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## Newsletter

**Library Hours:**  
Thurs: 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Sat: 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Meeting Times:**  
First Tuesday each month (Feb to Nov)  
Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov at 7.30 pm  
Apr to Sep at 2.00 pm

Number 245

**Celebration is the theme**



Please write for Journal 250 by **Saturday 26 April 2025**

See page 6 for details



**April 2025**

## April General Meeting

**Tuesday 1 April—2.00 pm**

### General Meeting

**Speaker—Lachlan Wetherall**

**Dating and Locating Historical Photographs**

**Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom**

Our guest speaker Lachlan Wetherall, in the past ten years has written over 100 short local history articles for Newcastle's community newspaper, *The Local*. Each article is based on an old photograph, but not every photograph had a clearly identified location or date when he began his research. In this presentation Lachlan will explain and give examples of the tools, techniques and resources he has used to identify the exact date, location, or occasion of various historical photographs.

This presentation will be one you won't want to miss.

To whet your appetite:



*This Snowball photo originally had a vague caption of "Bush Scene". Where is it?*



*Why are all these people walking on the tram line?*

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 April meeting

Topic: April Monthly Meeting  
Time: Apr 1, 2025 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84965704677?pwd=SsKaKznkiAVhCY4mdTn31iXiwQicEF.1>

Meeting ID: 849 6570 4677  
Passcode: 869505

## Overview of March meeting

### Black Diamonds



*Aberdare South Engine House, 1924*

At the March General Meeting, a multimedia presentation by member Beverley Richardson provided a fascinating history of the Cessnock Coalfields and their Scottish Connection. Beverley made her narrative personal with the inclusion of many of her own photographs which brought to life her family's connection with the industry that dominated the Cessnock area in the early to mid-20th century. Founded in 1913, on the edge of the Cessnock Coalfield, Aberdare South was to be the greatest mine in the Southern Hemisphere, producing coal equivalent in quality to the best in the world. All that is now left is a chimney, a crumbling engine house, an overgrown pit dam and a hotel missing its wrought iron balcony. Beverley related her childhood memories of visits to the abandoned mine site and of summer holidays spent on the Cessnock Coalfield with her extended family.

Commencing her presentation with a *Wild Stuff* video clip showing a drone's eye view of the Aberdare South mine and of the nearby Kitchener mine, known as Aberdare Central, she then introduced themes to do with the Scottish connection. When the Aberdare South mine closed in 1927, the Caledonian Coal Co, based in Glasgow, owned the mines and many of the cottages in the nearby village of Abernethy, where the multinational community of miners employed at Aberdare South lived. When the mine closed, these were moved through the bush on drays pulled by bullock teams, to the Aberdare Central mine which was still in production. The poppet head remains as part of a children's playground.

A brief outline followed, presented on PowerPoint, of the back story: the discovery of coal on the Greta seam, which extends from Rothbury to the north of Cessnock to Aberdare South and the townships of Abermain and Kurri Kurri in the east. Although the Rev William Branthwaite Clarke had found evidence of coal at Holmesville in Stony Creek, it is widely understood that Professor Sir Tannatt William Edgeworth David discovered the greater coalfields after a farmer named William Tester notified the Department of Mines that he had found pieces of coal, or black diamonds, in the creek on his property. The Greta seam was, and is, one of the great coalfields of the world with coal 32 feet thick in places. It is high quality, low in ash and sulphur is excellent for the manufacture of gas. The rich measures of the Greta seam ushered in the 20th century of modern heavily capitalised public companies dominating the coalfields. Previously coal had been mined by convicts on the Newcastle coast in underground pits where coal was raised to the surface in buckets. The New South Wales colonial government, seeking a more efficient, more humane, method of coal extraction on the Greta seam, opened up land to public companies.



*Tannatt William Edgeworth David*

T.W. Edgeworth David, born in Wales in 1858, the son of a Welsh clergyman, successfully applied for the job of Government Surveyor with the NSW Department of Mines. He met his future wife, Caroline Mallett on the ship to Australia and was then sent to the Cessnock Coalfield to survey the Greta seam.

Beverley then explained the connection of the Campbell brothers to the Cessnock area, advising members interested in coalfields history to undertake the Cessnock History Walk, available for download on the World Wide Web. The 26th station features a plaque in the approximate location of the stone cottage that the Campbell brothers, John and David, built. It is now within the grounds of the historic Cessnock Swimming Pool. The brothers, descendants of the Campbells of Cessnock Castle, Ayrshire, Scotland, had emigrated to Australia hoping to win their fortunes, receiving from Governor Darling authority to select four square miles in the



area of Black Creek. After elder brother John died unexpectedly, David returned to Scotland and then disposed of the estate as farms and allotments. From this, the village of Cessnock emerged.



*The Lloyd family home, where Beverley spent many holidays*

Patrick Chappell, in his book *The Uphomers*, wrote his story of a childhood lived on the Cessnock coalfield. In the 1940s and 50s, he describes the area surrounded by coal mines, controlled from afar by the Caledonian Coal Co which had made failed investments in the early 20th century. In a recovery effort, they bought several mines in Cessnock, gambling on the richness of the Greta seam. The immigration of Scottish miners and managers meant Scottish culture became embedded into the lives of the people of Cessnock. For example, the Caledonian Society's annual concert celebrating the cutting of the haggis and the poetry of Robbie Burns; Caledonian Collieries supported football teams; Caledonian Street names appear in both Cessnock and Aberdare.

The presentation moving in a fresh, but related direction, Beverley related the story of her ancestors' journey from Scone to Cessnock. Her grandmother, Ena Kathleen Eliza Toomey and siblings John and William became wards of the state when both parents died. Aunt, Emily Wallace, raised the eldest, John Toomey, in Newcastle, whilst Ena and William Toomey experienced life on the

coalfields with aunt Edith Sellars. In 1928 Ena married George Lloyd from a Cessnock mining family.

The photograph to the right, of the wedding with the Lloyd, Wallace and Sellars families in attendance, shows a united family group. The image of Ena, mid front row in a plain white dress, suggests the shortage of money available for luxuries at the time. She kneels beside her dark-haired husband, with George's 9-year-old brother, Ted Lloyd, before him.

Illustrating the contrasting lifestyles of the separated children, Beverley showed photographs of the coastal lifestyle of the eldest brother, John, (top right, back row) to the more austere life of his siblings. William (Bill) with dark, curly hair, back row, stands to the left of his brother. To George's right, his sisters May, Mary and Elizabeth form an attractive cluster of female beauty. Kneeling to the left of Ena is most likely George's brother, Robert Lloyd. First cousins, aunts, and husbands from the Sellars and Wallace families form the remainder of the group.



*The Cooperative Store in Aberdare, where Beverley's grandfather, George Lloyd worked from youth to retirement.*

In the final section of her multifaceted presentation, Beverley drew material from *They Called it Siberia*, a soft cover book written by teacher, Neville Robinson who grew up in Abernethy when the mine was in operation. It is the story of the Aberdare South Colliery and of the growth of the nearby village of Abernethy, named after a village in Scotland. Robinson's narrative, conveyed in a nostalgic tone, includes historic information to do with the establishment of the mine and of the daily lives of the people who lived and worked there.

Scotsman, Alexander Shedden, sank two shafts in an area of isolated bushland over which he had gained a lease.

An Immigrant workforce including Russians, Canadians, Italians, French, Scots, Irish and English soon moved in, attracted by the possibility of work at the future mine, setting up a town of makeshift accommodation in the form of tents and lean to's made of available material: wood from the forest, hessian bags, newspapers and magazines. They called it Siberia.



*Sinking the shaft: after sawyers carved out a road through dense bushland two shafts were sunk.*

Teams of fettlers built a network of rail from East Greta Junction to Aberdare Junction, Weston, Abermain, Neath, Caledonia and Cessnock.

The daily working of the mine involved coal moving in skips from the coal face to the cage, pulled by pit ponies. The coal was weighed then wheelers manoeuvred the skips onto the branch line from where it was moved by locomotive engines to the coast for export to the Pacific region, Valparaiso, San Francisco and areas in Asia. Manpower at the mine included carpenters, cribbers, bailers, dray drivers, timber getters, boiler operators, engine drivers, general labourers, miners, trappers, pumper boys.

Life was hard for the women who eventually arrived to take up life with their menfolk. Many spoke in the language of their homeland, with few opportunities to learn the language of their adopted country, choosing to maintain the customs they knew within the walls of their primitive homes. They, too, worked hard, maintaining the vegetable garden, caring for poultry, milking the cows and churning butter. Washing clothes involved scrubbing on a washboard with Reckitt's soap over a copper erected on a brick stand, a fire underneath boiling the water. Women sewed, mended, and embroidered. The environment was compromised because of primitive methods of disposal of human waste in the form of pit toilets. Meat and dairy were kept cool when placed in buckets lowered into the well that had been dug in the vicinity of many of the miners' cottages. Opportunities for women to work outside the home still usually involved domestic duties: washing and cleaning in the four boarding houses providing accommodation for single men, cooking in the Mealing House offering breakfasts, crib meals and dinners for exhausted, time poor miners. Women served and maintained the Post Office.

In time, a public school in Abernethy was established but at first children walked miles along a bush track to receive instruction at the bag school at Kearsley, fortunate at times to catch a ride on the back of a bullock dray. Parental expectations were not high as girls were expected to marry young and boys destined to follow their fathers down the pit. Education involved reading, writing and arithmetic taught by repetition, using primitive materials including books collected from the community, slates, chalk, pen and ink. Students at this time often suffered from liberal, sometimes sadistic use of the cane. (See the chapter titled Old Bushie in Patrick W. Chappell's autobiography, *The Uphomers*.)

Problems emerged in the late 1920s which led to the closure of the Aberdare South mine. The opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 reduced transport costs for Australian coal's competitors and they could reach markets more quickly. Constant strikes on the Cessnock Coalfields reduced production and the market price of coal slumped. Post World War 1, Caledonian Collieries survived, reorganising and merging with J.A. Brown of Abermain-Seaham Collieries to form a new commercial enterprise: Coal and Allied.

Beverley Richardson

This was a wonderful and interesting presentation by Beverley. Thank you so much for taking the time to share with us. To watch the full presentation on our YouTube channel, click [here](#).

Photos were taken from Beverley's presentation.

Lea Harris

## NFHS 2025 Annual General Meeting

Our 2025 AGM will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 2.00 pm in the rooms and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided in the May newsletter.

Keep on eye on your emails for details of the AGM.

Please note that the start time is 2.00 pm.

Mel Woodford (President)

## NFHS 2025 Constitution

Our NFHS 2025 Constitution has been registered by Fair Trading to take effect from 3 March 2025.

# Volunteer Librarian's Handbook

## MONEY AND RECEIPTS

### Before the Library opens:

1. Plug in the EFTPOS 'Square' into its charger. The charger is always left out and remains plugged into the power point near the red shelves.
2. Turn the 'Square' on in case it needs to update as any update may take some time.
3. The more experienced Library Volunteer will know the combination to the safe.
4. Open the safe inside the cupboard behind the Reception Desk and remove the three labelled receipt books (a small one for individual receipts; a large book to record total daily takings and another large book for takings from the 'Square').
5. Once both Library Volunteers are present, count the float. It should contain \$100 in change.
6. The safe can be kept open during the day to safely keep money out of sight and off the reception desk.

### Receiving money during the day:

1. Always keep the float and any money received during the day separate.
2. Write a receipt from the small receipt book for anyone paying by cash or cheque for everything except photocopying. Please be specific on the receipt and identify why the money was received – visitors, donations, membership, publications, journals, used books etc.
3. Put all cash, cheques AND ANY MEMBERSHIP FORMS OR APPLICATIONS in a new plastic bag taken from the top drawer of the reception desk. (Membership forms always go to the Treasurer for receipting before they go to the Membership Registrar for processing.)
4. Receipts for any purchases made on the 'Square' may be printed from the machine, emailed or sent by SMS. (See the separate set of instructions on how to operate the 'Square' kept on the bench.)
5. Entry to the NFHS Library is free for members but we request a donation from visitors of \$5 on a Thursday or \$10 on a Saturday. There is a sign near the sign-on book outlining this but it should be mentioned to visitors when they arrive. It helps to simply say that it goes towards our rent on the building and their visitor receipt can be deducted from a membership if they decide to join the Society. (see VISITORS)
6. Directions for selling NFHS Publications are in a separate blue folder kept on the bench. As well as writing a receipt for the sale, please use the checklist in the Publications book to record what is purchased. (see the blue PUBLICATION SALES BOOK)
7. Used books are not Publications and should be just recorded as 'Used Books' without listing the title.
8. Photocopying for both Members and Visitors costs 30c a copy. Users put their money into the jars near the photocopiers but some will ask to pay using the 'Square'. Photocopy payments operate as a trust system (but please keep an eye on what people are doing. It is a good idea to make a general announcement about paying for photocopying about half an hour before closing as people genuinely do forget.)

### At the end of the day:

1. Check that the float is still \$100. Store the float in the safe once it is checked.
2. If the 'Square' was used, print out a daily total. If this task is challenging for you, from the beginning of the day use the large receipt book labelled for use with the 'Square' to record all the 'Square' transactions. (The 'Square' will deduct a percentage of the sale and the Treasurer needs to know the original amount received.)
3. Use the information from the small receipt book to complete the next page in the Daily Takings receipt book. Please identify any individual memberships (recording the member name/membership number or 'New' member); the individual publication (title of book/USB); one total each for donations, photocopying, or used books. (Just so you know, every NFHS sub-group has a budget. It is handy to know how much each sub-group makes for the NFHS so this helps the Treasurer to decipher what the money is for.)
4. Both Library Volunteers should count the money and the amount needs to equal what is recorded on the daily receipts. If the money and receipts tally, both Library Volunteers sign the daily takings receipt.
5. Place the 'Square' receipt, the daily takings receipt, the money and/or cheques and any Membership forms in the plastic bag and store the bag in the safe for the Treasurer to collect.

# Journal and Newsletter

## June Journal (250)

### Celebration



The eTeam is celebrating, because we're now working on issue 250 of our Society Journal and we think that's a great reason. After all, it's only taken 42 years, ten editors and many, many writers, to get to this point! Now, over to you – what have you or your family celebrated over the years? Or what celebrations have been meaningful? Why not tell everyone about it?

Please send your ideas to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com) or deliver them to the library by **Saturday 26 April 2025**.

## September Journal (251)

### Heroism – what is it?

What do you think the word 'heroism' means? The eTeam has been brainstorming this and we think it goes well beyond the obvious things that we often read and hear about in the media, for example. We wonder what acts of heroism you know about – in your own family or elsewhere – people who stood up for others, did small things with lasting impact on their families or communities, were vilified by some but were heroes to others ... the list is infinite.

Put your thoughts together to have these people recognised and send it to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseditor@gmail.com) or deliver them to the library by **Saturday 26 July 2025** to be included in Journal 251.

### Submission of Articles and Feedback

For all issues, and for any feedback to us, you can send your typed item to [nfhseditor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Margaret Ashford (Editor, eTeam)

	Newsletter	Journal
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

## Events and Outings – Future Dates

**1 April**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**5 April**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 10)

**12 April**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 10)

**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

**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)

**18 October**—Sandgate Cemetery Tour

**25 October**—Library Orientation (Digital)

**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

Reminder that it is membership renewal time. 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.

Reminder that 2025/2026 memberships were due by 1 March 2025. However, it's not too late to renew.

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).

#1361 Helen McKillop  
#1362 Tina Butcher

#696 Marianne McKinnon-Kidd (rejoined)

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)



# 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](mailto:nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com).



Scottish SIG group

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Laraine Cross	<a href="mailto:nfhsresearch78@gmail.com">nfhsresearch78@gmail.com</a>
Scottish Family Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00 pm—February to November	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhsresident@gmail.com">nfhsresident@gmail.com</a>
English Ancestors	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>
DNA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00 pm	Sandra Jones	<a href="mailto:sjones11@bigpond.net.au">sjones11@bigpond.net.au</a>
Irish Ancestors	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Cemetery Research	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Ancestry Users	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday—February to November—no meeting in September	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhsresident@gmail.com">nfhsresident@gmail.com</a>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>

## You Tube

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

We have had more podcasts recently 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](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) or contact the IT Officer at [nfhsit@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsit@gmail.com).

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

Benita tells of the *life of Joseph Notley*, one of the first settlers 'in the shadow of Mount Sugarloaf', who called that rugged landscape home. 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 2, *When a Pregnancy Test required a Toad*, Dr. Pamela Harrison OAM, takes us back to a time when medical innovation was hands-on, resourceful, and sometimes a little peculiar. To listen, click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

# Publications

Thank you to those who have responded about future publications. We do appreciate your ideas and input.

Thank you also to people who have purchased Publications from our shop or from our rooms since the updated catalogue was published. Soon the updated catalogue will be available on our website.

We have two face-to-face meetings each year - one in March and one in October. Our first meeting was held on Friday 21 March so until 17 October we will now meet using email. This is a small group who are keen to find opportunities to raise history and family history awareness and thereby money for the Society through the sale of our publications. If you think of any other possibilities for publications in the meantime or would like to become more involved in this aspect of our Society, please let the group know by sending an email to [mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com).

Currently the group is working at revising *Catherine Hill Bay Cemetery* and will soon have a new research guide for family history researchers to use.

## Payment details for Publications

Our Direct Debit details are:

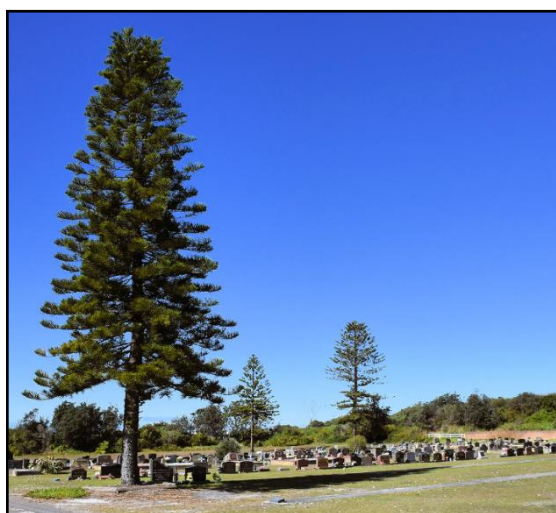
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Please include a reference with the transfer eg: Last name and publication name, and also send an email providing details of the purchase to our Secretary at [nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com)

Our 'snail mail' address is:

Secretary  
NFHS Inc  
PO Box 296  
Jesmond NSW 2299

Jane Ison (Publications Coordinator)



Catherine Hill Bay Cemetery  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/29029178@N03/50858626937>

## Library

### Library Orientation – Plea to Members

# PLEA TO MEMBERS

who have asked (in the last year or so) to attend Library Orientation sessions but haven't done that yet

Would you please check your email inbox and SPAM?

23 invitations to March-April sessions have been sent

9 responses have been received

We need to know how many are coming (especially to the Print session, where numbers are limited)

Then we know whether to send invitations to the other members on the waiting list

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Marg Ashford  
Library Orientation Leader

Session dates: Saturday March 29 – Digital

Saturday April 5 – Print } (these sessions are the same; different

Saturday April 12 – Print} people have been invited to each)

## Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
<b>Saturday Library Roster</b>		
<b>Morning 9.45 am to 12.30 pm</b>		
<b>Afternoon 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm</b>		
5 Apr am	Sharyn B	Sandra B
5 Apr pm	Sharyn B	Sandra J
12 Apr am	Marie H	Nouvelle T
12 Apr pm	Marie H	Nouvelle T
19 Apr am	Closed due	to Easter
19 Apr pm	Closed due	to Easter
26 Apr am	Closed due	to Anzac Day
26 Apr pm	Closed due	to Anzac Day
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00 to 3.00 pm</b>		
3 Apr	Alison M	Clelia P
10 Apr	Jane I	Rosalie B
17 Apr	Marilyn M	Jane I
24 Apr	Karen S	Volunteer

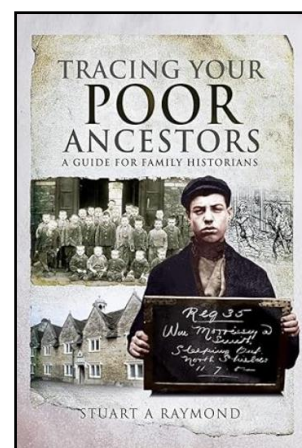
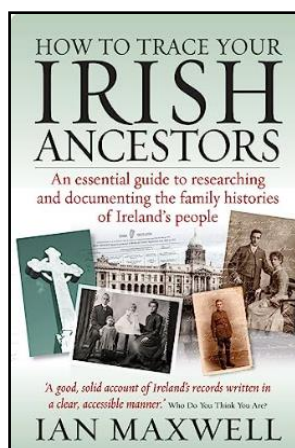
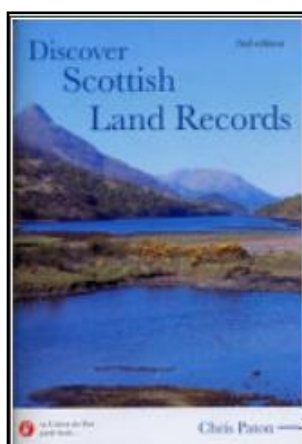
## 'How-to' Library Resources

For most of us have, a search for ancestors leads to immigrants, and searching for information about forebears in another country presents problems for us that are different from searching in Australia. Of course, many of these ancestors have come from England, Scotland or Ireland, so our Library has lots of specialised resources to help you find your way. Here are some:

- R2/10/13      How to Trace your Irish Ancestors
- PSt2/10/1      Tracing your Glasgow Ancestors
- PLo2/10/1      Tracing your Edinburgh Ancestors
- RLe2/10/1      Tracing your Dublin Ancestors
- Rul5/05/3      Tracing your Donegal Ancestors
- RCo2/10/1      Tracing your Leitrim Ancestors
- P5/35/1      Discover Scottish Land Records
- P5/12/1      Discover Scottish Civil Registration Records
- N2/10/12      Manorial Records for family historians
- N2/10/10      Discover Protestant Nonconformity in England and Wales
- N2/10/09      Tracing your poor ancestors: a guide for family historians
- N2/10/08      Tracing your female ancestors

Browse the shelves where you find these books to find more of the same sort, there are lots. There is bound to be something new for even the most seasoned researcher. And remember – these books may be borrowed for you to read at your leisure.

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)



## Recent Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
Temby, Michelle & Train, Rob	The Train line	A4/TRA/01	Kathy Brown
Harker, Margaret F	Victorian and Edwardian photographs	L7/35/06	Cyndi Tidey
Hartley, D T	The settlers of the big swamps: A saga of the Thomas family and their contemporaries (excerpts)	A4/THO/05	
Jones, Paul; Johnston, Maria; Johnston, Barbara; Hardstaff, Gwen	Jones, Benjamin and Mary: A brief History ....	A4/JON/03	Barry Brown
	Ben Hall: bushranger - family tree	A4/HAL/03	Barry Brown
Maher, Steven	Our branch of the Maher family tree: from the first fleet to the third millennium	A4/MAH/01	Barry Brown
Clements, Pauline M	Your family history: the Brown family 1788-1983	A4/BRO/06	Barry Brown
Brown, Barry	Joseph & Mary Fleming: family tree and information sheets	A4/FLE/03	Barry Brown
Haydon, J E; White, Reg; Greer, Mick	Early jottings of the upper Page and Isis River districts	AH8.338/01/01	
Muswellbrook District Hospital	Stories, poems, recollections, memories by the citizens of Muswellbrook	AH8.333/01/13	

## Recent Withdrawals

Creator	Title	Call Number
Eutick, M L	Museum yellow pages NSW [1983]	L2/24/08
Marker, I J & Warth, K E	Surname periodicals: a world wide listing of one name genealogical publications [1987]	L2/60/03
Whitaker, Joseph	Whitaker's Almanack for the year of Our Lord 1992 124th edn [1991]	L9/35/02
	The story of 25 eventful years in pictures: Silver Jubilee book [George V 1910-1935] [1935]	M7/01/02
Philipps, M C & R D	Family history research: a guide to 19th & 20th century sources in England & Wales [1992]	N5/05/08
Pickett, Patty et al.	Some cemeteries in County Cork [1999]	RMu5/15/03
Lux, Sebastian, ed.	Take me to U.S.A.: souvenir with 100 pictures of the German and Austrian Territory occupied by the U.S. Army [n.d.]	S7/01/01
Mutzelburg, Owen	How to trace your German ancestors [1989]	SGe2/10/03
Baxter, Angus	In search of your German roots 3rd ed [1994]	SGe2/10/05
Breul, Karl	Cassell's German and English Dictionary 5th edn [1952]	SGe9/25/01
	Langenscheidts Schulwörterbuch: English-German (Dictionary) [1970]	SGe9/25/02
Donaldson, Geoffrey	Of joy and sorrow: a filmography of Dutch silent fiction [1997]	SNe7/35/01
Amos, Gary & Gardiner, Richard	Never before in history: America's inspired birth [1988]	U7/10/01
Hudson, Roger, ed.	The Raj: an eyewitness history of British India [1999]	V7/01/01



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### Snippers Group

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

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#### Podcasts

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### SAG

#### 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)



### Attachments to the Newsletter

The following are attached in the newsletter email:

- Lake Macquarie Family History Group Open Day – Saturday 17 May 2025
- Details of 2025 NFHS AGM
- Committee Nomination Forms
- Draft Minutes of 2024 AGM


### Special MyHeritage Offer

The NSW/ACT Association of Family History Societies (of which NFHS is a member) has negotiated a special offer for our members to take out a 12-month new subscription to the **Annual MyHeritage Complete Plan for 60% off the regular price** during the period April 1 to 18. The price will be \$AU 139.60 reduced from \$AU 349.

<https://www.myheritage.com/partner/familyhistorysocietiesApril25>

# April

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>Red—SIG Groups</b> <b>Blue—Volunteer Groups</b> <b>Green—Courses</b> <b>Purple—Meetings</b> <b>Black—Library Open</b> <b>Brown—Events</b>		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	11am—Sandgate Group reps meet with Sandgate management	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	10am—Sandgate Group meeting				

# May

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<b>Red—SIG Groups</b> <b>Blue—Volunteer Groups</b> <b>Green—Courses</b> <b>Purple—Meetings</b> <b>Black—Library Open</b> <b>Brown—Events</b>				10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	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

# June

# 2025

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, WWest	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, WWest	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
29	30					
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, WWest					

# July

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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		10am-3pm—Library open
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, WWest	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for August newsletter
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, WWest	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, WWest	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for Journal 251
27	28	29	30	31		
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, WWest			1-3pm—Library open		