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The theme for our December Journal 248 is:

Medical Matters

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 26 October 2024**

October 2024

October General Meeting

Tuesday 1 October—7.30 pm

General Meeting

Speaker—Dr Rosalie Bunn

50th Anniversary of Open Foundation Program

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

Join us to listen to our member Dr Rosalie Bunn speaking on the 50th anniversary of the University of Newcastle's Open Foundation Program, which has given many students the opportunity to transform their education. Created to enable more people in our community to attend university, it began with just 80 students and has become Australia's largest and oldest 'university-ready' enabling program. The free pathway courses to university have widened access to higher education and contributed to better outcomes for people from all walks of life.

Rosalie was an Enabling Educator for 21 years and taught Social Enquiry in the Open Foundation Program. She has an Honours degree in Sociology; a Diploma of Education; a Masters degree by Research in Educational Sociology; and a Graduate Certificate in the Practice of Tertiary Teaching. Rosalie completed her PhD in History on the topic of the 'History and Impacts of the University of Newcastle's Open Foundation Program'.

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 October meeting

Topic: **October Monthly Meeting**

Time: **Oct 1, 2024 07:30 PM** Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81154298316?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81154298316?pwd=7q5t0ea1XK4wzWwCIVWRIwTL0WgF7x.1)

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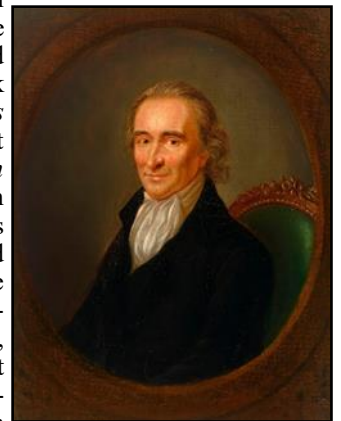
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Overview of September meeting

Rod Noble was our guest speaker at the September monthly meeting. Rod gave a great overview of the development of the union movement in the Hunter Valley and the history of Newcastle Trades Hall Council. Rod's career commenced with him completing an apprenticeship as an Electrician. Over the years he travelled as well as working and eventually completed a bachelor's degree at the University of New England and later a Research Master's degree at University of Newcastle. Rod has been a member of various political parties. He was a founding member of the Progressive Labour Party and is still very active in this party. He has produced numerous booklets, papers and articles on labour history, occupational health and safety and workers' cultural themes. In 2008 he produced a book named *Of Human Right and Human Gain* which is a history of the Hunter's Labour movement. He undertook research for the book *Lake Macquarie Past and Present* and was co-author of book *Social Dimensions of Occupational Health and Safety*.

Rod commenced his presentation with an overview of the connection to the development of the trade union movement in Newcastle of Thomas Paine, an English-born political philosopher of the late 1700s and early 1800s, pictured here. Rod played an English folk song by Grace Petrie, *Tom Paine's Bones*. Two of Tom Paine's most famous books are *The Age of Reason* and *Rights of Man*, which got him into a lot of trouble because he was against the monarchy and promoted the idea that people should have the right to vote and throw out their government. Perhaps not surprisingly, he had to leave Britain and first went to America where he was significantly influential in the American Independence struggle and the Declaration of Independence. He then went to France and became influential in the French Revolution.



Fast forward a little to 1806 and a convict, in Newcastle, NSW, named Joseph Small Salt. Small Salt was a talker and spoke to his fellow convicts in a coal mine in Newcastle East about Thomas Paine in a favourable manner. When overheard by the guards, he was dragged out of the mine and given 100 lashes. The fact that Thomas Paine was being discussed by convicts in 1806, could be considered a step in the development of unions, more in the sense

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of creating the atmosphere in which workers' rights could be brought forward, than any tangible beginning at that time. His efforts were followed by the Great Reform Act of 1832 which allowed certain male property owners the right to vote. In 1834 Robert Owen formed the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union, and in the same year a number of farm labourers from Tolpuddle in Britain were transported to Australia for 'swearing an oath' to join that Union. They became the 'Tolpuddle Martyrs'. Three of them ended up in the Hunter Valley. They were also talkers and spoke of what was happening in England and of different ways of doing things. We then come to the Chartist Movement up to 1848 which was also looking at the right to vote. In 1848 there was also the Lace Workers of France. In the 1830s many hundreds of English workers, mostly 'mechanics', had gone with their families to France to work in the lace trade. When the 1848 uprisings occurred in France they wanted to return to England, however they were not allowed to due to a recession, so they opted to come to Australia. Many went to other parts of Australia but about 120 came to Morpeth in the Hunter Valley as free settlers. All of these 'talkers' spread the ideas that set the scene for the union movement, because these people, particularly those coming from France and the French Revolution, had some rather radical ideas.

The Hunter Valley working class culture. There were Mechanics Institutes, School of Arts and Libraries; brass bands; pipe bands; eisteddfods, eight-hour day and May Day processions; banners, floats and festivals; choirs (from 1888 the Newcastle People's Chorus); and the 1884 eight-hour demonstration committee expenditure included for three bands – Wallsend, Hamilton and 'Great Northmen'.

In those days (1840s-50s onwards) there were the beginnings of unions in the Hunter Valley. In the 1850s, the miners had small 'Lodge' organisations in each mine. There were Friendly Societies which were mainly for welfare issues like funeral benefits, sickness and injury benefits, to provide money to survive. There was a Shorter Working Hours Movement which was mainly to do with middle class shopkeepers and there was the Eight-Hour Day movement which was more to do with craft unions as there was no 40-hour week then, it was often a 60-hour week. Over time, they did get some leverage there. Then in 1859-1860, there was a Combination of Lodges leading to the formation of a Miners' Union. Prior to this there were numerous small lodges at the various mine sites who eventually all came together.

The difference between craft and industrial unions. The craft unions were made up of occupations such as carpenters, plasterers, stone masons and boilermakers. They were generally a little more conservative and often had only up to 40 members. The industrial unions were for those in the occupations within the coal, steel and wool industries. These unions were more radical mainly due to shared values and dangers, and a higher number of members (the coal miners had thousands of members).

The Eight-Hour Day Committee first commenced in 1869 and became the peak union movement in the Hunter Valley until 1926. This was when the Newcastle Trades Hall Council and Eight-Hour Day Committee was formed. As mentioned, until they had a Trades Hall, many workers organisations met in pubs, School of Arts

buildings or Mechanics Institutes. At the bottom left is the Wallsend School of Arts and next to it the Reading Room at the West Maitland School of Arts. It can be seen that they were very well visited.

In 1879 the Coal Miners' Union, which was an industrial union rather than a craft union, tended to approach industrial relations directly. They lived in close-knit communities and shared common dangers. They ushered in what could be described as a wave of radicalism. During the period up until at least the 1930s, this union was more numerous than all the other union organisations of the Hunter put together. In 1879 there was a huge strike. There was a system called the Vend System that had been put in place to ensure a certain price for coal and payments but the union branch at the Lambton Coal Mine wouldn't go along with this. After a period, the Miners' Union formed a loyal branch at Lambton after which the miners agreed to limit their production to ensure enough work for the other pits. However, the Lambton mine owners locked out all the Lambton miners and brought in 'scab' workers from outside Newcastle. This led to mass pickets against the scabs involving many thousands of miners, their families and broader community supporters. To allow the scabs to get past the pickets and into the mines, Newcastle came under military occupation for three months due to this uprising amongst the workers in the region. The entire NSW regiment was sent to Newcastle with their artillery and machine guns to put down the workers. There were many arrests, court cases and jailings. Eventually the main issues were resolved through the courts, the military returned to Sydney and the Vend System was re-established. A similar three-month occupation by the military happened again in 1888.

These were significant events, and the ensuing decades saw a series of similar issues that reinforced the Hunter Valley's radical reputation. There were the Great Strikes of the early 1890s (that first led to the formation of Labor Leagues and then the Labor Party); the Peter Bowling Strike of 1909; the Anti-Conscription actions and strike of 1917; the 1929 Rothbury Lockout; and the 1949 Coal Strike.

The original Trades Hall, pictured here, was built in Newcastle in 1895 but by 1914 was too small due to a large increase in unionism that was assisted by the legislated Arbitration System. 1914 saw a new larger Trades Hall constructed in Union Street.

There was a second wave of radicalisation from 1907-1920 with the appearance of the Industrial Workers of the World, and the One Big Union.

Trades and labour councils came and went, but throughout it all, the Eight-Hour Committee was a constant, not only dealing with the eight-hour day but also with disputes between unions and against employers. By 1920 the eight-hour day was generally achieved; followed by the 44-hour week, annual leave and safety legislation.

The third wave of radicalisation transpired from 1920-2000 and was a mixture of the Australian Labor Party and the Communist Party of Australia. In 1926 under the auspices of the Eight-Hour Committee, the Newcastle Trades Hall Council (NTHC) was formed by uniting different political tendencies into one organisation. This period from 1920 saw improvements such as the 40-hour week; a library for workers; four weeks annual leave; the beginning of annual May Day processions; a regular hour on local radio; its own NTHC newspaper; the development of a Workers Club in 1948; equal pay for women; improved Work Health and Safety protection including the elimination of so

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called 'dirt money'.

These gains, and many others, have been achieved by the collective actions of the union movement at national, state and regional level. Newcastle and the Hunter Valley has a well-deserved reputation as one of the militant centres of the workers movement in Australia.

Thanks so much to Rod for such an in-depth presentation on the

history of the union movement and Trades Hall Council in the Hunter Valley.

To watch Rod's presentation in full, simply click on this [link](#).

The photos were taken from Rod's presentation.

Lea Harris with the assistance of Rod Noble

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Events and Outings

Future dates

1 October—Monthly meeting—Dr Rosalie Bunn—50th Anniversary of the Open Foundation (see page 1)

12 October—Sandgate Cemetery tours (see page 4)

19 October—Print Orientation session (see page 8)

26 October—Digital Orientation session (see page 8)

26 October—Articles due for Journal 248 (see page 5)

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 (see page 4)

6 December—Christmas lunch at Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead (see below)

19 December—Library closes for Christmas/New Year break

16 January—Library reopens for the 2025 year

25 January—Articles due for Journal 249 (see page 5)

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.

Christmas Lunch

Our secretary, Karen, is now taking names for our 2024 Christmas Lunch at [Poppy's](#) on Friday 6 December - 11.30am for 12.00.

If you would like to book your place for this wonderful gathering, please email Karen at nfhsinc@gmail.com with the subject heading **Christmas Lunch**. After last year's fabulous event, places will book up fast.

Dietary needs can be catered for if advised in advance.

We would love to have your company!



Christmas Fair

Planning has begun for our **Christmas - Once Upon a Time** Fair to be held on Sunday 1 December 2024. There will be lots going on at the Mechanics' Institute!

Can you help by:

- Providing an item for our Christmas Raffle Hamper full of festive goodies? (tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5)
- Providing a plate of festive food for our morning/afternoon tea stall?
- Volunteering to help out on the day?
- Helping to decorate the rooms?
- Helping to give the rooms a clean before the fair?
- Taking a **Members' Stall** to sell your own Christmas themed (and other) items? (\$20 donation per stall) BYO table and shade
- Help advertise the day by sharing information by word of mouth, on your own social media or by pinning up flyers?
- Suggest other good ideas for the day?

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Mel at nfh-spresident@gmail.com with the subject heading **Christmas Fair**.

Sandgate Cemetery Tour—great news!

We've arranged with Metropolitan Memorial Parks to run our 2024 tour on Saturday 12 October. Marg Ashford will contact all those people who booked for the postponed tour day to confirm whether they are still interested. If you didn't book but are interested in coming, email nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com with your name, number of people and preferred tour (two choices please) out of 9.30, 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00, 12.30, 1.00, 1.30. After the contact has been made with those who had already registered, Marg will work through the emails in order of receipt to fit in as many people as possible.

Our second and last Publications meeting for 2024 will be held at 10 am on Friday 18 October. Any member with any ideas for publications or who is interested in being more involved with our Society is welcome to attend. It will be good if everyone who is working on a publication for our Society could attend but if this is not possible, please send a report. Contact Jane, the Publications Officer, on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com.

Downloads of our publications are proving popular. *They Served Their Country* Parts I and II are now available from our online shop on the one download. The download will cost \$45. *They Served Their Country* Part I or Part II - as with almost every one of our publications - are always available for purchase as books from the reception desk or by mail (plus postage). The colour books cost \$50 each or purchase the pair for \$90. A member discount of 10% is available for the first purchase of every hard copy.

We continue to work on modifying our older publications so they can be downloaded as they remain useful and relevant to family history. In almost every case the hard copy of the publication remains available for purchase from the Society - and may be posted if necessary. If anyone is interested in purchasing a downloadable version of any publication not yet available, please email the Publications Officer on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com who will prioritise that title.

These publications are now available to view and download from our online shop:

- *Behind the Sandstone*
- *Early Newcastle*
- *Geographic Encyclopedia of NSW*
- *Old Wallsend Cemetery*
- *St Andrew's Church of England Burial Ground (Mayfield)*
- *St Luke's Anglican Church, Wallsend*
- *They Sent Me North (Revised Edition)*
- *They Served Their Country* Parts I and II

There is a display copy of every publication that may be viewed as well as an information sheet on each publication in the folder in the display shelves in front of the reception desk. I am still updating these information sheets.

For Volunteer Librarians: To save time and ease having to store the unused bags, a roll of kitchen tidy bags has been left in the bottom of each bin - one in the kitchen; one near the reception desk and one in the toilet - please leave the roll underneath the bag currently in use and try to remember to replace the bag - especially the bag in the kitchen - frequently.

WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE PAPER CARRY BAGS AT PRESENT. PLEASE RECYCLE THEM AT HOME FOR THE MOMENT.

Jane Ison (Publications Coordinator)

Journal and Newsletter

December Journal (248)

Our **Medical Matters** theme generated so much material of great interest that we're going to continue the theme in the December journal. If you have something to write about the topic, please send it in; we will need it by **Saturday 26 October**. If we run out of space again, we'll keep your items for future journals.

March Journal (249)

The theme of this journal is **Writer's Choice**. Always popular, this theme gives you the chance to share your writing on

any topic related to family history – your research, family stories, houses – the list is endless. Please start thinking about what you might write – articles would need to be submitted by **Saturday 25 January 2025**.

Submission of Articles

For all issues, you can send your typed item to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@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)

Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
November	12 October	
December	16 November	26 October
January	No newsletter	
February	13 January	
March	17 February	25 January
April	17 March	
May	14 April	
June	12 May	26 April
July	16 June	

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— no meeting in October	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—no meeting in September	Mel Woodford	nfhspresident@gmail.com
Scrapbooking	4 th Thursday	Karen Smith	abc26715@bigpond.net.au

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 November 2024, being the Scottish quarter day of Martinmas.

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

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, or simply click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Podcasts

General

Is any member who has an ancestor at ANY industrial school in NSW before 1900 interested in working with Jane Ison on a Q&A podcast about their ancestor? Please let her know on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com or contact the IT Officer at nfhstit@gmail.com.

Four more podcasts have been recorded since last newsletter. These are available for you to enjoy on the NFHS 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.

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

The 10th and 11th episodes of this series have been released. In Episode 10 I tell the story of Mary Higgins who was one of the first female convicts sent to the Newcastle/Hunter Valley region. In Episode 11 I describe the practice of financial reward for female convicts assigned to families in the colony, highlighting four women who were commended for their service with households in the Hunter Valley. To listen click [here](#).

Notable Novocastrians

In this episode, our member Daryl Woods tells us of his family connection to Sir Frederick Gallegher Galleghan and recounts some aspects of a ‘Life in Service’. To listen, click [here](#).

What are you looking at?

Jane Ison discusses the availability of government records for boys and girls sent to industrial schools and reformatories in NSW during the mid to late 1800s. To listen, click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

Can you help?

Our NFHS Podcasting Team works very hard under the guidance of our IT Manager, Clive.

Why do we make our NFHS podcasts?

- To aid our members and the community in their family history work
- To record our local history for the future
- To educate

Can you help us by:

- Suggesting future podcasts which might be of benefit or interest?
- Would you be able to write (or help write) a podcast script about something which interests you?
- Perhaps something to do with your family in the area, a person, house or property of interest to others?

NB: you may wish to record a podcast yourself, or you may prefer a member of the Podcasting Team to record it for you.

Let us know your thoughts by emailing Mel at nfhspresident@gmail.com

Results of Survey re Meeting Times

Replies to the questionnaire about extending the 2.00 pm monthly meetings to include April, May and September have been collated.

Due to the number of 'yes' votes and the number who didn't mind either way, it has been decided to trial this in 2025 to determine if there are any issues for members.

2025 meetings will be held at 2.00 pm from April through to September.

Library News

Library Group meets 2nd and 4th
Mondays from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

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		
5 Oct am	Lea H	Volunteer
5 Oct pm	Lea H	Sandra J
12 Oct am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
12 Oct pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
19 Oct am	Bert G	Volunteer
19 Oct pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
26 Oct am	Marie H	Noelene L
26 Oct pm	Marie H	Jude C
Thursday Library Roster		
1.00 to 3.00 pm		
3 Oct	Alison M	Clelia P
10 Oct	Jane I	Rosalie B, Bert G
17 Oct	Marilyn M	Jane I
24 Oct	Karen S	Rosalie B
31 Oct	Marilyn M	Jane I

Library Volunteers—Urgent

Once again, we are looking for Library volunteers to fill the gaps in between our regular volunteers. We currently still have a few vacancies for our October 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)

Library Orientation

More orientation sessions are coming up soon. If you have registered, you'll soon be receiving a personal invitation to come to our next scheduled sessions.

On Saturday 19 October Jim and I will introduce you to the huge array of print resources and how to find them and on Saturday 26 October 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've registered 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)

Library Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Donated by
Coughlan, Tom	Tracing your Leitrim Ancestors [2018]	RCo2/10/02	Sandra & Dorian Griffin
Roulston, William J	Researching Ulster Ancestors: The essential genealogical guide to early modern Ulster 1600-1800	RUI2/10/02	Sandra & Dorian Griffin
Morris, Lee N	More about us: Sarah Ann Thompson & Price Morris III [2023]	A4/MOR/07a	
Morris, Lee N	More than we tell: Ada Catherine Morris & Charles Martin Sattler [2023]	A4/MOR/07b	
Morris, Lee N	Morris dancing: Phyllis Agnes Morris & Thomas James Morris [2023]	A4/MOR/07c	
	Vickers and Kickers: the regimental news of the 16th Light Horse (MG) Regiment [1941]	AH7/82/02	John Easton
Harris, Phillip L.	Aussie: the Australian soldiers' magazine [1918] [reprint]	A7/82/20	John Easton
	Pictorial centenary souvenir: companion to history of deaf education in Australia 1875-1975 [nd 1976?]	A7/45/03	
Ratray, Malcolm et al.	Chronology of Wingham 1854-2004 [2004]	AH8.429/01/01	Beverley Woodman
Minert, Roger P	German residential records for genealogists [2018]	SGe5/44/01	
Brinkworth, Royleen	Bidner country [1995]	A4/BID/01	Beverley Woodman
Hughes, Marie Therese	Hughes Potteries 1866 to 1981 The Junction, Newcastle, NSW [2023]	AH8.291/60/01	Marie Hughes
Maitland & Dist Hist Soc	A town to be laid out [1979]	AH8.320/01/12	
Coan, Cecille	A story of immigrants and their descendants (Radinic/Radimey/Rademy family history) [2024]	A4/RAD/01	Cecille Coan
Ashford, Margaret, compiler	Jack Bertram: his life in war and peace [2023]	A4/BER/02	NFHS
Harrison, Pamela B	Confined but free: the female staff of Maitland gaol in the 19th century [2021]	AH7/68/05	Pamela Harrison
Winn, Janis	Chronicles of Carrington, Tahlee and the AA Company: 200 years [2024]	AH7/10/13	
Ashford, Margaret	Behind the sandstone: hidden stories of sacrifice [2024]	AH5/15/127	
Walker, Val	Newcastle Herald: Jul-Dec 2023 domestic notices and index of deaths, funerals, in memoriam & probate notices only [2024]	NLP/03/2023b	
Snippers	NMH 1935 Oct-Dec Suburban & Hunter News [2023]	NLP/06/1935g	
Snippers	NMH 1935 Oct-Dec Suburban & Hunter News Index [2023]	NLP/06/1935h	
Snippers	NMH 1936 Jan-Mar Newcastle news & Index [2024]	NLP/05/1936a	
Kee, Robert	Ireland: a history [1980]	R7/01/08	Sandra & Dorian Griffin
Perceval-Maxwell, M.	The Scottish migration to Ulster in the reign of James I [1973]	RUI7/18/01	Sandra & Dorian Griffin
	The Bishop's Register of confirmations in the Midland district of the Catholic Church in England 1768-1811 and 1816 [1999]	N5/10/07	Sandra & Dorian Griffin
Shilling, Maree & Shilling, Ken	They served their country Part I [2024]	A3/60/11a	
Shilling, Maree & Shilling, Ken	They served their country Part II [2024]	A3/60/11b	
Greville	Greville's official post office directory of New South Wales 1872 (photocopy)	AH5/80/01	
Knodler, Gregory J E	The hidden letters from the hayloft 1871-1901	A4/MEI/01	Gregory Knodler



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 page 6).

1343 Val and Sean Auston
1345 Sharon Jarmon

1344 David Elliott
1346 Belinda Montforte

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

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](#).

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

Miscellaneous

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More for our Members

The Management Committee is always keen to provide better services for our members. We have recently taken out a subscription to the [Biographical Database of Australia](#) online which is a fabulous resource for family historians and historians. Why not come in and check it out on our computers?

We have also recently taken out an Affiliate Membership with the [Society of Australian Genealogists Inc.](#) which means members of NFHS will now receive a discount when registering for SAG courses using a special code.

We are also currently looking into becoming a **FamilySearch Affiliate Library**. More information shortly.

Mel Woodford (President)

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Snippers Group

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

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Password for member area of website

The password for the Member area of our website is **Podcasts**

Note: Podcasts has a capital P.

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October

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—Convicts in Australia 6.00-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		Library closed—long weekend
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Long weekend	Long weekend	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		Sandgate Cemetery Tours 10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for November newsletter
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 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-12noon—Publications meeting	9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm—Library open
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 248
27	28	29	30	31		
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

November

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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
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	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 248	10am-3pm—Library open
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 Cover printing—Journal 248	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for December newsletter
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	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 248	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 Caledonian newsletter to be emailed		10am-3pm—Library open

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am-3pm— Christmas Fair— Christmas Once Upon a Time 	2 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	3 10am—Convicts in Australia	4 10am-2pm— Snippers	5 10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open	6 9.30-12.00— Feedback meeting Journal 248/ planning meeting Journal 249 11.30am— Christmas Lunch— Poppy's Verandah Café, Gateshead	7 10am-3pm— Library open
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests			1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm— Library open
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am— Management Com- mittee 1-3pm—Library open	Library closed for Christmas/ New Year break	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Library closed for Christmas/New Year break 						
29	30	31				
Library closed for Christmas/New Year break						

January

2025

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			Library closed for Christmas/ New Year break			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Library closed for Christmas/New Year break						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Library closed for Christmas/ New Year break				10am— Management Com- mittee 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm— Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm— Library open
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ance- stors		1-3pm—Library open		