

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

13 February 2019

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2019 (10-11.30AM)	
13 February 2019	JASON REEVE Everything you need to know about Ancestry
13 March 2019	MICHELLE NICHOLS Hawkesbury Benevolent Society - 200th anniversary
10 April 2019	JAN BARKLEY JACK Hawkesbury early European settlers - 225 years on
Check http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/meetings.html for the full calendar	

NEWS & EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

Thursday 21 February 6.30-8.30pm

Have you always wanted to trace your family history but don't know where to start? Join us for an introductory session aimed at beginners. FREE – bookings essential. All welcome. Phone 4560-4460 or book online <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>



CANDLELIT TOUR

Friday 22 February 8-9.30pm

Stories lurk in the shadows of Howe House, but if you wait till nightfall then the truth can emerge from the darkness. Revealed will be local tales of death by fire, flood, knife and pestilence, of opportunities seized, and hopes dashed, of multiple marriages, true love, and past lives kept secret until now. But be warned – because these are true stories, nothing and no one is quite what they seem. Refreshments provided. \$25 - bookings essential phone the 4560-4655 or book online <http://hawkesburymuseum.eventbrite.com>

SPANISH FLU" EPIDEMIC 1918/19

Thursday 7 March 10am-1pm

2019 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the "Spanish Flu" epidemic of 1918/1919, which had a significant impact in Australia. Dr Peter Hobbins, a medical historian at the University of Sydney (and a Councillor of the RAHS) will be visiting Windsor to present a workshop on researching and commemorating this event in Australia, with a special focus on the Hawkesbury. If you are interested in attending this event, put on by Colo Family History Society at Hawkesbury Museum on Thursday 7 March 10-1 please contact the Local History Librarian on history@hawkesbur.nsw.gov.au or phone 4560-4466 before 25 February. This is a free event but places limited.



CEMETERY WALKING TOUR

Saturday 11 May 9.30-11am

Take a journey around 2 historic Windsor cemeteries. Commencing with Windsor Catholic Cemetery followed by the Presbyterian Cemetery, Sth Windsor. Details & itinerary available on booking. \$5 – bookings essential. book online

<http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560-4460.

STATE ARCHIVES ~ OPENING HOURS CHANGES

The NSW State Archives Reading Room will now be closed on Mondays. There is an increasing expectation for more online content from State Archives and closing on Mondays provides an opportunity to dedicate more resources to make material available online. The Reading Room is still open Saturdays. Any questions contact info@records.nsw.gov.au or 9673 1788. New hours are *Mon CLOSED || Tue-Fri 9-5 || Sat 10-4:00*



FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 24 to 26 May 2019

“Waves in Time Family & Local History Conference & Fair” will be held on the Sunshine Coast, from 24 to 26 May 2019. The genealogy conference is a 3 day conference is hosted by Caloundra Family History. Registration for this event has recently opened, so book your spot today.
<https://www.gouldgenealogy.com/2018/12/registration-open-for-waves-in-time-2019-genealogy-conference/>

ANCESTRY UPDATES

AncestryLibrary is available to access at Hawkesbury Central and Richmond Branch Libraries for free. The following records have been updated during January:

- Liverpool, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1970
- Former British Colonial Dependencies, Slave Registers, 1813-1834
- Gloucestershire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1813

Visit www.ancestrylibrary.com whilst in the library at Windsor or Richmond libraries.

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 laptop or device. Password is displayed in Library.

Bubonic Plague includes the Register of Cases of Bubonic Plague 1900-1908, Sydney

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/bubonic-plague>

New technology to reveal more on hand written documents

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/new-technology-helps-decipher-historic-hand-written-documents-national-archive>

Statistical Accounts of Scotland: An Essential Tool for Scottish Family History Research

<https://www.legacytree.com/blog/essential-tool-for-scottish-family-history-research>

Griffiths Valuation records of Ireland

<http://heritagegenealogy.com.au/griffiths-valuation-of-ireland/>

This Insight episode led two brothers to meet for the first time

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/insight/how-this-insight-episode-led-two-brothers-to-meet-for-the-first-time>

Remains of Matthew Flinders discovered

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-25/matthew-flinders-remains-discovered-london/10748938>

Search Hansard

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard/Search

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

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2nd 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