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Newsletter

Number 234

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The theme for our June Journal 246 is:
Medical Matters

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

April 2024

April General Meeting

Tuesday 2 April—7.30 pm

General Meeting

Guest speaker—our own Mel Woodford

Women of the Tellicherry

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

The convict transport *Tellicherry* has held a fascination for me since 2005 when I first learnt it had brought my 4x great grandfather (one of the Wicklow Rebel Leaders of the 1798 Irish Rebellion) to our shores, as well as the woman who would become my 4x great grandmother.

I received an invitation to a reunion which had been planned to commemorate 200 years since the ship had arrived on 15 February 1806. This reunion took place at the Campbelltown Catholic Club in February 2006 in the area where so many of the *Tellicherry* transportees had spent time. Meeting other descendants of those aboard the ship was very special indeed – it was a shared history which begged to be told.

Over the years since then I have spent a considerable number of hours researching this ship, and many of those on board. Through my research I discovered links to the Hunter Valley and to other members of the NFHS as well.

This research will form the basis for a NFHS publication in the near future. Members of our Convict SIG have enthusiastically researched some of those on board the *Tellicherry* and our female convict bonnet makers have made two complete sets of bonnets which we will feature when our publication is finally launched.

At the April monthly meeting I will share with you the presentation I gave at the November 2022 Irish Conference entitled *Return to Tipperary*.

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 links for both these meetings are on page 12

May Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7 May—7.30 pm

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

The Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Family History Society Inc. has been called for Tuesday 7 May 2024 commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the Society rooms at 68 Elder Street, Lambton as well as via Zoom.

All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant and nominations are now sought for the following elected positions:

President	General Member 1
Vice-president	General Member 2
Treasurer	General Member 3
Secretary	

Also see AGM attachments in the newsletter email

Nomination forms for the above elected positions are available as an attachment to the newsletter; at the Society's rooms; and on our website from 2 April 2024. All forms must include the signature of the nominee, proposer and seconder, as well as the date. Nominations close on 30 April 2024 and forms should be emailed to the Secretary or placed in the provided envelope and left in the Secretary's pigeonhole at the Society. They may also be posted to our NFHS Secretary, PO Box 296, Jesmond NSW 2299 to arrive no later than 30 April 2024.

Our Society depends on people volunteering for roles not only such as those mentioned above, but also for the many non-elected positions which keep the Society running. You are encouraged to self-nominate for any of the following:

Librarian	Journal Editor
Facebook Administrator/s	Publicity Officer/s
Website Coordinator	Newsletter Editor
Snippers Coordinator	IT Officer
Assistant Secretary	Assistant Treasurer
Sandgate Group Coordinator	Cleaning Coordinator
Publications Officer	Research Coordinator
Maintenance Officer	Membership Registrar
Guest Speaker Coordinator	

Forms for the non-elected positions will also be available from 2 April 2024 with the self-nominee required to sign, date the form and return to the Secretary by 30 April 2024 as outlined above.

Karen Smith (NFHS Secretary)

nfhsinc@gmail.com

Overview of February meeting

Our March meeting was extremely interesting and educational. NFHS member Louise Evans' presentation entitled *From Hippocrates to Modern Day: Medical Terms and Facts* offered information on scientific and medical facts for anyone interested in history; current medical terminology information including prefixes, suffixes, root words, common abbreviations and health data; and obsolete medical terms for diseases. As an aside here, I was unable to attend on the evening and it brought home the benefit of our YouTube channel where our presentations are recorded. I was therefore able to listen to Louise's presentation at a later date so did not miss out. You too can catch up on Louise's presentation by clicking [here](#).

Louise has had a long and varied career becoming a Registered Nurse in 1976 working in Australia and the UK. She had some very memorable times working with maximum security prisoners, patients with tetanus, patients in an iron long, patients suffering from major gun shot wounds, as well as delivering babies at home. She has thoroughly enjoyed her career.



Louise commenced her presentation with some facts on autopsy.



The word autopsy translates as 'to see for oneself'. Believe it or not, the first autopsy was carried out in Alexandria in 300BC. It wasn't until 1,000 years later that the first legal autopsy was conducted in Bologna, Italy. Although the Catholic Church has become more accepting of autopsies, back in the 1400s it was considered a crime. In the 1700s autopsies became more commonly performed however this led to the occurrence of 'grave robbers' also known as 'resurrection men'. Originally

the Government turned a blind eye to this practice and it was left to wealthy family members to try to prevent this from occurring. One type of prevention was the installation of a metal mortsafe such as on this grave at St Turchaldus, Aviemore in Scotland.

Autopsies led to a greater understanding of the human anatomy and many improvements in medical science. An autopsy is the same as a post-mortem. It can be full or limited. A full autopsy involves the examination and testing of body organs and tissues and the retention of these for more detailed analysis. A limited autopsy is performed when the next of kin has set limits, eg external examination only; external examination with some testing on small tissue; or limited to certain areas of the body. In Australia, the rate of autopsy is dropping. Fifty years ago the rate was 50% of all deaths however now is approximately 15%. There are coronial and non-coronial autopsies. Coronial autopsies are generally carried out if a person dies from an unknown or unnatural cause whereas a non-coronial autopsy requires the consent from the person before they pass away or the senior next of kin after death.

Other medical advances were microscopes and radiology. Microscopes were first developed in 1590 by Dutch father and son Hans and Zacharias Jansen. In the 1600s there were further advancements

by people such as van Leeuwenhoek (the first to observe bacteria or protozoa), Hooke and Kircher who observed cells. Significant improvements were however needed to



these microscopes particularly with regard to the focusing. By 1830 microscopes were becoming more widely used in medicine and improved microscopes had been developed.

In 1896, x-rays were first used to diagnose a fractured wrist on a child in the USA. Prior to this, various methods were used by doctors to diagnose illnesses. Some of these methods were weird and wonderful and thankfully not used today. One such method was the drinking of urine; if it was sweet like honey, it was a sign of diabetes. A

'fishy' urine smell could mean a urinary tract infection. Observing a patient falling down was a sign of a stroke. Other methods included taking the pulse, feeling the skin for fever, looking at the skin colour and listening to the lungs.

Medical and scientific advances relating to diagnosis led to the need for consistency with medical terminology. With medical terms, the prefix indicating the 'specific location' comes first; then the root word being the 'general location'; and lastly the suffix which is the 'features'.

An example is *myocarditis*. The prefix (specific location) is *my* (meaning muscle); the root word (general location) is *cardio* (heart); and the suffix (features) is *itis* (inflammation). So, *myocarditis* means the muscle layer of the heart that is inflamed. The 'o' is a combining form.

Louise gave a number of examples of prefixes and suffixes, a few being *algia* meaning pain (eg *myalgia* being muscle pain); *ectomy* meaning the removal through surgery (eg *hysterectomy* being the removal of the uterus); *hyper* meaning above/excess (eg *hypertension* being high blood pressure); *mal* meaning bad or abnormal (eg *malignancy* or *malaria*); and *peri* meaning around (eg a periodontist treats gum/tissues around the teeth).

Some examples of root words given by Louise were: *aur* relating to the ears; *encephala/neur* relating to the brain; *gastr* relating to the stomach; *hepat* relating to the liver; and *pulmon* relating to the lungs.

There are also many abbreviations used such as: *ARF* – acute renal failure; *DVT* – deep venous thrombosis; *#* – fracture; *SOB* – shortness of breath.

During WW1, the major killers were infections such as gastrointestinal and respiratory. Vaccinations were available to soldiers for plague, tetanus, smallpox and rabies. During WW2 the major killer was combat. Penicillin was by now in use and saved thousands of lives. In the UK in the late 1800s to early 1900s, the main cause of death was infections such as tuberculosis, pneumonia and measles. In Australia at this time we also had influenza, gastroenteritis and

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smallpox.

Louise continued on by giving some trend data in Australia on the tuberculosis mortality rates; the National Age and Invalid Pension Legislation of 1908; infant mortality from 1915-2020; vaccine preventable deaths from 1907-2020; maternal deaths from the early 1900s to 2020; mortality rates from dementia from 1979-2020; and the current top causes of death

The final part of Louise's presentation focussed on some obsolete medical terms for diseases, a number of which you may have seen on an ancestor's death certificate. Some of the terms Louise mentioned were: *ablepsy* (blindness); *ague* (fever and chills, malaria also called marsh fever or congestive fever); *apoplexy* (a disease in which the patient falls down, eg a stroke); *biliousness* (jaundice);

bloody flux (dysentery); *black death* (Bubonic plague); *brain fever* (meningitis); *barrel fever* (alcoholism); *black dog* (depression); *canine madness* (rabies); *cholera infantum* (infant diarrhea); *consumption* (tuberculosis); *diarrhea of urine* (diabetes); *dropsy* (oedema); *falling sickness* (epilepsy); *grip/grippe* (influenza); *horrors* (shivering due to fever, depression or delirium); *general paralysis of insanity* (tertiary syphilis); *lockjaw* (tetanus); *mortification* (gangrene, necrosis); *Visitation by God* (death due to natural causes); and many more.

Thanks so much Louise for coming along to present to us on this fascinating subject. It was very much enjoyed by all those present. If you weren't there, I would encourage you to take the time to listen to Louise's presentation by clicking on this [link](#). Photos have been taken from Louise's presentation.

Lea Harris (with assistance from Louise Evans)

Journal and Newsletter

Research – did you know?

Every member of the Society is entitled to publish short details of their families of interest in the Journal once per membership year, for no charge. Why not take advantage of having a wider audience to help you with your research? If you'd like to do this, send your information to nfhseditor@gmail.com.

We can't guarantee in which issue your request will be published, but can guarantee that we will keep a file of requests and work through them as space allows.

New members – if you've joined since the Members' Interest Directory was published, you might like to get started with your research this way! And don't forget to check the MID to see if someone else in the Society is also working on 'your' people.

Marg Ashford (Editor)

Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
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

From the eTeam

Journal 245 is available at the Library for the members who usually pick their Journal up. There's still quite a few awaiting their owners - and you're missing out on some great articles! The eTeam hopes you enjoy our latest offering.

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 nfhseditor@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)

Events and Outings

Future dates

- 1 April**—NFHS stall at Jesmond Sports Club (see page 5)
2 April—Monthly meeting—Mel Woodford—Women of the *Tellicherry* (see page 1)
7 April—Beginners' Course—Day 1 (see page 9)
17 April—Archives for Everyone Zoom presentation by Martyn Killion (see page 9)
27 April—Articles due for Journal 246 (see page 3)
28 April—Beginners' Course—Day 2 (see page 9)
3 May—Book Launch—Jesmond Sports Club (see page 7)
7 May—Annual General Meeting (see page 1)
11 May—Print Orientation session (see page 10)
19 May—Sandgate Cemetery Tour (see page 5)
25 May—Digital Orientation session (see page 10)
28 May—Whitsunday *Caledonian* newsletter emailed
4 June—Monthly meeting—Julie Keating—Frederick Menkens, Architect
14 June—Excursion to Old Courthouse, Minmi and lunch (see page 5)
2 July—Monthly meeting—Christmas in July and trivia with John and Judy Mulhearn
27 July—Articles due for Journal 247 (see page 3)

- 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—Dr 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 (upstairs, to the left of the coffee shop at the low tables and chairs). 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.

April monthly
meeting



From 'The Tellicherry Five' Kieran Sheedy
Copy of original by Robert McAllister 1806

Women of the 'Tellicherry'

(31 Aug 1805 – 15 Feb 1806)

Research & Presentation
by
Mel Woodford

Events and Outings continued

Sandgate Cemetery Tour

Our Sandgate planners are working away at planning this year's tour – **Sunday May 19**. Our souvenir booklet and guides' handbooks are nearly ready and very soon we'll be advertising how, where and when you can register for tours.

It's exciting to be back into our wonderful Sandgate tours again!

Margaret Ashford (Sandgate Group Coordinator)

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Old Minmi Courthouse Excursion

Friday 14 June 2024

11.00am

The owner will give us a tour of the old courthouse and put on display old documents and artefacts he found on the premises.

Menu will cater to gluten free needs. If we can get 40 members to come he will close off bookings just for us which will mean we'll have more time to look around with no other distractions.



40 Church Street

Minmi

RSVP to Rosalie by 7 June at

nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com

minmicourthouse.com.au



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Jesmond Sports Club Market Day

On Easter Monday 1 April from 9.00am to 2.00pm, Jesmond Sports Club are hosting a market day. The Society has been asked to promote the Society by having a stall. It will be a great day out for you and the family.

We are needing some volunteers to help man the stall. If you could spare an hour or two, please email me [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Jesmond Sports Club
MARKET DAY
EASTER MONDAY
SNOW CONES
COFFEE VAN FACE PRINTING

Over 40 stalls
9am - 2pm
48 Mordue Parade JESMOND
Adjacent to Jesmond Shopping Centre

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.

‘Bad Girls’ of the Newcastle Industrial School and Reformatory

The fifth episode in member Jane Ison’s series about the ‘Bad Girls’ of the Newcastle Industrial School and Reformatory has been released. Episode 5 ‘Success Stories’ showcases the success stories that have arisen from the young women who were sent to the Newcastle Industrial School and Reformatory. To listen to this podcast, click [here](#).

The Wonderful World of Genealogy

Members Ken and Maree Shilling have recorded the third in their series of six episodes on the wonderful world of genealogy. Episode 3, titled ‘What’s in a name?’, is available now and discusses the origin of names and the traditions and naming patterns adopted by our ancestors that can be useful considerations when researching your family history. To listen click [here](#).

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

I have recorded the fourth and fifth episodes of my series. Episode 4 recounts the life of Ann Corbett, transported to New South Wales at the age of 22. Her descendants still reside in the Hunter. Episode 5 outlines the formation and purpose of the AA Company, celebrating 200 years of operation in 2024 and the part it played in the history of convict women that came to Newcastle and the Hunter. To listen click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Publications

Publications Group meets twice a year—
dates advised as they are decided

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 18 October 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 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.

There is a reminder in the message book on the bench regarding care with sales of *They Sent Me North*. Should anyone wish to purchase this publication (we have one copy as a book and a couple on USB left), they need to be told that a new updated version will soon be available for download so we recommend that they wait. If they are happy to buy the old version, discounted prices are recorded in the message book.

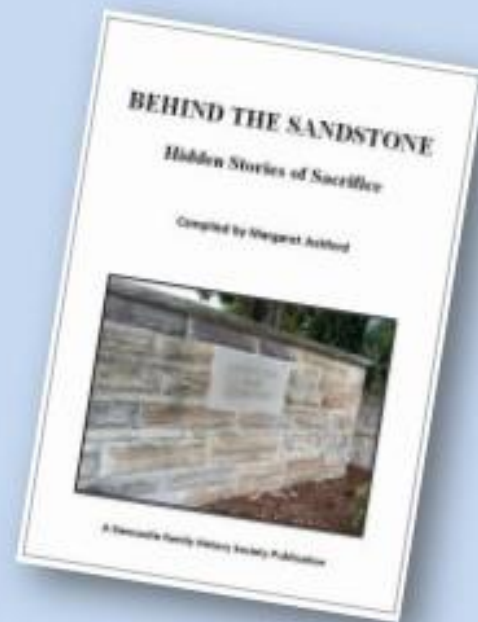
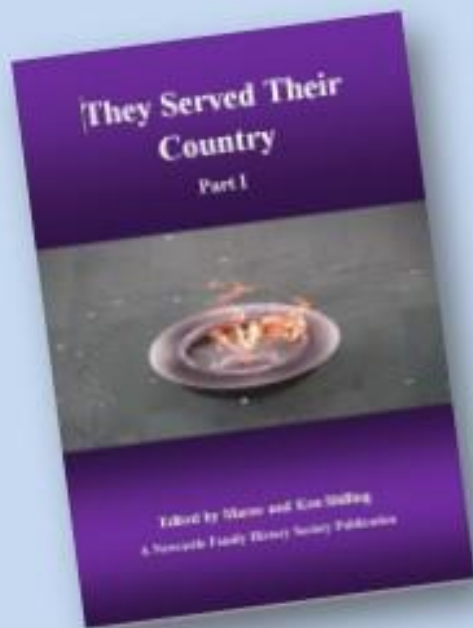
Upcoming publications

Two publications are about to be launched by the Society. In two parts, *They Served Their Country*, edited by Maree and Ken Shilling; and *Behind the Sandstone: Hidden Stories of Sacrifice*, compiled by Margaret Ashford. Details of the launch are on page 7.

Jane Ison (Publications Group Coordinator)

Announcing

The forthcoming launch of two
Newcastle Family History Society publications



They Served Their Country, Parts I and II and Behind the Sandstone: Hidden Stories of Sacrifice

The launch will be held at 11am on Friday 3 May 2024 at
Jesmond Bowling Club, 48 Mordue Pde, Jesmond.

You and a friend would be most welcome to show your support for our Society
by attending the launch. Lunch is available and is a way of thanking the Club for
the generous use of its facilities for this launch. As seating is limited, please
RSVP to kenandmaree@gmail.com by 13 April 2024.

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 st Tuesday	Laraine Cross	nfhsresearch78@gmail.com
Scottish Family Research	2 nd Tuesday – 1.00 pm—February to November	Mel Woodford	nfhspresident@gmail.com
English Ancestors	3 rd Tuesday	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au
DNA	3 rd Tuesday – 1.00 pm	Sandra Jones	sjones11@bigpond.net.au
Irish Ancestors	4 th Tuesday	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Cemetery Research	1 st Thursday	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Ancestry Users	2 nd Thursday—February to November	Mel Woodford	nfhspresident@gmail.com
Scrapbooking	4 th Thursday—April 2024 date to be confirmed	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au

Cemetery Research SIG

1st Thursday of each month at 10.00 am

4 April meeting at the Society rooms

Please contact me at pat.healion1@gmail.com if you will be there.

Pat Healion (Facilitator)



Irish SIG

Tuesday 23 April at 10.00 am at the NFHS rooms.

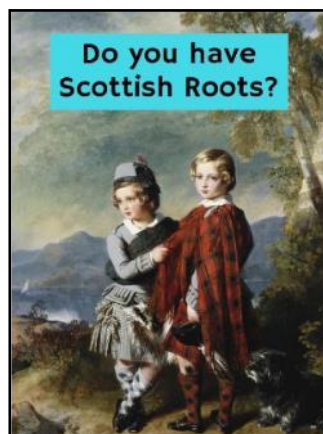
Are you interested in being a member of the Irish SIG? Sharing your Irish family stories, famous and infamous ancestors, Irish history and geography? Helping others break down brick walls and sharing successes, resources and ideas?

Please contact me at pat.healion1@gmail.com or 0427 577598 if you are interested in being part of this group .

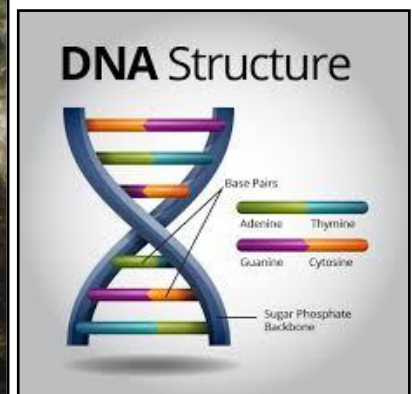
Pat Healion (Facilitator)



Backhouse, Edward, *A chain gang, convicts going to work near Sidney [i.e. Sydney], New South Wales 1843*, nla.obj-138467409



Do you have
Scottish Roots?



Courses and Learning continued

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. 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.

Archives for Everyone

Join Martyn Killion, Director, Collections

at

Museums of History NSW

as he explains the new, *Archives for Everyone* initiative.

Martyn will explain the project and discuss the records that have been targeted for digitisation and indexing,

the **Small Debts Registers**.

Please bring your questions along!

This Zoom session is hosted by the

NSW/ACT Association of Family History Societies

on

Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 7.30pm

(Zoom link to be sent out in early April)



Please RSVP by 3/4/2024

Archives for Everyone: community digitisation and indexing partnerships

I have been in contact with Martyn Killion, Director Collections, Museums of History NSW. Martyn will be running a presentation on the *Archives for Everyone: Small Debt Registers* initiative. For more information, see left. You can also click on this link [here](#). The presentation will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 7.30pm. If you are interested in being part of this project and would like the Zoom link, contact me via [email](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
Saturday Library Roster		
Morning 9.45 am to 12.30 pm		
Afternoon 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm		
6 Apr am	Lea H	Sheila F
6 Apr pm	Lea H	Sandra J
13 Apr am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
13 Apr pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
20 Apr am	Bert G	Volunteer
20 Apr pm	Noelene L	Volunteer
27 Apr am	Marie H	Noelene L
27 Apr pm	Marie H	Jude C
Thursday Library Roster		
12.45 to 3.00 pm		
4 Apr	Clelia P	Volunteer
11 Apr	Jane I	Rosalie B, Bert G
18 Apr	Marilyn M	Jane I
25 Apr	Closed due to	Anzac Day

Library Volunteers

As usual, we are looking for Library volunteers to fill the gaps in between our regular volunteers. We currently still have a few vacancies for our April 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 Orientation—New Members!

Did you tick the 'interested in Library Orientation' box on your membership application form? If so, you'll soon be receiving a personal invitation to come to our next scheduled sessions.

On Saturday May 11 Jim and I will introduce you to the huge array of print resources and how to find them and on Saturday May 25 Mel will lead you through the wonders of digital resources available in the Library. We have thousands of items in our collection, many of which are unique because they've been created for the Society by our members. If you're unsure whether you ticked the box or you've now decided you should have, just send me an email and I'll add your name to the lists – nfhsorientation@gmail.com.

Marg Ashford (Library Orientation Leader)

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Library Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Donated by
North, Marilla ed.	Singing back the river: a miscellany of selected writings by and for Vera Duncan [2019]	AH7/01/83	
Fowles, Joseph	Sydney in 1848: a facsimile of the original text and copper-plate engravings ... From drawings by Joseph Fowles [1973]	AN7/95/11	Trevor Jones
UBD	Newcastle and Central Coast street directory 3rd ed [c1927]	AH9/16/09	Jane Ison
Ray, Greg and Sylvia with Pete Smith	Then again: more glimpses of the past in Newcastle and the Hunter [2023]	AH7/01/84	Greg Ray
	Commandant James Morrisett: Interview 1820 regarding the Biggs Enquiry ... [1918]	AH7/75/01	Ron & Margaret Thompson
Snippers	Newcastle Herald: Jan-Jun 2022 domestic notices and index of deaths, funerals, in memoriam & probate notices only [2023]	NLP/03/2023a	
Paton, Chris	Tracing your Scottish ancestry through church & state records: a	P2/10/11	
Newcastle City Council	150 years local democracy in Newcastle 1859 to 2009 [2009]	AH7/79/05	
Winn, Janis	Hawks Nest: a bird's eye view [2018]	AH8.324/01/17	
McBride, Margaret	Early visions: women artists of Newcastle and the Hunter Region	AH7/35/05	
Chegwidden, Cath	Mighty Mayfield then & now: Book 1: the early years [2022]	AH8.304/01/04	
Chegwidden, Cath	Mighty Mayfield then & now: Book 2 : industry and change [2023]	AH8.304/01/05	
Farmer, Kerry	DNA for genealogists 4th ed. [2017]	A2/15/08	

Seniors' Festival Events Overview

The Society's involvement with the Newcastle Seniors' Festival was hugely successful.

Sharyn Boyce and I manned a NFHS table at the Seniors' Expo (Newcastle Town Hall) on Monday 11 March from 10am to 1pm. We had lots of interested people drop by our table for a chat - some indicated that they would attend our Open Day on Saturday, some purchased raffle tickets, some checked out our PowerPoint presentation showing all the things we do at the Society, one past member rejoined. All up, a very successful day!!

Our Open Day held at the Society rooms on Saturday 16 March was a fabulous day with many visitors. Su Carter and Sheila Farrell did a great job serving morning teas—of course with Su's beautiful dog Mae acting as overseer. Jo Newton and Marilyn Bridges worked very hard all day selling raffle tickets to those wishing to snag one of the fabulous prizes on offer. We also had our PowerPoint presentation looping all day.

Mel Woodford (President)

Mel and Sharyn at our table at Newcastle Town Hall



Jo Newton and Marilyn Bridges selling raffle tickets



Sonia Hornery MP, Sharyn Boyce and Marie Hughes at the Society rooms

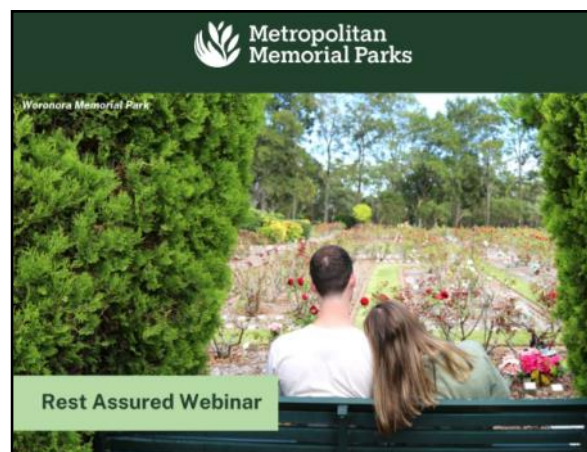


Rest Assured Webinar

Metropolitan Memorial Parks is offering a free seminar titled *Burial and Memorial Options: traditional and alternative* to be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 10 April** from 5.00-6.30pm.

The webinar will provide practical information about end of life choices for the disposition of the body. The presenters (Ruth Boydell and Anita McBride) will talk about past traditions, present practices, and future possibilities. Topics include inground and above ground burials, cremations, green (natural) burials, renewable interment, donation of body to science, and a global update.

To book your spot for this free seminar, click [here](#).



Membership Registrar role

Do you enjoy helping out your Society? Do you have a few spare hours each month? Do you have a basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets?

If you answered yes, then you could be the person the Society needs.

We are looking for a new Membership Registrar. This role is a voluntary position and is NOT a Management Committee role.

An added bonus—the computer is supplied by the Society for you to carry out this role.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please email me at [Membership Registrar](#).

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

Hints regarding Use of the Library

A few hints for you to observe to make the most of your time in our wonderful Library.

- Researchers at the Library are encouraged to have a good look at the "How to" pages in the black books beside each computer.
- There is a detailed explanation about how to use the GRO in those books that will help everyone with UK records.
- Knowing how to use Freebmd and the GRO was also outlined in the article: *DNA - Finding Matches* on page 9 of the September Journal. Not every clue is on a paid site!

Jane Ison (Publications Officer)

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)

All things Scottish

Scottish SIG meets 2nd Tuesday at 1.00 pm
from February to November

Scottish newsletter



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.

Scottish SIG group



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).

#1315 Marion Ralston, Merewether
#1317 Suzanne Probert, North Lambton
#1319 Brian Connolly, Cessnock
#1321 Julie Bayliss, Carrington
#1323 Sonia Hornery, Wallsend

#1316 Cheryl Edgetton, Henley Beach
#1318 Shirley Archer, New Lambton
#1320 Leonie Robb, Edgeworth
#1322 Kim Hedley, Edgeworth

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

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Snippers Group

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

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Attachments from other Societies

Wyong FHG—Military Matters Seminar—Saturday 20 April—speakers Rachel Cullen *Bringing Records to Light*; Ben Pask *People and Collections*; Jacqueline Reid *Remembering Anzac: Telling stories through object biography*.

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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.

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Zoom link for April meeting

Topic: **April Monthly Meeting**
Time: **Apr 2, 2024 07:30 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82084439558?pwd=azIlcWlPYjViMm5hODZlbnRlbnRldz09>

Meeting ID: 820 8443 9558
Passcode: 589392

Zoom link for May AGM

Topic: **2024 NFHS AGM**
Time: **May 7, 2024 07:30 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89839706607?pwd=UVVEbmlhOSt0aStFTDM0bzJBbU54QT09>

Meeting ID: 898 3970 6607
Passcode: 200219

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 9am-2pm—NFHS stall at Jesmond Sports Club	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

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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	11am—Book Launch—Jesmond Sports Club	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 Caledonian newsletter to be emailed		1-3pm—Library open		

June

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Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events						10am-3pm— Library open
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	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	11.00am—Old Courthouse, Minmi followed by lunch at the Courthouse Restaurant	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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July

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	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 August 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
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