

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

**10 October 2018**

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| HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2018 (10-11.30AM)   |   |
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| 10 October 2018   | ANGELA PHIPPEN - 'Oops I wish I'd checked the original' |
| 14 November 2018  | BARBARA GOW - William Gow and his descendants           |
| 12 December 2018  | Show & Tell plus Christmas Party                        |
| Check <a href="http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfmg/meetings.html">http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfmg/meetings.html</a> for the full calendar |   |

### NEWS & EVENTS

#### PROPOSED CHANGES TO AUSTRALIAN MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

A review of marriage forms is currently being undertaken. These changes will **ultimately affect family historians**. The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department is progressing a review of the approved forms made under the Marriage Act 1961 and Marriage Regulations 2017. The review is building on feedback from stakeholders, including comments received following the commencement of marriage equality in December 2017, as well as previous work undertaken by the department to streamline and modernise the forms. Submissions close on Sunday, 28 October 2018, so it is important to act quickly.

In particular, these items are currently collected and transferred onto Official Marriage Certificates. The proposed changes are removing several items, and consequently will no longer appear on Official Marriage Certificates, including:

- Usual occupation
- Usual place of residence (full address) of the "Parties (i.e. Bride and Groom)
- Father's name in full (If not known, write "unknown". If deceased, add "deceased")
- Mother's maiden name in full (If not known, write "unknown". If deceased, add "deceased")
- Children by previous marriage or out of wedlock

The removal of these items from the Form, means they will no longer appear on Official Marriage Certificates and will impact Family History Resources in the future, especially for our descendants.

<https://www.ag.gov.au/Consultations/Pages/review-marriage-forms-noim.aspx>

#### LOST IN DNA – 3/4 NOVEMBER 2018

Society of Australian Genealogists will be holding their popular 'Lost In' weekend. This event will be full of tips, tools and strategies to help researchers analyse and use your DNA test results. These sessions are aimed at people who have already had their DNA tested. Sessions range from beginner to intermediate skill level, and cover autosomal, ydna and mtdna. To check out the program in depth and for more information go to <https://www.sag.org.au/downloads/2018/LostInDNAProgV3.pdf> To book go to <https://www.sag.org.au/> or phone (02) 9247 3953 or email [info@sag.org.au](mailto:info@sag.org.au)

#### SEARCHING HINTS – USE WILDCARDS

Using wildcards will assist searching various family history databases. A wildcard character replaces a single character and is interpreted by a search engine as something else. Helps find names that have been misspelt or wrongly transcribed, particularly useful when searching names that are commonly spelt incorrectly. When searching on Ancestry.com and Find my Past - a question mark (?) replaces one character whilst an asterisk (\*) replaces a string of characters. On the NSW Births deaths & Marriage index both the \* and ? operate as well as the @ which works as a soundex @colin will match Clune, Colan, Cullan, Callahan.

## NEW AMAZE GALLERY, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW

The State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney has opened their new galleries filled with astounding objects from the collections of the State Library. These are items that are normally not on view. It is FREE and opened when the Library is open. For more information go to the website <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/amaze-gallery> If you are unable to visit in person have a sneak peek online at <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/amaze-gallery>

## NSW COLONIAL SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

State Records next Live Webinars is set for Thursday 18 Oct 2018 10am - 11am and will focus on the NSW Colonial Secretary's correspondence. To register go the State Records website <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7740698585730421251> If you are unable to attend you can download the webinar at a later stage see <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

## SURFING THE INTERNET..... SITES FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

Check out some of the following interesting family history related websites. Hawkesbury Central (Windsor) and Richmond Branch Library provides free access to the internet for members, and FREE wireless if you have your own device. Password is displayed in Library.

New exhibition of glass negatives at State Library of NSW

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/memories-glass-macpherson-family-collection>

Parish registers

Part 1 <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/the-fate-of-parish-registers/>

Part 2 <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/parish-registers-chapter-2/>

Tracing Belfast ancestors

<https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/belfast-tracing-irish-ancestors/>

Blogpost about what family means?

<https://genealogyheritageblog.wordpress.com/2018/10/07/family/>

Search Ancestry boards

<https://www.ancestry.com.au/boards/>

London Research

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/education-sub-page-for-testing-navigation/hints-tips-nine-london-research/>

***Let us know of sites, that you have tried with (or without) success***

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except January) Meets in the Tebbutt Room of Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor NSW 2756. Email [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) Anyone interested in family & local history, welcome to attend. Enquiries contact the Local History Librarian at above address. T: (02) 4560 4466 E: [michelle.nichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.nichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)