

February Monthly Meeting
7.30pm – 4 February 2025

Acknowledgement of Country:

The NFHS acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Custodians and Elders of the land on which we meet.

Welcome to Members and Guests: Vice President Dr Rosalie Bunn.

Those in attendance in the rooms: Jude Conway, Marie Hughes, Clive Maddocks, Marg Ashford, Jim MacDougall, Jane Ison, Kirstie Carrick, Rosalie Bunn, Gil Bunn, Marilyn Bridges, David Elliott, Heather Dunn, Su Carter, Beverley Richardson, Noelene Lowes, Robyn Jeffriess, Judy Clack, Sylvia Heath.

Those on Zoom: Lea Harris, Mel Woodford, Marion Gevers, Paul Dangarfield, Jeff Madsen, Diana Meredith, Lyn Hutchings.

Apologies: Ian Eckford, Bert Groen.

Society News:

We have received a reply from Dr Ross Kerridge, Lord Mayor of Newcastle accepting our invitation to become one of the Society's patrons. We are very pleased to welcome him.

Membership renewals are due 1 March 2025.

New Members welcomed in December and January:

Lyn Hutchings, Wallsend
Ken Thornton, Rathmines
Paul Farquhar, Eleebana

We currently have 282 members.

Special General Meeting – Sunday 16 February at 10am (in the rooms & via Zoom) to approve Draft Constitution 2025.

**# Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar to be held 2 March 2025
Help needed with setting up and morning tea. Help needed pinning up flyers.**

**# Newcastle Seniors' Gala – this year at McDonald Jones Stadium on Tuesday 4 March – Corporate Level. NFHS has a table booked.
NFHS Seniors' Open Day will follow on Saturday 15 March.**

Guest Speaker: Our member, Dr Jude Conway, presenting on
Zell Meehan, Secretary to 8 Newcastle Lord Mayors. Jude's topic is

Zell Meehan Versus NCC (1856): The right of women to continue working after marriage.

Q & A session.

An overview of this talk will be available in the March NFHS Newsletter and a recording of the talk will be added to our NFHS YouTube Channel.

Raffle Draw: Prize won by Robyn Jeffriess.

Next Monthly Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7.30pm**
Member, Beverley Richardson, will speak on
The Cessnock Coalfields and its Scottish Connections.

The meeting was followed by tea/coffee and informal discussion.