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Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov at 7.30 pm
Apr to Sep at 2.00 pm

Newsletter

Number 244

WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 7

The theme for our June Journal 250 is:
Celebration

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 26 April 2025**

March 2025

March General Meeting

Tuesday 4 March—7.30 pm

General Meeting

Speaker—Member Beverley Richardson

Cessnock Coalfield and the Scottish Connection

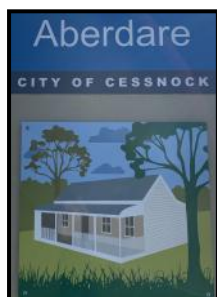
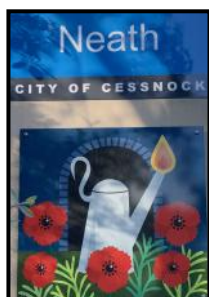
Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

The focus of this presentation is the Aberdare South Colliery, a mine on the edge of the Cessnock Coalfield. Founded in 1913 with capital raised by the Caledonian Coal Company, this was to be the greatest mine in the southern hemisphere, producing coal equivalent in quality to the best in the world. All that is left is a tall chimney, a crumbling engine house, an overgrown pit dam and a ruined pub, its gracious second floor and wrought iron balcony removed. The mine closed forever in 1929.

In this talk, Beverley Richardson relates her childhood memories of visits to the abandoned mine site and of summer holidays spent on the Cessnock Coalfield with her mining family.

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 March meeting

Topic: March Monthly Meeting

Time: Mar 4, 2025 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221691843?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221691843?pwd=vjfVOkWWt2KqVMOcHQNbIJiJlk2lc.1)
[pwd=vjfVOkWWt2KqVMOcHQNbIJiJlk2lc.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221691843?pwd=vjfVOkWWt2KqVMOcHQNbIJiJlk2lc.1)

Meeting ID: 822 2169 1843

Passcode: 079418

Overview of February meeting

Our February meeting was a fascinating presentation by our member Dr Jude Conway. Jude spoke about the challenge that Zell Meehan faced to keep her job in 1956 when she married. Her talk was titled Zell Meehan v Newcastle City Council (1956): The right of women to continue working after marriage.

In 1950, Zell Meehan was appointed secretary to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle. In 1956, aged 37, she married and as was the custom of the time, was expected to resign. However, Zell refused to do so.

Jude gave us an in-depth examination of Zell's career, the battle that ensued and the attitudes towards women at the time and since.

On 22 August 1918, Zell was born as Amy Gazell Burke at 38 Clarke Street, Plattsburg, an old Newcastle mining village. She attended Plattsburg Primary School and was then selected to attend Newcastle High School, where she successfully completed her high school studies achieving many awards. Whilst Zell was in 5th year, her father unexpectedly passed away impacting her dream of becoming a teacher due to financial burdens. Instead, she completed a business course at the Newcastle Business College. Following her course, she commenced work in 1936 as a typist at the Electricity Supply Department. In 1950 she applied for the position of secretary to the Lord Mayor where she was successful due to her outstanding qualifications. During her long Lord Mayoral secretarial career, she was secretary to eight Lord Mayors, having an extremely busy and varied career.

At the time of Zell's marriage to Pat Meehan, the wide-ranging belief was that married women should stay at home because the man was the main breadwinner. Zell however refused to follow the Council custom of handing in her resignation. It was recommended that Zell be suspended. A controversy raged for weeks in the media. The Lord Mayor at the time, Doug McDougall strongly opposed the suspension of Zell as he stated she was highly qualified and that the Council custom was very outdated. In the end the Council voted 13 to 5 in favour of Zell retaining her employment and also rescinded any resolutions on their books regarding employment of married women.

Zell eventually retired in 1983 and passed away on 15 February

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1998, aged 79. She is buried with her husband Pat, in the Catholic section of the Sandgate Cemetery. A Newcastle Herald article following her death stated 'Newcastle was all the better for her determined stand'.

This is a very brief overview of Jude's presentation as Jude is going to write an article for a future NFHS Journal. If you missed the meeting, you are encouraged to listen to her extremely interesting presentation by clicking [here](#).

Lea Harris with assistance from Dr Jude Conway



Zell Meehan and her two work places

Newcastle Herald, 2 January 1984, page 2

Photo taken from Jude's presentation

Volunteer Librarian's Handbook

It has been a long time since our volunteer Librarian handbook was updated. In an effort to bring it up to date, I will revise one item per month as this is a big job. The first involves the Wifi and the Wifi extender in the 'back' room.

Wifi:

Wifi passwords are displayed in each room in the Library.

The modem is located in the 'blue' (computer) room. It should always be left ON.

We have a new extender in the 'back' (meeting) room. Whenever the Library is open the extender should be turned ON at the powerpoint next to the jug. (The extender itself is out of reach but there is an instruction sheet on the wall near the extender.) At the end of Library, pack up the 'back' room and turn OFF both the extender and the jug powerpoints as well as the lights, fans and air conditioners.

NOTE: All other electrical equipment in the back room (powerpoints operating the fridge and the printers) should be left ON.

Librarian Queries re Library Processes

Everyone who volunteers to help in the Library when we are open should send a message to Jane on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com if they have any queries about any of the NFHS Library processes or wishes to add something to any checklist.

Opening and Closing Instructions

A PDF with opening and closing instructions for Volunteer Librarians is attached to the newsletter. If you volunteer as a Librarian, please download a copy for yourself to use until our new checklist is ready. Please note that these instructions are only an excerpt from the full handbook, so when you read say (see FIRE SAFETY & EVACUATION), that section is not in the excerpt so you won't be able to read it at the moment.

Jane Ison

Sandgate Cemetery Tour

Date: Saturday 18 October

Location: Honeysuckle (Cottage Creek) reinterment area, Presbyterian area

Do you have any connections with this section?

Please let us know - nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com

Marg Ashford (Sandgate Tours Coordinator)

Events and Outings

Future dates

- 1 March**—Membership fees are due
- 2 March**—Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar (see page 5)
- 4 March**—7.30 pm—Monthly meeting—Beverley Richardson
- 15 March**—Seniors Open Day (see page 4)
- 29 March**—Library Orientation (Digital) (see page 9)
- 1 April**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 5 April**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 9)
- 12 April**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 9)
- 6 May**—2.00 pm—Annual General meeting
- 3 June**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 1 July**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting—Trivia afternoon with John and Judy Mulhearn
- 15 July**—entries close for the 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition (see page 10)

- 5 August**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 2 September**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 12 to 14 September**—State Conference—Wollongong
- 7 October**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 11 October**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 9)
- 18 October**—Sandgate Cemetery Tour (see page 6)
- 25 October**—Library Orientation (Digital) (see page 9)
- 4 November**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 5 December**—Christmas luncheon

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.

Membership Fees Due

Well it is that time of the year again for membership renewals. Thank you to all those who have already paid their membership. You are able to pay your membership online by clicking on this [link](#) to open the online fillable form. Also attached to the newsletter email is a printable form if you would prefer to use that. A reminder that you need to be a financial member to vote at the AGM which will be held on 6 May.

2025/2026 memberships are due by 1 March 2025

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

Membership Registrar

I wish to thank those members who have shown interest in the role of Membership Registrar, but they were mainly from a distance so were unable to take the position. However this role needs someone who lives locally and has access to our Library. The position is open to male or female, no discrimination.

I do need someone to take the position as I have been doing this job for a number of years now and need some fresh eyes. It's not a hard job; the busiest time is when the membership renewals come in as they are now. You only need basic Excel experience to navigate the database and a little spare time for processing. We won't leave you in the deep end. I will be in the background to help.

A laptop is also provided 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)



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 8).

#1261 Johanna Trainor (rejoined)
#1360A Kate Hunt

#1359 Stuart Anderson
#1360B Wayne Wonnocott

FREE
OPEN
DAY

NEWCASTLE'S
FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIALS
Marr & Koo Shilling

PEOPLE OF NEWCASTLE AND
THE HUNTER VALLEY:
THEIR STORIES - OUR HERITAGE
Volume II
Compiled by Marr & Koo Shilling

Free Seniors Open Day

Newcastle Family History Society
in conjunction with
Newcastle Seniors Festival 2025



Saturday 15 March 2025
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Mechanics Institute, 68 Elder Street, Lambton

- Tour our Heritage Building
- Family History Research Help
- Trade Tables
- Bookstall
- Raffle
- Morning/Afternoon Tea \$5

All seniors and carers welcome

Website: www.nfhs.org.au

Email: nfhsinc@gmail.com

Limited accessibility in parts of the building; wheelchair and walker access from De Vitre Street, next to Meals on Wheels driveway



Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley

SEMINAR RAFFLE

Prize contents:

- 1 x copy *Is There a Convict in the Family*
Research Guide
- 1 x copy *Early Newcastle*
(downloadable publication)
- 1 x copy *They Sent Me North*
(downloadable publication)
- 1 x bottle *19 Crimes* Chardonnay
- 1 x monographed wine glass
- 1 x monographed coffee mug filled with
chocolates



Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 can be purchased in the rooms or by direct debit. The prize is to be collected from Newcastle Family History Society rooms. You do not need to be attending the seminar to purchase tickets.

If someone who already owns one of the publications wins, we will exchange it for a downloadable publication of similar value.

Direct Debit details

Account Name: Newcastle Family History Society

BSB: 650 000

Account Number: 501 652 808

Please ensure you put your name and the word 'Raffle' in the description

Results of Special General Meeting

On Sunday 16 February 2025 at 10 am 14 NFHS members met in our rooms and 5 via Zoom to vote on the proposed changes to our Constitution.

The revised Constitution was introduced together with a brief explanation of the proposed changes as per the Explanatory Notes which were forwarded to all members together with the relevant sections highlighted in the 2021 Constitution and the Draft 2025 Constitution on 18 January 2025.

Following a number of questions, replies and discussion, members were asked to vote for or against the Draft 2025 Constitution. Those in favour of accepting the 2025 Revised Constitution of the Newcastle Family History Society were asked to raise their hands. The results of the ballot were as follows:

14 for; 0 against - in the Society rooms
3 for; 0 against - on Zoom with 2 abstaining due to technical issues

The Motion: **That we accept the 2025 NFHS Constitution.**

Moved: Mel Woodford

Seconded: Gil Bunn

The relevant documentation together with the required fee has now been forwarded to NSW Fair Trading to be approved and registered.

Mel Woodford (President)

Publications

Publications Group meets twice a year—
dates advised as they are decided

At our last Publications meeting for 2024 we received encouraging reports from those members involved in a publication for the Society. If you did not send in a report, please send it ready for our next meeting that will be held at the rooms at **10.00 am on 21 March 2025**. If you have any ideas for a publication or would like to learn more about becoming involved, please come along. Contact Jane on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com for further information.

Attached to this newsletter is an updated Publications catalogue for 2025. Please have a browse and perhaps consider purchasing one of our publications as a hard copy or as a download.

With the help of our IT Officer Clive and our webmaster Glenn, we are making more publications available as downloads.

Members are reminded that they receive a 10% discount off the purchase of their first purchase of any of our publications. (Please note that there are no member discounts on downloads.)

If anyone is interested in purchasing a downloadable version of any publication not yet available, please email Jane on nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com who will prioritise that title.

For Volunteer Librarians: Welcome back to 2025. We hope that every member will consider finding one day this year (at least) when they can volunteer as a Librarian. You discover so much about your library and the resources that we have available so, if you can see your way clear to spend a couple of hours helping, that would really make a difference to those who are already on the roster.

When we get visitors to our library, remember to always give them an information brochure about our Society. Together with the brochure, the Journal group has suggested that one copy of an old Journal (without a printed coloured image on the front) could also be given to visitors. Hopefully armed with these two reminders of the Society, they will return and consider joining us. I will put some of these Journals behind the brochures to keep them together to remind us all.

Thank you to everyone for your work.

Jane Ison (Publications Coordinator)

Payment details for Publications

Our Direct Debit details are:

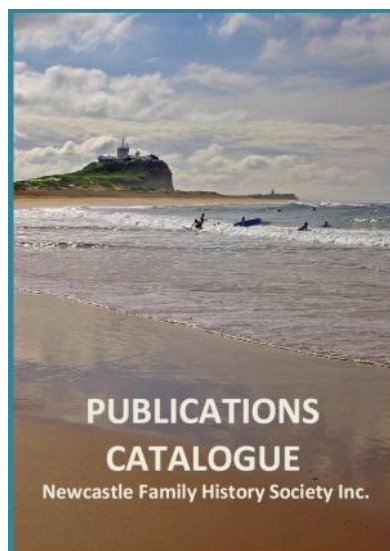
BSB: 650 000

ACCOUNT NO: 501 652 808

Please include a reference with the transfer eg: Last name and publication name, and also send an email providing details of the purchase to our Secretary at nfhsinc@gmail.com

Our 'snail mail' address is:

Secretary
NFHS Inc
PO Box 296
Jesmond NSW 2299



This is the cover of our catalogue with the image courtesy of our member Ken Shilling

Journal and Newsletter

June Journal (250)

The theme for the June Journal, **Celebration**, will be commemorating the Journal itself, with issue 250 marking a long and successful life since Bulletin No 1 was published in June 1983. This is cause for celebration! So, we will tell the history of the Journal itself and perhaps include reprints from earlier editions.

Why do members think the Journal is important? Is there a favourite story that you read in a Journal? Did you have a favourite story published? Please write and tell us about those things so we can make this issue a real celebration.

Send us those articles by **Saturday 26 April 2025**.

September Journal (251)

We will welcome items for Journal 251 to be published in September, with the theme of **Heroism**. Heroism can be dramatic and obvious, or private behind the scenes. It can involve a choice to make some form of sacrifice, or the overcoming of fear. What springs to mind when we hear the word? Military action or saving someone in distress are obvious responses, but there are so many others – the suffragists taking public action to gain universal suffrage; those setting aside personal ambitions to ensure success for their families. Do you know of people who fit your idea of heroism? Please write about them and share their stories.

Send us those articles by **Saturday 26 July 2025**.

Submission of Articles and Feedback

For all issues, and for any feedback to us, you can send your typed item to nfhseditor@gmail.com or deliver it to the Society library addressed to the Editor. We can also accept handwritten items if that's your preference.

Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
April	15 March	
May	12 April	
June	10 May	26 April
July	14 June	
August	12 July	
September	16 August	26 July
October	13 September	
November	11 October	
December	20 November	25 October

Margaret Ashford (Editor, eTeam)

Condolences

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our very long-term members. Nola Passlow had been a member for almost 40 years. She was a lovely lady who always attended monthly meetings whenever she could. For many years Nola archived all our event photos into the books on the stand in the Monica Gibbs Library. It is thanks to her that we have a collection of beautiful memories. Nola will be very much missed by our members, her family and friends.

Mel Woodford (President)

All things Scottish

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

Scottish newsletter

The next issue will be emailed on 28 May 2025, being the Scottish quarter day of Whitsunday.

NFHS members are always welcome to send us an article to be included in the *Caledonian* by emailing it to the newsletter email below.

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

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	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

YouTube

Don't forget our guest speakers at our monthly meetings are 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

The Society has started the year off with a bang with the first episode of three new series of podcasts being released. Grab a cuppa and sit back to listen to these fascinating episodes.

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 nfhssit@gmail.com.

***In the Shadow of Mount Sugarloaf* by Benita Parker, West Wallsend District Heritage Group**

Benita has recorded the first episode of this series. *Early History* traces the early history of European settlement in the West Wallsend District and describes how pioneer families faced the challenges of a harsh and sometimes uncertain environment. To listen, click [here](#).

***Birds of a Feather* by Member Narelle Austen**

Narelle has recorded the first episode, *William Harrison Craig*, in this new series. Based on historical records, she takes us on a journey to the unforgiving shores of Newcastle, NSW – a penal settlement where survival was a daily battle and artistry was a rare spark in the darkness. To listen, click [here](#).

***How It Was: Advances in Medicine During My Lifetime* by Member Dr Pamela Harrison OAM**

In Episode 1, *Childhood Experiences*, Dr Harrison explores the fascinating history of medicine through her personal stories and lived experiences. To listen, click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

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		
1 Mar am	Lea H	Sandra B
1 Mar pm	Lea H	Sandra J
8 Mar am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
8 Mar pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
15 Mar am	Bert G	Paul K
15 Mar pm	Bert G	Paul K
22 Mar am	Volunteer	Volunteer
22 Mar pm	Volunteer	Jude C
29 Mar am	Marie H	Mel W
29 Mar pm	Marie H	Mel W
Thursday Library Roster		
1.00 to 3.00 pm		
6 Mar	Alison M	Clelia P
13 Mar	Jane I	Rosalie B
20 Mar	Marilyn M	Jane I
27 Mar	Karen S	Rosalie B

Library Volunteers—Urgent

Here we are back again for the 2025 year and once again we are looking for Library volunteers to fill the gaps in between our regular volunteers. We currently still have three vacancies for our March roster and a few for the April roster which you can view on our website.

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)

New Members—Library Orientation

Did you tick the 'interested in Library Orientation' box on your membership application form? If so, watch out for emails inviting you to attend sessions in March and April. We have thousands of items in our collection, many of which are unique because they've been created for the Society by our members, so participating in an Orientation session can be invaluable in your research and enjoyment of what the Society can offer.

If you're unsure whether you ticked the box or you've now decided you should have, just send me an email and I'll add your name to the lists. We currently have over 30 people on the list and numbers are limited in each session, so please bear with us as we try to accommodate everyone!

nfhsorientation@gmail.com

Marg Ashford (Library Orientation Leader)

Library Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Port Macquarie & Dist FHS	Rowdy voices & quiet whispers: female convicts - Port Macquarie [2024]	AN7/14/04	
McLellan, A A	Benjamin Hall and family [1989]	A4/HAL/02	Dianne Chad
McLellan, A A	Thomas Haydon of Bloomfield Blandford [1985?]	A4/HAY/02	Dianne Chad
Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, England	Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales [1977]	N9/14/07	Cyndi Tidey
Penglase, B M	Upper Hunter history, research papers from the Upper Hunter open foundation course [1989]	AH8.333/01/12	Dianne Chad
McLaughlin, Eve	Wills before 1858 [1995]	M5/30/01	

Miscellaneous

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Newsletter	nfhnewsletter@gmail.com
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Research	nfhresearcher@gmail.com
Sandgate group	nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com
Used book sales	nfhslibarian@gmail.com
Webmaster	nfhswebmaster@gmail.com

SAG Courses Code

As NFHS has taken out an Affiliate Membership with the [Society of Australian Genealogists Inc.](#), our members will now receive a discount when registering for SAG courses using a special code.

For the 2025 year, the code is:

SAGAFFMEM2025

Mel Woodford (President)



Snippers Group

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

Password for member area of website

The password for the Member area of our website is
Podcasts

Note: Podcasts has a capital P.

Save the date

The Illawarra Family History Group Inc are excited to announce they are hosting the Annual State Conference in Wollongong from 12 to 14 September 2025. The conference will be a hybrid event to be held at the Fraternity Club at Fairy Meadow (Wollongong) and live-streamed across the state and the ACT.

A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Further information will be forwarded as it becomes available. The conference Facebook page will also be updated as they progress.

For information or bookings for trade/exhibition tables please email conference0925@gmail.com.

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Call out for family history heirlooms

The Society of Australian Genealogists is advertising the following call out from SAG members Cassie and Shaun Gilmartin, authors of [The Family History Book](#).

Calling all family history objects. Maybe you've found an ancestor's medal or some school reports, perhaps you've unearthed a diary, some photographs or letters or even a wedding invitation? Whatever it is, if you've discovered a part, or all, of your family history through researching the object, we'd like to give it a voice in our new book. If you've kept the object and know its history, we would LOVE to hear from you. All we need at this stage is a short 100-word summary of the object's story, where and when you found it, what it means to your family and what records you used to research its story. Contact Cassie and Shaun via hello@wearesointohistory.com.

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2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

Family History ACT have announced that the 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition is now open. Entries are to be submitted by 15 July 2025.

Full details are in the attachment to the newsletter email.

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Attachments to the newsletter

[The following attachments are in the newsletter email](#)

- Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar—Sunday 2 March 2025—presentation details
- Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar—Sunday 2 March 2025—booking details
- Opening and Closing Instructions for Volunteer Librarians
- 2025/2026 Membership Form
- Seniors Festival Newcastle Event Program—3 to 16 March 2025
- Save the dates—Annual State Conference—12 to 14 September 2025
- 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition—closes 15 July 2025
- NSW and ACT Assoc of Fam Hist Societies February newsletter

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March

2025

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 Membership fees due
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Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar	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—Feedback/Planning meeting—Journals 249/250	10am-3pm—Library open
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	Submissions due for April newsletter on 15 March	10am-3pm—Library open Seniors Open Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	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 11am-1pm—Publications meeting	10am-3pm—Library open
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Library Orientation (Digital) 10am-3pm—Library open
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	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

April

2025

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Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events		10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm—Library open
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		9-11am—Library Orientation (Print) 10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for May 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	Good Friday	Library closed Easter Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		Library closed due to long weekend Submissions due for Journal 250
27	28	29	30			
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

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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—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm—Annual General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 250	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for June 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 250	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 250	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	Caledonian newsletter to be emailed	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events		10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Feedback/Planning meeting—Journals 250/251	Library closed Kings Birthday long weekend
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Kings Birthday long weekend	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for July newsletter
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
29	30					
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					