always encouraged to go on to higher education. Her results in the Leaving Certificate in 1913 earned her a bursary and exhibition to the University of Sydney to study medicine.

On 1 October 1918 Ethel was awarded her Bachelor of Medicine and she joined the staff at Newcastle Hospital as a junior Resident Medical Officer (RMO).

After completing her two-year residency, Ethel chose to specialise



in pathology, initially at the hospital, before establishing her own private practice in Tyrrell House with a fully equipped laboratory. Within six years, she was being described as 'one of the best in the

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district' for pathological work.

Ethel never married however she was very social and especially spent time with her younger sister Lorna who was one of the first women to graduate in Agriculture at the Sydney University. They often went on holidays together.

At the beginning of the 20th century, TB - a serious bacterial disease that especially affects the lungs and is transmitted by sufferers' coughs, was a major cause of death in Australia. By 1915, a chest clinic maintained by the NSW Department of Public Health, was set up in Newcastle. Ethel became the Clinic Doctor in the mid-1920s and remained so for 35 years. In 1944 the NSW TB Department pronounced Dr Byrnes' chest clinic as one of the best in Australia.

In 1938 when the Infectious Diseases Hospital was ready in Waratah, TB sufferers were sent there. However, after the Japanese shelling of Newcastle in 1942, the hospital was ordered to keep a certain number of beds available for emergencies. After the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbour, the hospital board arranged for an emergency hospital to be built on land they had purchased at New Lambton Heights, which would then later become a chest hospital after the war. In June 1947 the modern hospital opened dedicated to the treatment of TB sufferers. The land was renamed Rankin Park after the hospital board Chairman.



Ethel had to attend weekly 'Death Meetings' and in a 1954 meeting photo she can be seen as the only female in the room. These innovative meetings

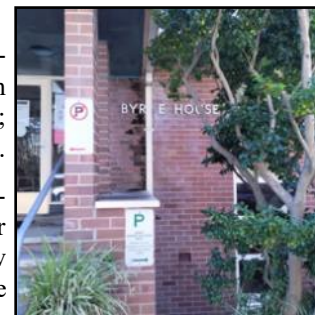
were started by Dr Chris McCarthy to discuss what treatment had been given to two people who had died that week.

After a trip to Canada, the US and Great Britain to study the latest developments in TB treatment, Ethel was soon involved in a new project for which she obtained funding to construct a small building adjacent to the Rankin Park Hospital providing single room accommodation for 12 male TB patients, a hall and woodworking machines for rehabilitation. It was named Byrne House in her honour.

Ethel became ill in early 1957 but remained on call to all her patients and seemingly drove herself to the point of collapse. Dr Ethel Byrne died on 5 November 1957 at the age of 62.

This was the death of a doctor who had endeared herself to many staff and thousands of patients. She had not just worked hard and efficiently; she was always compassionate and always had the welfare of her patients at heart.

This beloved physician has been remembered at Rankin Park Hospital with a tiny street named Byrne Hall Drive; Byrne House; and a memorial bird bath.



Thank you so much to Jude for a fascinating presentation on the life of Dr Ethel Byrne. I know I personally knew nothing of her story and I'm sure there were many others present who felt the same. It was a truly enjoyable talk.

If you missed Jude's presentation, you can view it on YouTube by clicking [here](#). An article on Dr Ethel Byrne will be written by Dr Jude Conway for the Society's June Journal on Medical Matters.

Photos were taken from Jude's presentation.

Lea Harris (with assistance from Dr Jude Conway)

# Journal and Newsletter

## From the eTeam

We are well underway with the editing and production of Journal 245 and it should be coming your way by the end of February or early March. We hope you'll enjoy the wide range of contributions from various members.

## June Journal (246)

What do you know about all things **medical**? Perhaps you can write about practitioners, experiences in a medical setting (professional or personal), hospitals, a relative or friend. It's a very broad topic. We'll need those articles by **Saturday 27 April**.

## September Journal (247)

Advance notice – the theme of this journal is **Down t' Pit**. Mining of many kinds has been a long-term feature of the Newcastle-Hunter district as well as in the places where many of our ancestors came from.

Please start thinking about what you might write – articles would need to be submitted by **Saturday 27 July**.

## Submission of Articles

For all issues, you can send your typed item to [nfheditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfheditor@gmail.com) or deliver it to the Society library addressed to the Editor. We can also accept handwritten items if that's your preference.

Margaret Ashford (Editor, eTeam)

## Newsletter

A huge thank you to Rosalie Bunn who has offered to prepare the Society newsletter for the three months that I will be away this year.

Lea Harris (Newsletter Editor)

## Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
April	9 March	
May	13 April	
June	11 May	27 April
July	15 June	
August	13 July	
September	10 August	27 July
October	14 September	
November	12 October	
December	16 November	26 October

# Events and Outings

## Future dates

**1 March**—Excursion to Sugar Valley Library & Museum at Cameron Park followed by lunch (see page 5)

**5 March**—Monthly meeting—Louise Evans—From Hippocrates to Modern Day: Medical Terms and Facts

**16 March**—Seniors Open Day (see below and page 4)

**2 April**—Monthly meeting

**7 April**—Beginners' Course—Day 1 (see page 7)

**27 April**—Articles due for Journal 246 (see page 2)

**28 April**—Beginners' Course—Day 2 (see page 7)

**7 May**—Annual General Meeting

**11 May**—Print Orientation session

**19 May**—Sandgate Cemetery Tour

**25 May**—Digital Orientation session

**28 May**—Whitsunday *Caledonian* newsletter emailed

**4 June**—Monthly meeting—Julie Keating—topic to be confirmed

**2 July**—Monthly meeting—Christmas in July

**27 July**—Articles due for Journal 247 (see page 2)

**6 August**—Monthly meeting—Dr Ann Hardy—Very early days of Newcastle

**28 August**—Lamas *Caledonian* newsletter emailed

**3 September**—Monthly meeting

**1 October**—Monthly meeting—Rosalie Bunn—50th Anniversary of the Open Foundation

**12 October**—Print Orientation session

**26 October**—Digital Orientation session

**26 October**—Articles due for Journal 248

**5 November**—Monthly meeting—Assoc. Prof Nancy Cushing—'The Australian Horse at War'

**28 November**—Martinmas *Caledonian* newsletter emailed

**1 December**—Christmas Fair (Christmas Once Upon a Time)

**6 December**—Christmas lunch

**19 December**—Library closes for Christmas/New Year break

**Every Monday (except public holidays) from 10.30 am**—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.

## Seniors' Open Day Help Wanted

**As part of our Seniors' Open Day, 16 March, we need your help please.**

**There are a number of ways you can assist:**

- **Can you spare an hour or two to show people around the NFHS rooms?**
- **Can you assist visitors with some suggestions on how to get started on their family history?**
- **Can you provide a plate for morning tea?**
- **Can you help on one of our stalls or sell raffle tickets?**

**If you can offer any assistance, please contact Mel on [nfhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com)**

**You can read more information about the NSW Government's Seniors' Expo and Comedy Gala by following [this link](#)**



FREE  
OPEN  
DAY

REMEMBRANCE  
NEWCASTLE'S  
FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIALS  
Maree & Kim Skilling

PEOPLE OF NEWCASTLE AND  
THE HUNTER VALLEY:  
THEIR STORIES - OUR HERITAGE  
Volume II  
Compiled by Maree & Kim Skilling

# Free Seniors' Open Day

Newcastle Family History Society  
in conjunction with  
Newcastle Seniors Festival 2024



**Saturday 16 March 2024**  
**10.30am-3.00pm**

Mechanics Institute, 68 Elder Street, Lambton

- Tour our Heritage Building
- Family History Research Help
- Trade Tables
- Bookstall
- Raffle
- Morning tea - \$5

All seniors and carers welcome

Website: [www.nfhs.org.au](http://www.nfhs.org.au)

Email: [nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com)

Limited accessibility in parts of the building; wheelchair and walker access from De Vitre Street, next to Meals on Wheels driveway

# Excursion - Sugar Valley

## Library and Museum

**Date:** Friday 1 March 2024

**Time:** 10.00 am – meet at the venue

**Venue:** Sugar Valley Library and Museum, 156 Portland Drive, Cameron Park

Enjoy a great morning discovering what is available at the Sugar Valley Library Museum. The library offers a contemporary service for visitors with a multimedia and tech space, as well as a workshop area.

The museum, the first of its kind in Lake Macquarie, showcases the rich history of West Wallsend with the inaugural exhibition *Westy: we built this history*. Developed by Lake Mac Libraries in conjunction with the West Wallsend District Heritage Group, the exhibition presents the story of the region through enticing and immersive experiences, and objects portraying the life and times of this unique township.

You will be free to wander at your own pace reading the information and watching the videos etc. They also have a good West Wallsend section in their library.

We will follow this visit with lunch at Harrigan's, Cameron Park at 70 McKendry Drive.

You don't need to book to attend the library/museum however **you do need to book for lunch**. If you are going to attend, please contact Mel by [email](#) by Friday 23 February.



To view more information about both venues, click on the following links:

[Sugar Valley Library and Museum](#)

[Harrigan's, Cameron Park](#)

## All things Scottish

Scottish SIG meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1.00 pm  
from February to November

### Scottish newsletter



**Caledonian**

The next issue of the *Caledonian* Scottish Newsletter will be emailed on 28 May 2024, being the Scottish quarter day of Whitsunday.

Reminder that 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



## General

NFHS relies on publication sales to help pay for the important initiatives being undertaken by your Society. The Publications group only meets twice a year - in March and in October. **The next meeting will be held on 15 March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.** The rest of the time members work on their individual projects and keep in touch by email. Could you help in even a small way or could you suggest some topic that might become one of our Publications? Contact Jane on [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) with any suggestions.

## Special note to volunteer Librarians

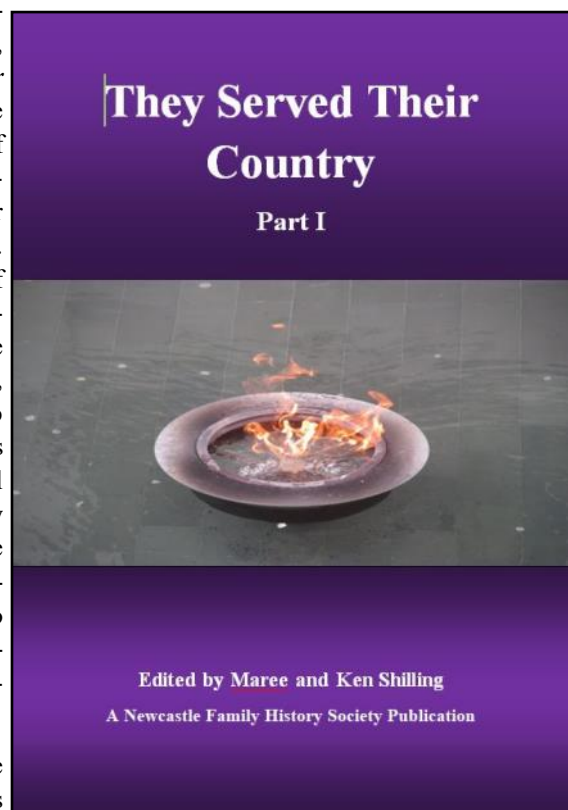
There is a **message book on the reception desk**. Please read it when you are in the Library and also record any concerns or suggestions that you find while on duty. If there is a computer concern then the IT Officer should be told. **Please make it a priority to write all messages in this book so that any problems can be resolved.**

It is really important to record a name and phone number for any phone enquiries. It is embarrassing for other librarians to receive a second or even third phone call from a person trying to seek our advice or assistance. In the last six months, due to no message being recorded, two people had called on numerous occasions seeking our assistance or to buy a publication. Nothing had happened to help them, or they had made a special trip and found that a book set aside for them in the red shelves on the desk was not found by the librarians as they had not read the message in the message book. It is bad PR.

## Upcoming publication

The forthcoming publication in two parts, *They Served Their Country*, is about to be placed in the hands of our publications officer, Jane Ison, for printing and binding. Upon confirmation of a launch date, members and friends will be notified via newsletter, Facebook and web page and contributors will receive a personal invitation. It is very pleasing for all those involved in the production of a publication to see a good representation of our membership at such events.

Next newsletter, we aim to have details about the launch of this publication.



Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)

# 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, 68 Elder Street, Lambton, monthly at 10.00 am 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:nfhresearch78@gmail.com">nfhresearch78@gmail.com</a>
Scottish Family Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00 pm—February to November	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 – 1.00 pm	Sandra Jones	<a href="mailto:sjones11@bigpond.net.au">sjones11@bigpond.net.au</a>
Irish Ancestors	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Cemetery Research	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Ancestry Users	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday—February to November	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday—April 2024 date to be confirmed	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>

# Courses and Learning continued

## Cemetery Research SIG

1st Thursday of each month at 10.00 am

7 March meeting at Stockton Breakwall

We will again be recording memorial plaques. Bring your phone/camera, pens, pencils and sheets to record data.

Please contact me at [pat.healion1@gmail.com](mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com) if you will be there.

Pat Healion (Facilitator)



## Irish SIG

Tuesday 26 March at 10.00 am at the NFHS rooms.

Are you interested in being a member of the Irish SIG? Sharing your Irish family stories, famous and infamous ancestors, Irish history and geography? Helping others break down brick walls and sharing successes, resources and ideas?

Please contact me at [pat.healion1@gmail.com](mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com) or 0427 577598 if you are interested in being part of this group .

Pat Healion (Facilitator)

## Beginners' Genealogy Course 2024

In April 2024 the NFHS will hold a two-day introduction to researching family history

**When:** 7 April 2024 and 28 April 2024

**Where:** NFHS Library Rooms, 63 Elder Street, Lambton

**What to bring:** Notebook/paper and pens; Laptop/Tablet (fully charged); morning tea; lunch; mug

**Note:** Tea, coffee, milk/soy will be supplied

### Day 1—Sunday 7 April 2024

10.00 am	Getting Started with your Family Research
11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am	Using NSW BDM
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	A Beginner's Guide to Trove
2.00 pm	Tea, Coffee, Questions and Feedback

### Day 2—Sunday 28 April 2024

10.00 am	What are the V Rolls?
11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.15 am	Free & Subscription websites
12.15pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Finding the Dead
2.00 pm	Tea, Coffee, Questions and Feedback

**Cost:** **NFHS Members:** \$15 per session/\$40 per day \*\*

**Non-Members:** \$20 per session/\$55 per day

**\*\* An NFHS member is a financial member** of the Newcastle Family History Society. Membership with the NFHS Facebook page is not financial membership.

**Bookings:** Email the NFHS Secretary at [nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com). All bookings to be made one week prior to the commencement of the course.

Note: It is not necessary to attend all three sessions offered on any one day. However, it is recommended that you indicate your choices when making your booking.

**Payment:** One week prior to the commencement of the course.

Direct Debit: BSB: 650 000 Acc No: 501 652 808—Please ensure you **include your name when making payment.**

Cash: Payment can be made at the NFHS rooms.

# Podcasts

## General

A few more podcasts have been recorded since the last newsletter. These are available for you to enjoy on the Newcastle Family History Society website by either clicking [here](#) or visiting our webpage and selecting the Podcasts tab from the home page. You can also find these podcasts on services such as Spotify, Podbean, Google, Apple and Amazon. Also please see the flyer which is attached in the email of this newsletter.

### **‘Bad Girls’ of the Newcastle Industrial School and Reformatory**

The fourth episode in member Jane Ison’s series about the ‘Bad Girls’ of the Newcastle Industrial School and Reformatory has been released. Episode 4 ‘An “Angel” in Trouble’ explains the difference between the two institutions and recounts the life of an infamous inmate. To listen to these podcasts, click [here](#).

### **The Wonderful World of Genealogy**

Members Ken and Maree Shilling have recorded the second in their series of six episodes on the wonderful world of genealogy. Episode 2, titled ‘Places to Visit’, is available now and highlights what is possible by visiting the places where your ancestors lived, worked or were buried. To listen click [here](#).

### **‘Felonious Females’ - convict women sent to Newcastle and the Hunter Valley**

I have recorded the third episode of my series where I describe the practice of ‘assigning’ convict women as a means to integrate them into the community. To listen click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Prior to the presentation by Dr Jude Conway at our February meeting, our IT Officer Clive Maddocks gave a brief overview of the Society’s podcasting. Some interesting points were:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have podcasts on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People of Newcastle</li><li>• Scottish SIG</li><li>• Bad Girls</li><li>• Felonious Females</li><li>• Wonderful World of Genealogy</li></ul></li><li>• If you like and follow on the podcasts, you will receive notifications when new ones are released.</li><li>• We’ve had about 650 downloads—means someone is listening.</li><li>• We have reached the USA, Spain, UK, Canada, Thailand, India, NZ, Sweden.</li><li>• Mostly have been listened to in Australia from all over the country except NT.</li><li>• If you have an idea for a podcast, contact the Podcasting Committee. Podcasts are usually about 20 mins. The format could be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solo monologue</li><li>• Interview</li><li>• Round Table discussion</li><li>• One off or a series</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You don’t have to do the planning/writing/recording if you don’t wish to, someone else can do it. We would still love to have your ideas</li><li>• Steps for producing a podcast:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan the theme</li><li>• Write the script</li><li>• Record the podcast</li><li>• Editing of the podcast</li><li>• Finally published</li></ul></li><li>• There are podcasts planned for release in February, March and April.</li><li>• We are promoting our podcasts through:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our Society Facebook page</li><li>• Lost Newcastle Facebook page</li><li>• Our Society Journal</li><li>• State Committee</li></ul></li><li>• The Podcasting Committee consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mel Woodford</li><li>• Jane Ison</li><li>• Maree Shilling</li><li>• Ken Shilling</li><li>• Clive Maddocks</li></ul></li></ul>

# YouTube

A reminder that at our monthly meetings, guest speakers are now recorded and the presentations can be viewed on the Society’s YouTube channel. This is a fabulous way for those who are either distance members or just can’t make it to the meeting, to be able to still enjoy our speakers. Or even if you were at the meeting, you may wish to listen to the presentation again.

To view these, either go to our Society webpage and click on the YouTube tab on the Home page, or type ‘YouTube Newcastle Family History Society’ into your search engine.

Mel Woodford (President)



## Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
<b>Saturday Library Roster</b>		
<b>Morning 9.45 am to 12.30 pm</b>		
<b>Afternoon 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm</b>		
2 Mar am	Lea H	Sheila F
2 Mar pm	Lea H	Volunteer
9 Mar am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
9 Mar pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
16 Mar am	Su C	Volunteer
16 Mar pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
23 Mar am	Marie H	Volunteer
23 Mar pm	Marie H	Jude C
30 Mar am	Closed	due to
30 Mar pm	Easter	weekend
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00 to 3.00 pm</b>		
7 Mar	Alison M	Volunteer
14 Mar	Jane I	Rosalie B, Bert G
21 Mar	Marilyn M	Jane I
28 Mar	Karen S	Rosalie B

## Library Volunteers

As we return to normal operations for 2024, we are again looking for Library volunteers to fill the gaps in between our regular volunteers. We currently still have a few vacancies for our March roster.

Can you help please?

Without volunteers, we are unable to keep the rooms open for our members and visitors to continue with their family history research.

If you could spare three hours to assist to fill these gaps, please complete the volunteer form at this [link](#).

Once again, thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Mel Woodford (President)

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## Library Report

There is a wonderful resource in the library that very few members ever use. I'm referring to the map collection. The maps are stored in the map cupboard in the back room and there is a printed catalogue lying on top of the cupboard which will assist you find what you're looking for. I think you will be surprised at the range of material that is available. For instance, we have maps of Newcastle and its harbour dated from 1822, 1854, 1870, 1889 among others, so you can trace the development of the city. We have a collection of aerial photographs of the various suburbs of Newcastle – 21 in all, taken in the 1970s. There are maps of Maitland, Kurri, Cessnock, Beresfield and Port Stephens. You can find maps detailing mine subsidience, sewerage, water supply and railways. Have a look through the catalogue to see what's there.

Just one caution – the maps are big and heavy so we ask you to have a volunteer help when you want to search for something. Happy hunting!

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)



Map photos are from  
Hunter Living Histories  
website



# New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Society and 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 (see pages 6 and 7).

# 391 Gail Goddard, Elmore Vale NSW (rejoined)  
#1313 Dianna Meredith, Mayfield East NSW

#1312 Ray Fairall, Rathmines NSW  
#1314 Rex Neve, Cardiff South NSW

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

## Miscellaneous

### Email Addresses

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Sandgate group	<a href="mailto:nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com">nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com</a>
Used book sales	<a href="mailto:nfhslibarian@gmail.com">nfhslibarian@gmail.com</a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:nfhswebmaster@gmail.com">nfhswebmaster@gmail.com</a>

### Snippers Group

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

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### Attachments from other Societies

NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. February newsletter

Wyong FHG—General Meeting 1.00pm Saturday 9 March—speaker Danielle Lautrec—Improving the quality of your family history

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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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### Archives for Everyone: community digitisation and indexing partnerships

Museums of History NSW (MHNSW) is aiming to make the State Archives Collection more accessible. There is a community partnership project that may be of interest to you.

The project will involve the digitisation of Small Debts Registers from the former courts of petty sessions (now local courts). The digitisation process not only involves scanning the registers, but also creating an index to ensure the digital content is accessible and discoverable over time. Port Macquarie & District Family History Society have been involved in the project and their members thoroughly enjoyed it. The indexing is something that can be done from the Society or your home.

For more information, click [here](#). If you are interested in being part of this project, please contact me via [email](#).

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

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# March

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events					10.00am—Sugar Valley Library & Museum at Cameron Park followed by lunch at 12.30pm at Harrigans	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	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open	10.00—12.00—Feedback/Planning Meeting Journal 245/246	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for April newsletter
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing 11am-1pm—Publications meeting	10am-3pm—Library open 10.30-3pm—Seniors Open Day
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	Good Friday	Library Closed—Easter Saturday
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Easter Sunday						

# April

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events	Easter Monday	10am—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Beginners' Genealogy Course—Day 1	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for May newsletter
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		Library closed 		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 246
28	29	30				
Beginners' Genealogy Course—Day 2	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					



# May

# 2024

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	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
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—AGM Meeting		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 246	9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for June newsletter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing Cover printing—Journal 246	10am-3pm—Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sandgate Cemetery Tour	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 246	9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm—Library open
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors <i>Caledonian</i> newsletter to be emailed		1-3pm—Library open		

# June

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events						10am-3pm—Library open
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2.00pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Feedback meeting Journal 246/ planning meeting Journal 247	Library closed for King's birthday long weekend
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	King's Birthday long weekend	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for July newsletter
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	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
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