

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 13 August 2025

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2025

13 August	LILIAN MAGILL ~ Exploring the hidden gems of the City of Sydney Archives
10 September	ROBERT CUNNEEN ~ Old Court House site, Lower Hawkesbury
8 October	JEFF MADSEN ~ Discover the Historical Land Records Viewer

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.

NEWS

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

August is National Family History Month, celebrated throughout Australia. This is a special time to delve into your research or to encourage people to explore and research their family history. The 2025 theme is **"Family History - A Lasting Legacy"** – are you creating a long-lasting tribute of your research? Are you sharing your research, findings with other family members and researchers? Here are some tips:

- Are you documenting and preserving your material and photos? Have you made scans of certificates, church registers, letters and photographs and shared amongst the family, keeping originals safe? Have you shared relevant records with repositories and libraries in the area where your family originated from?
- Have you interviewed older relatives and captured their memories and stories about the family in oral history interviews?
- Do you have an online presence? Have you created a family group on social media where you can interact privately, share information, memories, photographs etc?
- Have you joined community/memory/local history pages from the area where your family were established? Shared stories and photographs about your family?
- Have you shared your basic tree to platforms like Familysearch and Ancestry? Have you established your own blog (lots of free sites) or website?
- Attend family history sessions, join like-minded people at sessions and learn more about family history researching.
- Watch Presentation: A Lasting Legacy in the Digital Age, with Andrew Redfern <https://tinyurl.com/5326jukj> go to 00:19:07 plus Handout <https://tinyurl.com/yezej82p>



EVENTS

There are many events happening during Family History Month, see <https://tinyurl.com/njz4ea69> Also State Library of NSW is hosting the following events, bookings via <https://tinyurl.com/4zptfwdv>

Thu 14 Aug 11-12 > **Genealogy means business: Tracing ancestors through company records. Free & online.**

Wed 20 Aug 6-7pm > **Who's DNA is it anyway: ethics in genetic genealogy Cost \$20/\$15. Inhouse**

Thu 21 Aug 11-12 > **Finding family crimes (in collaboration with MHNSW) Free & online**

MORE EVENTS

Top Search Strategies for Family & Local History

Wednesday, 3 September from 6pm-7pm

Join this online session and learn how to enhance your research skills and connect with the stories of the past. Cost is \$5 - bookings via Eventbrite

<https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/>

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.

Whaling history

<https://whalinghistory.org/>

Time Gents: Australian Pub Project

<https://timegents.com/>

An online resource toward the early history of music in colonial Australia

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/paradisec/australharmony/index.php>

Convict lives: A research note

<https://fellowshipfirstfleeters.org/2025/08/11/convict-lives-a-research-note/>

Aboriginal songlines

<https://www.hearingthemusic.info/aboriginalsonglines>

Ironclad Sisterhood: convict women in Australia

<https://ironcladsisterhood.sag.org.au/>

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

NEXT MEETING

Old Court House site on the Lower Hawkesbury

Wednesday 10 September 10-11.15am

Robert Cunneen will discuss the remains of the Old Court House site on the Lower Hawkesbury, how they were discovered and stories about some of the locals tried there. Presented by Hawkesbury Family History Group. In person no need to book. Bookings essential if attending by Zoom <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2nd 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

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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>