Publications – December 2024

The last Publications meeting was held on 29 October at Wests. Any other arrangements will be completed by email and face to face discussions until the next meeting to be held on 21 March 2025 at the Society Rooms.

Publications (see page 2 for the Publication Officers Report)

We need a publication every year to help to bolster the Society finances.

Guide 5: (John Henderson)

• Jane to format during the holiday period and return to John for his additions/comments.

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

- Currently photographed/Videoed 3/4 completed
- Spreadsheet/database started, as I am not sure as to how this will be completed i.e. book form or downloadable I will be putting this into 4 spreadsheets. (1. Index; 2. Section/Religion, Name, date of death etc; 3. Unmarked graves found along the way verified by trove or family members with death certificates; 4. For researching purposes where the information was sourced. Whilst this seems a lot of work, I think it's needed so I know where I have looked and gathered information.
 - Ros has been informed that it is both book and downloadable.
- Previously Ros mentioned the old photos taken years ago along with the current photos would make a good addition. A USB with the headstones/markings would be a good resource to have. whether it is published separately or with the database, not sure. Recommendation that we 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)
 - The group agreed that this was a good suggestion. The photos were taken by Karilyn Pawley who gave permission for them to be digitised. Ken Shilling has the folder and is scanning and labelling the photographs during the holiday period.
- Ros has looked at the cemetery via HRLV and can see where the cemetery once was, another interesting thing to see that may be included. Also looking at doing an overlay of the map. Old map over council's new map (just for a bit of fun/interest)
- Basically work in going at a steady pace.

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 due to Catherine Hill Bay but can progress with O-Z.

Minmi Cemetery (Revised Version) (Jane Ison)

Jane to follow up personally with Robyn Jeffriess and by email to 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.

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:

Potentially people may be more prepared to take on a smaller topic. Possibly the books would need a guillotined edge to tidy them.

Ken may be possibly interested in continuing the series People of Newcastle with Volume 4.

Small publications on individuals/businesses/industries etc -1 per booklet produced on A5 or available for download.

- History of Houses eg. Woodlands;
- mining companies;
- individuals;
- businesses;
- industries.

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.
- Mel to speak to Karilyn, Helene and Sharyn regarding speaking to Rodney Ling to see whether Heather's work could be preserved.

Meeting closed at 11.10 am.

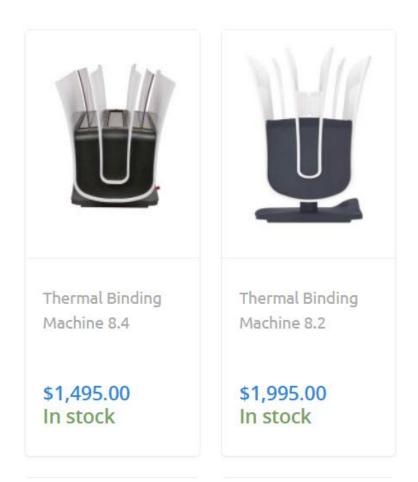
I look forward to being able to spend more time focusing on Publications.

Jane Ison (For the Publications Group)

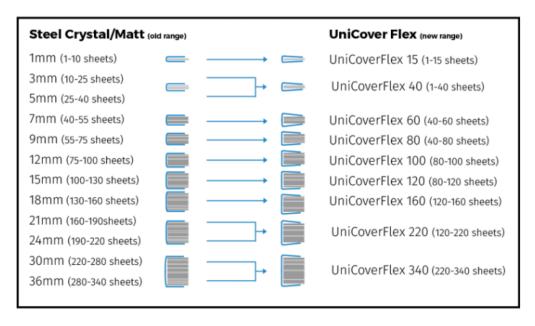
Publications Officer (PO) Report

1. **IT IS TIME TO REPLACE THE BINDER HEATER**. One of the two elements on the binder heater has now failed. We can continue to operate with the current machine but it needs to be replaced as if the second element fails no further publications as books can be produced and snippers will be unable to bind any further Snippers Snippets to put on our shelves. It is not worth paying for a repair of the machine as the binders that this machine uses are no longer produced. The purchase of a replacement binder has been the subject of two unsuccessful grant applications over the last two years. It is still possible to use our current machine with the new binders, dependent on the thickness of the publication needing to be bound.





2. The company Primegrafix have been really helpful over the years and easy to work with. Of the two machines above we will probably need to more expensive one as it is the only one of the two that will crimp. While both will deal with up to 340 pages, we need a machine that will crimp as sizes of what we bind fluctuate and the sizes of steel spines available for smaller books have been reduced. I have not found any machines online that will bind up to 340 pages.



- 3. Jane requests approval to purchase 100 ISBNs from Thorpe-Bowker Publishing Services who we have purchased from and who keep track of our allocated ISBNs. This will cost the Society \$480 or \$4.80 each as opposed to \$44 for one. (see https://www.myidentifiers.com.au/identify-protect-your-book/isbn/buy-isbn). I will probably need to use my personal credit card and get a refund from the Treasurer.
- 4. All remaining Publications in CD format have been priced at \$10. This is a bargain for purchasers who are still able to use this technology and the price will recoup our costs of production. CDs are kept in a container beside the container for the USBs on the top shelf in the first cupboard of the Publications storage.
- 5. Updated Information Sheets for each publication have been placed in the Publication Sales folder. This process is ongoing as the status of publications changes.
- 6. If more NFHS brochures are needed the revised file is on the desktop of the Printing computer so anyone can print it.
- 7. An Updated pricelist and postage list will go to Glenn before the new year. There are no changes to postage of Medium or Large packages but small (USB sized) packages will cost \$11 to post.
- 8. The Publications catalogue has been reformatted and will be printed during the holiday period ready for 2025. A digital copy will be sent to Lea to go with the first newsletter of 2025.

Jane Ison (PO) – November 2024

Publications:

- 1. Downloadable Publications attract no Members' Discount. Those now on the website are:
 - Behind the Sandstone
 - Early Newcastle
 - Geographic Encyclopedia
 - North Waratah Cemetery
 - Old Wallsend
 - St Andrews, Waratah
 - St Lukes Wallsend
 - They Sent Me North Revised edition
 - They Served Their Country one download containing the two volumes

- 2. The IT officer's assistance in helping me learn how to prepare publications for download (combining files, bookmarking, hyperlinking ...) is invaluable but he still does the bulk of the preparation. The following publications are currently being prepared for download from the NFHS Shop:
 - Remembrance
 - People of Newcastle Volumes 1, 2 and 3 as one download
 - 19th Century Coal Mining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, NSW
 - Diary of a Voyage on the 'Dirigo' Liverpool, UK to Rocky Creek, NSW
- 3. The PDF for 19th Century Coal Mining Related Deaths, Hunter Valley, NSW has been repaired and a replacement cover produced. A hard copy can now be made when and if it is needed.
- 4. *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.
- 5. 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.

Jane Ison (December 2024)

A list of publications still under production and potential publications follows over but this is not different from the last report.