

Publications

The next Publications meeting will be held on 18 October. All other arrangements are completed by email and face to face discussions.

Publications Officer (PO) Report

1. The launch at Jesmond *They Served Their Country* Parts 1 and 2 and *Hidden Stories: Behind the Sandstone* was held. We have made some good sales of all three books. Again pre-purchasing was of great benefit.
2. All books are with the librarian to accession and put on the shelves.
3. The video of the day will also be placed on the shelves in the near future. Ken Shilling was given a copy of the video.
4. Three publications are nearly ready to go to the webmaster at downloads: *Behind the Sandstone*; *Early Newcastle and Old Wallsend*. They are with the IT Officer who is considering any additional/necessary links to add. Then they will go to the Webmaster.
5. The revised *They Sent Me North* is now available as a download. It has generated some sales. There are no plans to create this as a hard copy.
6. New ISBNs were applied for *They Sent Me North* and *They Served Their Country* Parts 1 & 2 and 3 more for the downloadable versions.
7. We have three ISBNs remaining so I will soon purchase more. The more we purchase the cheaper they are so I will probably purchase 100 again.
8. The NFHS brochure was updated and printed for the postponed Sandgate tour. The revised brochure is on the Printing computer so anyone can print it as this is not technically the job of the PO.
9. A thank you and clarification reply (previously sent to Management for approval) was emailed to David Lord on 15 June. We have had no further correspondence to date.
10. An Updated pricelist and postage list is ready to go to Glenn. There are no changes to Medium or Large packages but small (USB sized) packages will cost \$11.
11. Updated Publications catalogue ready to update and print

Jane Ison (PO) – Juen 2024

Publications:

1. Clive and I are yet to complete the download copy of *They Served Their country*. We are working on it. Ken has provided a centered copy and Jane and Clive will create a downloadable PDF version probably of each book for immediate sale for \$25.
2. *Guide 5: A Guide for Finding and Using NSW Land Records for Family Research* (John Henderson) John has sent me his Guide 5 for formatting.
3. Jane is still preparing *Copeland* for download. This book had some big unpleasant surprises (although they are not noticeable in the hard copy). I am now up to indexing it and then Clive can take a look and then it's nearly ready to go to Glenn on the website.
4. Downloadable Publications attract no Members' Discount. Those now on the website are:
 - North Waratah Cemetery
 - St Luke's Wallsend
 - Geographic Encyclopedia
 - They Sent Me North – Revised edition

A list of publications still under production and potential publications follows over.

As at March 2024

Minmi Cemetery (Revised Version) (Ros Cheetham)

- Database is complete up to the letter 'N'. Jane to allocate out letters O-Z so Ros can recommence.
- Ros has been using the Australian Cemetery Index and Trove to help with cross referencing. Each letter has a file created for any queries that may appear and to be corrected at a later date. All correct information is on the database as well as the excel spreadsheet.
- Currently on hold but can progress with O-Z.

Minmi Cemetery (Revised Version) (Jane Ison)

- Jane to follow up with Robyn Jeffriess and Pat Healion to find out if they are able to continue with the history section of the cemetery as Jane and Ros only took on the database.

Catherine Hill Bay Cemetery (Revised Version) (Ros Cheetham)

- The review was started after looking at Cemetery Map. An updated map was received from the council.
- I have been in contact with Laraine Nelson who carried out a Cemeteries Conservation Management Plan. Some very interesting reading of the cemetery also giving an insight into the burials.
- New photos are currently being taken – providing a photo of new and old headstones/burials. (I believe there is a folder with negatives this also might also want to be looked at, to preserve.) Once weather conditions are cooler more photos of burials can be taken.
- Resources currently and continuing to be used:
 - The Grave Diggers Record book (held by NFHS)
 - Photo Album of photos taken of headstones taken previously and compiled by Karilyn Pawley (held by NFHS)
 - Trove to confirm some unmarked graves or burial dates.
 - Parish Records from the Anglican Parish records – Newcastle University.
 - Australian Cemetery Index – confirming if a headstone still exists.
- Recommendations:
 - Digitalise Photos from the album – as there are some empty spots either not put in or have been taken out, and to preserve the photos. (perhaps another resource to sell)
 - New Database and new format.
- Future plans
 - Source the Star archives, if possible, current CHB publication has 4 graves be being dug out from the sand dunes. Only 3 of those graves are still visible, may have found the last one but not sure as no records are available to confirm.
 - Any further resources that could be of use, please let me know.
 - Still in progress.

The Tellicherry (Mel Woodford)

- Mel has been compiling the women – convict and free – on the Tellicherry since 2006 and is working on a publication
- The Convict SIG under the guidance of Laraine Cross is working on the male convicts.
- This is potentially a two-volume publication.
- There may be the opportunity for biographies in the future.

Missing Industrial School Records (currently untitled) (Jane Ison)

- This project is on hold due to time constraints.

Possible future Publications:

Small publications on individuals/businesses/industries – 1 per booklet on A5

Midwives (Heather Ling)

- Heather has done a huge job on this project and is no longer a member but Sharyn is speaking to her about her work in regard to an occasional piece in the Journal. Heather is happy with the possibility of the Journal and Sharyn will see if she is keen to progress the project. She would retain be the creator. The Society would facilitate the project.
- Rosalie is happy to type up Heather's notes which are handwritten.

I look forward to being able to spend more time focussing on Publications.

Jane Ison (For the Publications Group)