

**February Monthly Meeting**  
**7.30pm – 4 March 2025**

**Acknowledgement of Country:** President

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

**Welcome to Members and Guests:** President

**Those in attendance in the rooms:** Mel Woodford, Clive Maddocks, Marie Hughes, Rosalie Bunn, Gil Bunn, Bert Groen, Robyn Jeffriess, Clelia Park, Jude Conway, Margaret Ashford, Jim MacDougall, Beverley Richardson.

**Those on Zoom:** Lea Harris, Jane Ison, Paul Dangarfield, Sharyn Boyce, Diana Meredith.

**Apologies:** Judy Clack, Marilyn Bridges, Su Carter.

**Society News:**

**# Membership renewals were due 1 March 2025.**

**# New Members welcomed in February:**

Johanna Trainor, The Hill (rejoined)

Stuart Anderson, Mindaribba

Kate Hunt, Shortland

Wayne Wonnocott, Shortland

We currently have 285 members.

**# Special General Meeting held Sunday, 16 February at 10am (in the rooms & via Zoom) approved the Draft Constitution 2025 which has now been deposited with Fair Trading for approval.**

**# Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar was held Sunday, 2 March 2025. A great day was had by all – special thanks to *Team NFHS & Café NFHS* for all the amazing work done on & for the day! We have had some very positive feedback & three new members joined up.**

**# 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: Member, Beverley Richardson, will speak on**

***The Cessnock Coalfields and its Scottish Connections.***

**Beverley is a keen member of our Scottish Special Interest Group which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Beverley is a keen writer, having won a prestigious award fairly recently, as such she enjoys contributing to our *Caledonian* Newsletter & Journal.**

**Q & A session.**

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

**Tonight's Raffle is the Seniors' Raffle which will be drawn at our Open Day on Saturday 15 March.**

**Next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at 2pm**

Our speaker will be Lachlan Wetherall & his topic will be:

***Dating & Locating Historical Photographs***

**This meeting will be followed by tea/coffee and informal discussion.**