

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 9 April 2025

Copies of the current Hawkesbury Family History Group Meeting news sheet including archived copies can be accessed at <http://www.hfhg.hawkesbury.net.au>  
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### HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2025

9 April	CAROLYN WILLIAMS ~ Proving Paternity: The Case of Sarah Miller & James Cox
14 May	MICHELLE NICHOLS ~ Unearthed - revealing the past [Australian Heritage Festival]
11 June	JAN BARKLEY JACK ~ The Humble Trend to Grazing in 1802 in the Hawkesbury

The Hawkesbury Family History Group meets in person and bookings not required. At present, meetings are still held via Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

## EVENTS

### VINTAGE, RARE & COLLECTABLE SALE

**STARTS SATURDAY 26 APRIL ENDS SUNDAY 4 MAY**

This unique sale will offer a variety of material that contains ex-library stock and pre-loved items including rare books, newspapers and curios. See catalogue at <https://bit.ly/4klp63V>  
Held Central Library 300 George Street Windsor 2756



### SCANDALS, CRIME & CORRUPTION IN THE HAWKESBURY

**WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 6-7PM**

Discover some of the “dark shadows of our past” with examples of various scandals, crime & corruption that have shocked the Hawkesbury. \$5 - ONLINE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

### SURVEYING THE WILD ABYSS

**SATURDAY 3 MAY, 10.30AM-12.30PM**

Join Barry Corr for a discussion about the patterns of conflict on the Hawkesbury. The talk will focus on 1795, 1805 and 1816, exploring what we do or don't know & what happened. Held Central Library 300 George Street Windsor 2756  
FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

### THE SECRET DNA OF US

Four Australian towns take mass DNA tests - and the results are intriguing. From royalty to convict roots, The Secret DNA of Us reveals the astonishing stories created in our genes. Starts April 17 on SBS.

## FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINES ONLINE

Through Overdrive you can access a range of books and magazines relating to family history for free. You do need to be a library member. If you are not a member, join for free, it is very easy. Go to Overdrive <https://hawkesbury.overdrive.com/> and log in with your library card and pin. Type in family history in the search bar. Look for **Family Tree UK** There are magazines as well as books to borrow.



## COLO SHIRE FHG EVENT

### IRISH BIGAMY: NEW INSIGHTS INTO COLONIAL NSW

**SATURDAY 12 APRIL, 10AM**

Dr Damian Gleeson will discuss bigamy in Ireland for the Colo Shire Family History Group. Held in Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. Admission \$5/\$7 Bookings Neil phone 0423 157 089 or email [nrenaud@bigpond.com](mailto:nrenaud@bigpond.com) All welcome, book for sale (\$30 cash) on the day.

## SURFING THE INTERNET ~ FAMILY HISTORY SITES

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.

Family Histories & Copyright (free brochure)

<https://www.copyright.org.au/browse/book/ACC-Family-Histories-&-Copyright-INFO042>

South Australian directories

<https://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/directories>

Blacktown Memories (includes Riverstone, Rooty Hill etc)

<https://blacktownmemories.recollect.net.au/>

Writing family history

<https://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/familyhistorygettingstarted/writingfamilyhistory>

Genealogy South Australia

<https://www.genealogysa.org.au/>

Historical context for ancestors

<https://education.myheritage.com/downloads/you-are-there-ancestors-in-historical-and-social-context/>

What's new on Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/announcement/2025/02/26/new-march-2025>

*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) in the Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756. Anyone interested in local and family history welcome to attend, and it is free to attend. For more information about the Hawkesbury Family History Group contact the Local History Librarian e: [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) t: 02 4560 4466.

The Local Studies Collection for all your family & local history research, is located in the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor 2756. See <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/services/local-and-family-history-resources>