

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 13 October 2021

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2021	
13 OCTOBER	TRIANGLE OF CARE – SYDNEY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY – HEATHER GARNSEY
10 NOVEMBER	TO BE CONFIRMED
8 DECEMBER	SHOW & TELL

MEETINGS

Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom throughout 2021. Bookings are via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

NEWS

Hawkesbury Library Service continues to offer Click and Collect service at Windsor and Richmond libraries. Windsor is open weekdays 10-1 & 2-5, Richmond is open 10-1. Both libraries are open 10-1. Additional services will be introduced on Monday 25 October, see the Library's website at <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library> or the Hawkesbury Library Facebook page www.facebook.com/HawkesburyLibrary

RESEARCHING OUR COLONIAL HISTORY IN THE HAWKESBURY AREA

Wednesday 20 October 11am-1.15pm

The Royal Australian Historical Society in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Library Service presents Hawkesbury Regional Seminar online. Adjunct Associate Professor Carol Liston AO and Christine Yeats will discuss ways of making the best use of the recently digitised Australian Joint Copying Project material, the Court of Claims records and related land and property information to learn more about the life and times of the Hawkesbury's early settlers. Michelle Nichols OAM will speak about the local history resources in the Hawkesbury Library.

Cost is \$10 and to book go to

<https://www.rahs.org.au/event/but-is-there-more-hawkesbury/>

Time	Speaker	Topic
10.45	Start entering the Zoom event	
11.00	Christine Yeats (Convenor, RAHS Events Committee)	Getting to know the Hawkesbury's early settlers using the Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) Advice on using the recently digitised AJCP to search for information about early Hawkesbury settlers. Includes Q and A
11.30	Christine Yeats	The relationship between land grants, later land records and cases in the Court of Claims (Part 1) Learn more about the background behind the establishment of the Court of Claims in 1833 and how to access the records. Includes Q and A
12.00	Break	
12.05	Carol Liston AO (Adjunct Associate Professor, RAHS President)	The relationship between land grants, later land records and cases in the Court of Claims (Part 2) Carol Liston will further discuss the Court of Claims, drawing on a series of case studies to discuss how the case files can be used in land research. Includes Q and A
12.45	Michelle Nichols OAM (Local History Librarian, Hawkesbury City Council)	Researching Hawkesbury History Discover unique historical resources about the Hawkesbury with a look at some of the different resources available and how they may help with your local and family research. Includes Q and A
1.15	Close	

HAWKESBURY CRIER AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR FREE

The September issue of the Hawkesbury Crier is available online for free, see <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/crier/index.html> Normally the Crier is only available for subscribers but as the meeting was held online, we decided to make it accessible for free.



HAWKESBURY VOICES NOW ONLINE – CAN YOU HELP?

Hawkesbury Library Service invites you to explore Hawkesbury Voices and the first interviews from our collection online at <https://amplify.gov.au/hawkesbury> Hawkesbury Voices captures the social and cultural history of the Hawkesbury through local stories and we are calling for digital volunteers from all over Australia to help transcribe them.



Using the innovative online tool called Amplify, developed by the State Library of NSW, anyone from anywhere can now search, listen to and transcribe some of digitised audio oral history interviews. A selection of our digitised oral history collection have been placed on the platform with a copy of the interview, as interpreted by a machine. Volunteers can assist by listening to the interviews and then correcting the transcription to help make them more accessible.

The first interviews available on Amplify were conducted in the mid-1980s and document life in the Hawkesbury including stories about living through the Depression of the 1930s, various floods, riverboats, schooling, entertainment and agricultural practises, to name a few. Some memories even date before World War 1, with some interviewees born in the 1890s or early 1900s. The interviews were recorded from a wide range of community members who were willing to share their stories and include local residents, both men and women, with occupations ranging from farmers, teachers, business managers to RAAF pilots and politicians.

Hawkesbury Library is hoping to recruit a community of digital volunteers around Australia for the important task of transcribing the interviews so that more people can learn about the amazing stories contained in the Hawkesbury Voices Collections. These are just a few of the amazing stories in the Library's collection, with plans to release more digitised oral histories over the coming months.

It is not necessary to log in, just go to <https://amplify.gov.au/hawkesbury> and select an interview. There are instructions, tutorials and FAQ on the site. For more information about Hawkesbury Voices and Oral history see <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/services/local-and-family-history-resources/hawkesbury-voices> Any enquiries contact the Local History Librarian history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

RAIL EMPLOYEE WEBSITES

If you were unable to attend last month's meeting with Bill Phippen, a list of websites mentioned in the talk about researching NSW rail employees at

http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/pdf/HFHGNewsletter_202109.pdf

SURFING THE INTERNET.....

SITES FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

You may be interested in checking out the following sites. Both Windsor and Richmond libraries, provide free internet access to members, and FREE wireless for your devices.

Divorce Records Guide

www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/divorce-records-guide

Hansard (NSW)

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/search/Pages/AdvancedSearchHome.aspx#/search>

Plotting your Irish ancestors

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/irish/irish-counties-map/>

Gazetteer of British Place Names

<https://gazetteer.org.uk/>

Quaker Family History Society

<https://newtrial.qfhs.co.uk/>

NSW Bankruptcy files

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/video/archives-behind-the-scenes-bankruptcy-files>

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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.

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