

# Newcastle Family History Society Inc.



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## Newsletter

Number 248

### WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 7

The theme for our September Journal 251 is:  
**Heroism**

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

July 2025

### July General Meeting

**Tuesday 1 July—2.00 pm**

### Christmas in July and Trivia

**Meeting will only be held in the rooms—NO Zoom**

A fun-filled afternoon will be our next General Meeting.

We will be holding Christmas in July so come along in your Christmas gear—think t-shirts, dresses, hats, jewellery, tinsel.

John and Judy Mulhearn will once again be running their famous trivia afternoon, so also bring along your thinking caps!

Please bring a small plate of festive goodies to share (see page 5).

I look forward to seeing a full-house on 1 July at 2.00 pm.

Mel Woodford (President)

### Overview of June meeting

Our June meeting was another wonderful presentation by our member Julie Keating. Julie spoke about the latest of her many books, *Newcastle in the 1800s ... from penal settlement to coalopolis*.

Coalopolis was a term applied to Newcastle in the late 1800s due to its importance as a coal producer and exporter. Three main factors led to the town becoming the largest coal exporter in the world – the high-quality Borehole coal seam; government decisions about the penal settlement and coal mining; and world events, especially the industrial revolution and gold rushes. Julie uncovered the layers of history that laid the foundations for Newcastle's booming coal trade and in so doing forged Newcastle's identity.

In the late 19th century, Newcastle became prominent on the world scene due to the large amount of coal mined and exported. The first export of coal was to Bengal, India in 1799. One hundred years later, over 3 million tons was exported and then, by 2000, over 70 million tons was exported with Newcastle at times being the largest coal exporter in the world.

In 1797, Lieutenant John Shortland, whilst on a mission to find escaped convicts, noticed the harbour entrance where he found pieces of coal on the beach. He took these to Sydney and word spread, thus the first export of coal to Bengal. The government established a penal colony in Newcastle and then proclaimed that

the coal resources were the property of the crown, thereby denying private traders the ability to mine.

The British government offered land grants to ex-military men as an incentive to move to the colony, hoping to improve the culture due to the majority of the population being convicts and people who had completed their sentence. Free settlers were also encouraged to come to the area. However, they mostly wanted agricultural land and therefore settled further out in areas such as Maitland, Morpeth, Paterson and Raymond Terrace.

Originally convicts were used to mine coal, however this created issues in that neither the convicts nor their supervisors were skilled miners, resulting in haphazard development of the mines, with shafts failing on a continuing basis, and a number of injuries being incurred.

The government was pressured to develop the coal industry on a more sustainable basis. They wanted a company, rather than individuals, to mine coal and one of the few companies in the area was the AA Company. So, the company was in the right place at the right time and in 1827 was given a monopoly on the coal rights for 31 years. They were granted 2,000 acres together with some harbour frontage for shipping the coal.

The first mine established was A Pit in 1831 near the corner of Brown and Church Streets and staiths were erected to transport coal to the harbour. This pit functioned for about 20 years with free and convict labour and was the first colliery in Australia to be privately opened. Its railway carrying coal to the harbour was also Australia's first.

The AA Company's monopoly on coal mining was an issue for the authorities as others including the Brown Brothers and James Mitchell challenged the situation, wanting to mine coal on their land and have part of the lucrative trade. The AA Company, under pressure, eventually relinquished the lease in 1847 and new mines were opened by companies and individuals in the suburban areas, creating a need for the harbour to be more efficient so more coal could be exported.

The government rules at the time were that even though ships from overseas entered the port to load coal, goods could not be unloaded here. Everything had to go to Sydney, then to its destination. This was very expensive and time consuming. In 1844 a government

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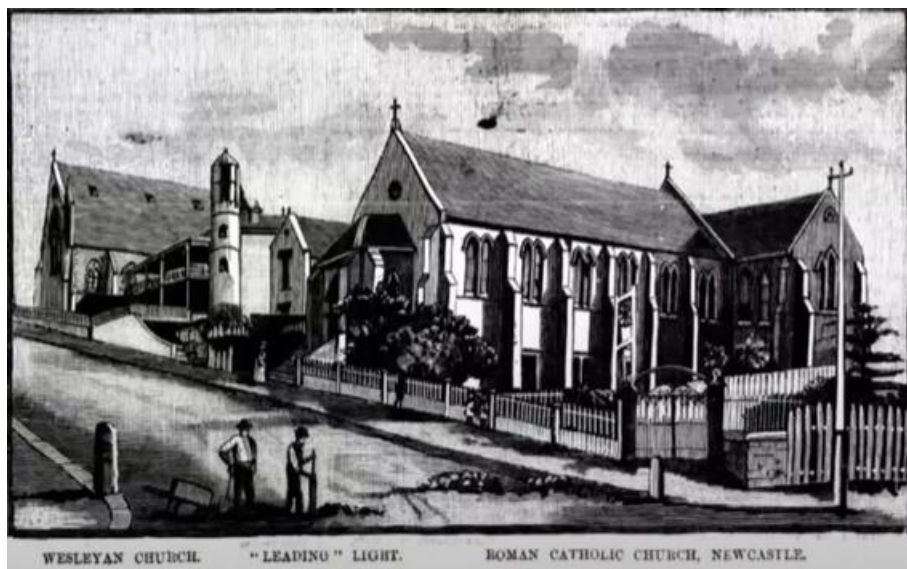
decision declared Newcastle to be a free warehousing port. Various buildings were used as temporary customs houses including Sessions House in Church Street, Newcastle House in Watt Street, and the Miners' Arms in Market Square.

The town was proclaimed a city in 1847, as the Anglican Church created a new diocese in Newcastle. This followed British precedent, but more stringent conditions were later applied re the granting of the title of city. Newcastle only had a population of 1,471 at the time and the rule was changed so that a city would be proclaimed only if its population numbered more than 20,000.

Harbour safety was an ongoing issue. A coal fired beacon operated on Signal Hill (southern headland) and convicts obtained coal from the cliff face to keep the beacon operating. A proposal was made to demolish Nobbys, however thankfully this did not occur. Lead lights were built in 1865 as a navigation aid for vessels entering the harbour, and dredging was undertaken on a continuing basis to maintain the harbour channel.



View down Watt Street c1885  
Sessions House on left—first Court House, later housed Post Office, Customs



L-R Wesleyan Church (now demolished), Rectory, 2nd Lead Light, Building for the Keeper of the Lead Lights, St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
*Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser*, 7 March 1894

tons of coal. By 2000 Newcastle shipped nearly 70 million tons of coal from the Hunter Valley going through loaders with capacities of 10,000 tons per hour (amazing considering it would only take five hours to load the same amount of coal that it took 30 years to originally load). For some years Newcastle has been the largest coal exporter in the world. For these reasons coalopolis is an apt word to describe the importance of Newcastle as a coal mining area and exporter of coal.

Thanks so much to Julie for taking the time to enlighten us on this fascinating subject. If you would like to listen to Julie's full presentation, click [here](#) or search for Newcastle Family History Society on YouTube. Photos have been inserted from Julie's presentation.

Julie's book, *Newcastle in the 1800s ... from penal settlement to coalopolis*, is an extremely good read which can be purchased at MacLeans (Hamilton), Marketown Nextra (Newcastle West) or through Greg Ray's [www.phototimetunnel.com](http://www.phototimetunnel.com).

Lea Harris (with assistance from Julie Keating)

# New Publication

## Midwives of the Hunter

### Volunteers Needed

Since before 2005 our former member Heather Ling has been compiling information about the women in the Hunter who worked as midwives. Unfortunately, Heather is unable to put all her information together so has very kindly handed it to our Society to compile as a publication. If you would like to read more about her project, we rewrote her report of her progress in your last Medical Matters Journal so please have a read.

We need volunteers to work together to transcribe and compile all of Heather's work. If you are interested in working on this project, please email Rosalie, our Vice President, on [nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsvicepresident@gmail.com). Rosalie will be holding a meeting about the project within the next few weeks.

Please also read the Publications section of the newsletter about the file sharing available on our Blue Room computers that will help you store copies of any work that you have done in the project.

Jane Ison

## Volunteer Librarian's Handbook

### Evacuations and Fire Safety

Everyone should sign in and out of the rooms.

In the case of an emergency the Library volunteers should take the sign on book with them when they evacuate the building. The door from the reception room to the landing outside the meeting room is a fire door and it should be closed in the event of a fire and as part of the normal closing of the NFHS rooms.

There are exit signs in each room. If an evacuation is necessary, exit to either the Elder Street exit or the De Vitre Street exit depending on your location within the NFHS rooms.

There are fire extinguishers throughout the building. Instruction signs are located nearby.

Any corrections or additions should be emailed to Jane on the [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) email.

Jane Ison





# Events and Outings

## Future dates

- 1 July**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting—Xmas in July—Trivia afternoon with John and Judy Mulhearn (see page 5)
- 15 July**—entries close for the 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition
- 5 August**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting—Benita Parker—History of West Wallsend
- 2 September**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 12 to 14 September**—State Conference—Wollongong (see below)
- 7 October**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting
- 11 October**—Library Orientation (Print)
- 17 October**—Publications Meeting

**18 October**—Sandgate Cemetery Tour (see page 6)

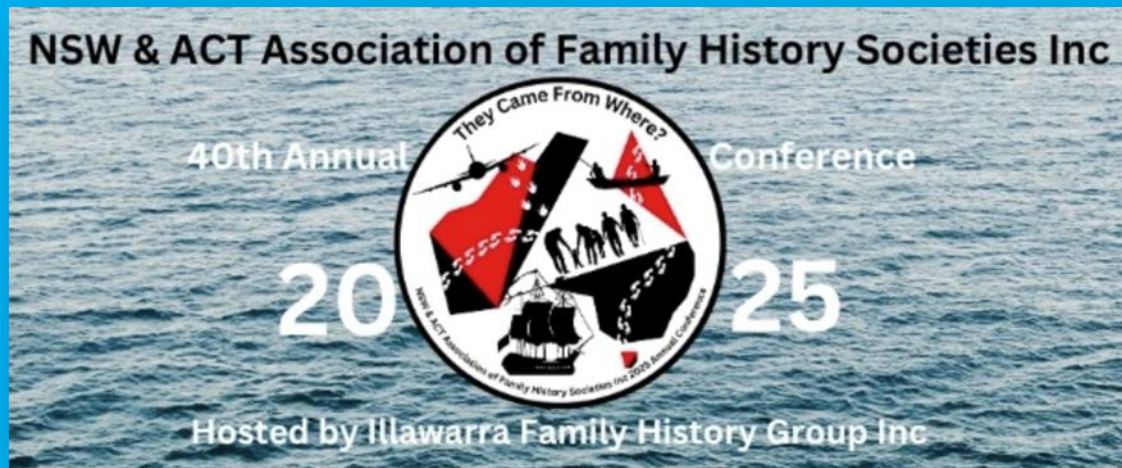
**25 October**—Library Orientation (Digital)

**4 November**—7.30 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.

## State Conference 2025



**Would you be interested in attending the**

**State Conference 2025**

**via Zoom at the NFHS rooms on**

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September?**

This year our conference is being held in Wollongong. Some NFHS members will be attending in person, but others may find Zoom more convenient.

There are some fabulous [speakers](#).

NFHS is once again offering to hold a mini-Conference in our rooms for \$20 per person if enough people are interested.

Details to attend in person or individually via Zoom can be found [here](#).

Please email Mel on [nfhspresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending in the NFHS rooms.

Bring along some small change if you would like to purchase raffle tickets

Lucky door prizes and raffle

# Xmas IN JULY

## MEMBERS' TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Hosted by John and Judy Mulhearn

Please bring along a small plate of festive goodies to share

Tuesday 1 July  
2.00pm  
NFHS Rooms

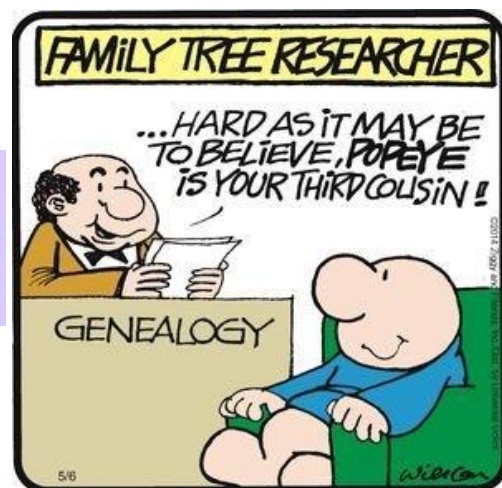


## Have a laugh

I saw an ad for a coffin and thought,

"THAT'S THE LAST THING I NEED."

Some people meal prep on Sundays.  
Some people soul search.  
Some people... start exploring their family tree and somehow end up in 1872 with 14 open tabs.



## Scottish newsletter

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

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

# 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 - [nfhsandgategroup@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsandgategroup@gmail.com)

Marg Ashford (Sandgate Tours Coordinator)

# Library News

Library Group meets 2nd and 4th  
Mondays from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

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 July am	Marie H	Lea H
5 July pm	Marie H	Lea H
12 July am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
12 July pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
19 July am	Bert G	Paul K
19 July pm	Bert G	Paul K
26 July am	Lea H	Volunteer
26 July pm	Lea H	Jude C
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00 to 3.00 pm</b>		
3 July	Alison M	Clelia P
10 July	Jane I	Rosalie B
17 July	Marilyn M	Jane I
24 July	Karen S	Rosalie B
31 July	Marilyn M	Jane I

## NFHS account for Trove, Family Search and the GRO

Jane Ison (with our IT officer's help) has set up a NFHS account for Trove, Family Search and the GRO. This means when you open any of these sites on the Society's computers you will have the log in details completed for you to log in. You will therefore not have to remember your own password to access these sites when you are at the Society.

If you are not busy when in the Library, you can now correct Trove.

If you want any help using these websites most library volunteers are familiar with these sites.

### Library Volunteers—Thanks

Our July roster is almost filled. We just need one volunteer for the morning of Saturday 26 July. Can you help? If so, please click on the link below.

Thanks so much to our volunteers. Without volunteers, we are unable to keep the rooms open for our members and visitors to continue with their family history research.

For future reference, when there are gaps, 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)



# Journal and Newsletter

## 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**.

## December Journal (252)

We had previously announced that Journal 252 (December) would have the theme of 20th Century Migration. However, at this stage it appears that we'll have more on the Heroism theme than we can include in one Journal. If that turns out to be correct, we'll extend the theme into the December issue and change the 20th Century Migration theme to Journal 254 (June 2026). Please do still send in your Heroism articles! A final decision will be made after the closing date for Journal 251 being 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](mailto:nfheditor@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
August	12 July	
September	16 August	26 July
October	13 September	
November	11 October	
December	20 November	25 October
January	No newsletter	
February	10 January	
March	14 February	24 January
April	14 March	
May	11 April	

## May Journal (250)

A reminder that your May Journal 250 is now printed and ready to collect from the rooms. It is a fabulous issue titled **Celebration** and includes some very interesting articles. Be sure to collect it so you can sit back and enjoy reading it.

Margaret Ashford (Editor, eTeam)

# Publications

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

We have two face-to-face meetings each year - one in March and one in October. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 17 October. Until then we will 'meet' using email.

Our IT Officer and Publications Officer have created a Publications sharing folder on the Blue Room computers. This special shared file will allow any volunteer working on one of our upcoming Publications to download information and to upload a copy of their work. The work will be saved automatically on every Blue Room computer and backed up on the Management computer. Work on the computers at the Society or bring a USB to copy the work you have done at home onto the computer.

The Publications folder will contain a specific folder for each Publication being worked on. Currently this will be Minmi Cemetery, Catherine Hill Bay Cemetery, and Midwives of the Hunter Valley. There will be a set of directions to guide volunteers but the basic instruction will be for EACH member to create their own personal file within the specific folder that they are working on and keep a copy of their work there. If any volunteer needs any help, Jane is on Library duty on the second, third and fifth Thursday of every month.

Please consider getting involved in these valuable projects as Publications benefit the Society financially and the community with the information we publish.

Jane Ison (Publications Coordinator)

# 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 <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:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@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— <b>no meeting in September</b>	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>

## 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

Some more podcasts have been recorded since our last newsletter. I'm sure you will find them very interesting so click on the links below and enjoy listening.

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 [nfhssit@gmail.com](mailto:nfhssit@gmail.com).

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

This is Part 1 of a two-part podcast, *The First Coalmines 1870-1895*. In this episode, Benita delves into the early ambitious attempts to uncover coal deposits, exploring the lives, successes and failures of the early settlers. To listen, click [here](#).

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

Narelle concludes this series with episode 5, *Reflections*, imagining the lives of those who lived and breathed Coal River. To listen, click [here](#).

### ***Felonious Females* by Member Dr Jude Conway**

In this audio extract from the March 2025 Female Convicts of the Hunter Valley Seminar, Dr Jude Conway reveals the life of Elizabeth Hannell – a Mother of Newcastle. To listen, click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)



# Miscellaneous

## Outing—The Beach Hotel, Merewether

About 30 or so of our members and friends enjoyed a wonderful outing to The Beach Hotel at Merewether on Friday 20 June 2025. The purpose of our outing, other than to enjoy lunch, was to view the beautiful brick bars constructed of thousands of bricks which were made by the early Newcastle brickmakers, particularly in the Burwood/Glebe area, way back in the mid to late 1800s. Ian Sherman had collected thousands of historic bricks over many decades and donated many to The Beach Hotel. These bricks were then used in the construction of bars when the hotel was renovated.

Our member Marie Hughes is descended from Moses Hughes who started Hughes Potteries (originally Hughes & Drury) in 1866. Marie delighted us with an extremely interesting talk about the brickmakers who were in the region in the 1800s. Hughes Potteries was a rarity in that it survived from 1866 until 1981. Marie informed us that the bricks we saw around the bars at The Beach Hotel have various impressions including names, frog marks and other manufacturer marks which give a clue to the identity of the brickmaker. The first bricks in Newcastle were made by convicts as identified by the various frog marks. Ian Sherman in an article (NH 3/8/24, p.38) highlighted how these marks could vary from *a diamond to a fingerprint, a rising sun, a star, to a crucifix (from a church naturally), to a kangaroo, a tiny heart, a crescent moon, names, mystery initials, convict made arrows, to a little baby's foot and horseshoes*. Marie also told us some of the history of the various brickmakers in the area, Hughes, Smith, Walmsley, Hackworthy, Woods, Matchett, Gulliver, Giddy, Norman, Mills and Bowtell.

We had a fabulous and interesting outing. Thanks to Marie for all her research and for presenting her findings to us.



Photo by Mel Woodford



Photo at left of Marie pointing to a Hughes & Drury brick made between 1866 and 1872 (by Jude Conway). Photo above showing the brick.



Photos by Lea Harris unless otherwise stated



If you would like a copy of Marie's notes from her talk, please send her an email on [nfhstreasurer@gmail.com.au](mailto:nfhstreasurer@gmail.com.au)

# Miscellaneous continued

## Heimat in the Hunter

Members may be interesting in attending the *Heimat in the Hunter* exhibition at the Newcastle Museum. The exhibition is the story of German-speaking Ernst Baumwald who settled in the Hunter. The exhibition has commenced and runs until 21 September. Click [here](#) for more information. There was also a wonderful article in the *Newcastle Herald* on 16 June 2025 which included a photo of our member Margaret Ashford's great grandfather, Tony Bush.

## Medals of the Order of Australia 2025

Two people who received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday Honours this year were the late Douglas Sax-on, and Carol Duncan.

**Douglas Charles Saxon**—Douglas who was a long-time member of our Society was awarded a posthumous OAM for his service to education, local history and music. Doug was very involved with The Newcastle and Hunter Jazz Club; Central Charlestown Combined Club Probuss; was principal of numerous schools; and author of many publications, a number of which he donated to our NFHS Library.

**Carol Duncan**—Carol was awarded an OAM for service to the Newcastle community. Carol spent many years in local radio; is the creator of the *Lost Newcastle* Facebook page; has advocated for the arts, public history and live music; has been a Labor Councillor; and has provided a lot of support for the NFHS.

Our congratulations go to both Douglas and Carol.

## Email Addresses

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## 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:

**Ancestors** - Note: Ancestors has a capital A

## Disclaimer

Although all reasonable care is taken, the Newcastle Family History Society Inc. accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of information, which is printed in good faith from other sources, or for any opinions expressed in this newsletter.

## Condolences

It is with sadness that we say farewell to another of our members. John McPherson passed away on 10 March. John loved the pursuit of researching his family history and had made many, many contacts in the genealogical and historical fields around the world. Our thoughts are with John's family.

Mel Woodford (President)

## 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 attachments are in the newsletter email

- NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc—40th Annual Conference 2025
- Wyong FHG—General Meeting on 12 July 2025
- Information re Wells/Shaw Family Reunion to be held on 12 and 13 September 2026

# July

# 2025

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# August

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	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm— Snippers	10am— Management Com- mittee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— Journal printing— Journal 251	10am-3pm— Library open
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	9.30-11.30am— Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ances- tors		10am— Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open Caledonian news- letter to be emailed		10am-3pm— Library open
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	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 251/252	10am-3pm—Library open
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for October newsletter State Conference via Zoom
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
State Conference via Zoom	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	10am-3pm—Library open
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	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
28	29	30				

# October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events			10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		Library closed Labour Day long weekend
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labour Day long weekend	10am—Convicts in Australia 6-7.25pm—Library open 7.30pm—General Meeting		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for November newsletter
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	10am-12pm—Publications meeting 12-3pm—Publications printing	10am-3pm—Library open
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Articles due for Journal 252
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		1-3pm—Library open		