# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## **MEETING NEWS**

### **14 November 2018**

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2018 (10-11.30AM)	
14 November 2018	BARBARA GOW - William Gow and his descendants
12 December 2018	Show & Tell plus Christmas Party
Check http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/meetings.html for the full calendar	
NO MEETING IN JANUARY ~ NEXT MEETING 13 FEBRUARY 2019	

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

#### SHOW & TELL 12 DECEMBER 2018

Our next meeting is the final meeting for 2018. The theme is "Show & Tell" which means you are encouraged to bring along something of interest to share with the group. It could be an old photograph, family history resource, or a family treasure. Members are also invited to bring along some festive nibbles to share after the meeting. There will be no meeting in January and we restart Wednesday 13 February 2019. Our guest speaker will be Jason Reeves and he will be updating us on Ancestry.

#### **VALE DEREK SCOTT**

Our condolences go out to the family of Derek Scott of Richmond who passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. Derek was married to Maggie Kable and was a regular attendee up until a few years ago.

#### SAVE THE DATE 11-13 OCTOBER 2019

The NSW & ACT Assoc of Family History Societies Conference 2019 will be held at Knox Grammar School, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga from 11 to 13 October 2019. Ku-ring-gai Historical Society will be hosting the conference. For more information go to http://exploringthepast.khs.org.au/ and sign up now for the newsletter at http://exploringthepast.khs.org.au/news.html

#### **BOOK LAUNCH – PITT FAMILY - Sat 24 Nov 2018 2pm**

In the **19th** century Australia went from struggling penal colony to a thriving community with a glowing future. This is a biography of a man GEORGE MATCHAM PITT who helped to shape a country and play a part in its transformation.

A larger than life character and a master of rhetoric, fond of quoting from poets and opinionated and generous to a fault, GM, as he was known, went from humble farmer to landowner, auctioneer and the founder of one of Australia's first and best-known stock and station agents.



Born in the UK to an Anglo/Irish father and Australian mother, Patsy has

worked in the theatre and TV all her life. Book writing, a recent occupation started with her first book published in 2012 'The Worst Country in the World' captured the early colonial Australia as seen through the eyes of her ancestors. This is the 2nd book in the Pitt family. The launch will be held at Hawkesbury Museum, 8 Baker Street Windsor, it is free but bookings are essential. Contact the Secretary at secretaryhawkesburyhistory@gmail.com or 4578 2443 Afternoon Tea included.

#### TASMANIAN NAMES INDEX

To find historical records about people in Tasmania check out the Tasmanian Names Index at https://librariestas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\_AU/names/? There are over 20 sets of recordsYou can also check out these Fact Sheets https://www.libraries.tas.gov.au/archive-heritage/guides-records/Pages/default.aspx

#### **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.

St Thomas Anglican Church, Sackville – church registers http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/church/stthomas\_sackvillereach.html

What Irish records are online? https://www.johngrenham.com/browse/retrieve\_text.php?text\_contentid=488#general

People Australia http://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/

Third Fleet graph connections http://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au/group/1562/families

NSW Family History Search Help Guide https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Documents/family-history-search-help-guide.pdf

FREE WEBINAR FROM STATE RECORDS - Bankruptcy and Insolvency records in NSW https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars/bankruptcy-and-insolvency-records-nsw

Pioneer Cemetery Southern Cross - grave tales https://www.outbackfamilyhistoryblog.com/2018/09/23/pioneer-cemetery-southern-cross-gravetales/?fbclid=IwAR0\_T0mP3x78j\_fmk\_W7-0C5f2vzda70XJrNQicP58ZZGI3YNTyy63oaCpU

How popular was your name in Victorian England? https://flourish.studio/2018/07/04/baby-name-history-visualised-in-flourish/

### 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 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