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NEWSLETTER

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August 2024

Events and Outings	
Date	
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 at Poppy's

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August Monthly Meeting – (for Zoom link see Page 9)

August Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 6 August at 2pm

In the NFHS rooms or via Zoom

Dr Ann Hardy from the UON

Presents

***Picturing Watt Street: A look at Newcastle's Old Town through
paintings, photos & other visual sources***



Watt Street: UON Cultural Collections.

Podcasts

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:

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Notable Novocastrians – Dr Ethel Byrne

Physician and pathologist, Ethel Byrne was a prominent figure in the history of medical practice in Newcastle especially in the treatment of tuberculosis. Dr Jude Conway recounts her life and achievements. [To listen click here.](#)

The Wonderful World of Genealogy

In Episode 5 of this series. Our hosts explore ways to enhance your family's story by putting some "flesh on the bones". [To listen click here.](#)

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

Margaret McGreavy - Episode 8 of Mel Woodford's series has now been released which recounts the life of Margaret McGreavy from her convict origins to Pioneer of Newcastle's East End. [To listen click here.](#)

Open Day – 31 August 2024

NFHS English Open Day

Saturday 31 August 2024
10am – 3pm
Mechanics Institute: 68 Elder St Lambton

Join the English Special Interest Group
as we
Celebrate English History & Heritage!



View our displays of all things English!
NFHS members on hand to assist & advise on English Family Research!
Enjoy a refreshing Morning/Afternoon Tea!

Win the Raffle! A Hamper of English Goodies
Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5

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Latest Raffle Prize

NFHS Raffle

Hamper of all things English!



Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Available at the NFHS rooms or by direct debit to
BSB: 650 000; Account No: 501 652 808
As reference please give your name & the word 'Raffle'

Drawn at 2pm on Saturday 31 August 2024

At our English Open Day

Journal News

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

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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:

#1339 Sandra Boyd, Wallsend NSW

1340 Xander Russell, Fletcher NSW

#1341 Des Lambley, Doncaster VIC

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 Management Committee role. An added bonus—the laptop 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 – Saturday 14 September 2024



**NSW & ACT Association of
Family History Societies Inc.
2024
Annual Conference**



**Saturday 14 September – from 9.45am
For our Mini State Conference in the NFHS rooms (via Zoom)**

\$10 per person
Please book & pay at the rooms or by direct debit
BSB 650 000 Account 501 652 808
Ref: Your Name + Conf.

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

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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	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

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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Library Roster - August

Library Roster

Saturday Library Roster

Morning 9.45am to 12.30pm

Afternoon 12.30pm to 3.00pm

3 August am	Lea	
3 August pm	Lea	
10 August am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle
10 August pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle
17 August am		Bert
17 August pm		Clelia P
24 August am	Marie H	
24 August pm	Marie H	
31 August am	English SIG	Open Day
31 August pm	All Hands	On Deck!

Thursday Library Roster

12.45 to 3.00pm

1 August	Alison M	Clelia P
8 August	Jane I	Bert & Rosalie
15 August	Marilyn M	Jane I
22 August	Karen S	Rosalie B
29 August	Marilyn M	Jane I

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, 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, or simply [click here](#).

Snippers Group

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

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Condolences

It is with heavy hearts that the Management Committee informs you of the passing of our long-time member Doug Saxon. Doug was a dedicated local historian and prolific author contributing to many Society journals and publications. Our library catalogue records 15 of Doug's publications on the shelves.

Doug was also passionately involved in education and the arts in Newcastle over many years. A kind and learned man – Doug will be missed by all those who knew him.

Our most sincere sympathy goes out to his family.

A Note from Your NFHS Management Committee

The Management Committee is keen to ensure that all our members are able to attend our monthly meetings if they wish.

We understand that some members are unable to attend nighttime meetings, particularly during the Winter months. We are also aware that not all our members feel comfortable using Zoom to attend live meetings, or to access our NFHS YouTube channel to view recordings of our guest speakers. We also recognize that some members have work commitments.

We would like to know your thoughts on whether extending our 2pm meetings to include the months of April, May and September would be of benefit to you.

If you generally attend (or would like to attend) our monthly meetings we request that you fill in our brief online survey on our members' page:

<https://nfhs.org.au/members/>

You can also contact our secretary at **nfhsinc@gmail.com** or by mail to indicate your preference.

The Secretary NFHS Inc.

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August 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events				10am—Cemetery Research 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2.00pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 247	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for September newsletter
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing Cover printing—Journal 247	10am-3pm—Library open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 247	10am-3pm—Library open
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors				

Zoom Link for August Monthly Meeting

Time: **Aug 6, 2024 02:00 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89255921213?pwd=GI7QCGmta4lll36uXF2BRlBbTJuyan.1>

Meeting ID: 892 5592 1213

Passcode: 479071

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All things Scottish

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



Caledonian

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

Scottish Special Interest Group.

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