

Newcastle Family History Society Inc.



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NEWSLETTER

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July Monthly Meeting



July Meeting

Tuesday 2 July – 2.00pm

General Meeting

Christmas in July – Trivia Afternoon

Hosted by John and Judy Mulhearn

Meeting will only be held in the rooms – No Zoom

We look forward to members joining us for our Christmas in July

Trivia Afternoon with John and Judy. Put on your thinking cap and

enjoy a fun, light-hearted afternoon.

A Christmas themed afternoon tea will follow. We ask you to please

bring a plate to share.



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Events and Outings	
Date	
2 July	Monthly meeting—Christmas in July and trivia with John and Judy Mulhearn
27 July	Articles due for Journal 247
6 August	Monthly meeting—Dr Ann Hardy—Very early days of Newcastle
28 August	Lamas Caledonian newsletter emailed
3 September	Monthly meeting-Rod Noble-History of Newcastle Trades Hall Council
14 September	Mini State Conference
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

Podcasts

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 clicking the links below 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:

What are you looking at? – Ep 1 - The Register of Warrants

In this series, Jane Ison critically scrutinises the records pertaining to the boys and girls admitted to the Industrial Schools and Reformatories of NSW - the Vernon for boys and Newcastle, Biloela and Shaftesbury for girls. Episode 1 focuses on the main admission register for girls - The Register of Warrants (NRS-14722). [To listen click here.](#)

Notable Novocastrians – Beryl Nashar

The first Australian to be awarded a PhD in geology, the first woman to be appointed Dean of Science in an Australian university and the first woman in Australia, maybe the world, to win a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, Dr Jude Conway recounts the brilliant life and achievements of Professor Beryl Nashar. [To listen click here.](#)

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

In this episode in the **Felonious Females** series Dr Jude Conway recounts the life and times of the famous Molly Morgan - 'Queen of the Hunter'. [To listen click here.](#)

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Journal News

WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL

The theme for our September Journal 247
is:

Down t' Pit

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

What's your mining connection? Did your people mine for yellow gold or black gold? Maybe even salt? Where did they mine? Success and failure; joy and tragedy; any mine, anywhere, any time. How about mining your family mining history and sharing it in the September journal? Please send your story to us by email to the editor or place in the pigeonhole in the library.

Month	Newsletter	Journal
August	13 Jul	
September	10 Aug	27 Jul
October	14 Sep	
November	12 Oct	
December	16 Nov	26 Oct

Submission of Articles: For all issues, you can send your typed item to 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)

Membership Matters

A warm welcome to our new members:

#1335 Jeanette Evans, Valentine, NSW

#1336 Sharyn Hutchison, (address withheld)

#1337 Sharon-Lee Stonestreet, (address withheld)

#1338 Bob Donaldson, (address withheld)

#1339 Sandra Boyd, Wallsend, NSW

Regards Sharyn Boyce

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR

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

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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.

Mini Conference

NFHS Mini-Conference

 **NSW & ACT Association of
Family History Societies Inc.** 
Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 14 September—9.45am onwards
for our Mini State Conference in the NFHS rooms (via Zoom)

\$10 per person

**Great speakers and topics, raffles, morning/afternoon teas and an
opportunity to share a fun day with other members**

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

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Scottish Family Research	2 nd Tuesday—1.00 pm—February to November	Mel Woodford	nfhsresident@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—suspended till August	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Cemetery Research	1 st Thursday—suspended till August	Pat Healion	pat.healion1@gmail.com
Ancestry Users	2 nd Thursday—February to November	Mel Woodford	nfhsresident@gmail.com
Scrapbooking	4 th Thursday—April 2024 date to be confirmed	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au

Library Roster for July

Volunteers are urgently needed for library duties on some Saturdays in July. Can you help to keep the library open?

Library Roster

Saturday Library Roster

Morning 9.45am to 12.30pm

Afternoon 12.30pm to 3.00pm

6 July am		
6 July pm		Sandra J
13 July am	Karen S	
13 July pm	Karen S	
20 July am		Bert
20 July pm		
27 July am	Sharyn B	Chris B
27 July pm	Sharyn B	

Thursday Library Roster

12.45 to 3.00pm

4 July	Alison M	Clelia P
11 July	Jane I	Bert & Rosalie
18 July	Marilyn M	Jane I
25 July	Karen S	Rosalie B

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Special Offer

MyHeritage exclusive offer

www.myheritage.com

The NSW & ACT Association has negotiated a special offer for our members with MyHeritage in the lead up to our 2024 Conference.

All members of the NFHS may use this offer until 15 July for an excellent discount on their first subscription with MyHeritage.

You do not need to be attending the 2024 Conference to use it.

<https://www.myheritage.com/partner/familyhistorysocietiesJuly24?>

Miscellaneous

Monthly Meetings on 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 click here [YouTube Newcastle Family History Society](#)

Mel Woodford (President)

New website!!!!

[The Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley](#) website provides information about the female convicts who came to the Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, New South Wales, at some stage during their lives. Thanks to Glenn Matthews for all his hard work to bring this website to fruition. To view this fantastic new resource, click above. Mel Woodford (President)

Snippers Group

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

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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Wyong Family History Group Inc.

General Meeting
1:00pm Saturday 13th July 2024

Guest Speaker –

Janelle Collins

Topic:

Family Reunions: Thanks to DNA

Janelle is a devoted family historian, with around 40 years of experience and qualifications from the University of Tasmania, the Society of Australian Genealogists, and the University of Strathclyde, amongst other learning. She is a Librarian who contracts to the State Library of NSW as a Specialist Librarian with the Family History Team. Her interest in genealogy started in her teens when her great-aunt revealed a family mystery that took 35 years and DNA to solve. Janelle specialises in using DNA to help adoptees and donor-conceived children to find their biological families. Janelle's talk will highlight some of these reunions, and the search processes involved.

Come along and meet Janelle and hear how her discoveries can help with your own DNA journey!

Visitors welcome.

At 'The Cottage' Building 9

6 Rankens Court, Wyong.

[enter via the old school yard]

Cottage is open from 12.00pm

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Password for member area of website—from 8 May 2024

The password for the Member area of our website is
Podcasts

Note: Podcasts has a capital P.

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July 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	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2.00pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	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
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests			10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 247
28	29	30	31			
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August 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors				

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