

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 8 October 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

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| 8 October | JEFF MADSEN ~ Discover the Historical Land Records Viewer |
| 12 November | CHRIS & DEB HALLAM ~ How They Lived: Timber homes of our early Settlers |
| 10 December | SHOW & TELL ~ End of year Christmas Party |

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

Connect and Learn: Digital Skills for Adults

Thursday 9 October 10:30am-12.30pm

Join us at the library to level up your digital skills, meet new people, and have some fun while learning. Discover how to access Ancestry, Find My Past, British Newspaper Archives and Trove. This is a free session. Repeated in November.

Book via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/> or phone 4560-4460.

Building works at Hawkesbury Central Library



Heads up, library visitors. Building works at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor for the new technology hub have begun. Here's what you need to know:

- ~ The library is OPEN and there will be minimal disruptions
 - ~ Public computers, scanning & Wi-Fi are still be available – relocated around the corner in the Local Studies area
 - ~ Computer use will be limited to 2 hours per day
- Phone the Library on 4560 4460 with any questions.

NEXT MEETING

How They Lived: Timber homes of our early Settlers

Wednesday 12 November from 6pm-7pm

From the early years of Hawkesbury's European settlement, most settlers constructed a temporary slab hut on their grant to provide shelter. As their circumstances improved, so did their dwelling. Deborah and Christopher Hallam have spent a lifetime involved in restoration and conservation. They will use examples to illustrate how our ancestors may have lived, how to enhance your research skills and connect with the stories of the past. Free, no need to book. If you cannot attend in person, join via Zoom.

Bookings required to attend via Zoom <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/>



EVENTS

RootsTech 2026 Registration Now Open

Registration for RootsTech by FamilySearch, the world's largest family discovery event, is now open. Held 5–7 March 2026, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and online at RootsTech.org. It will offer a dynamic mix of in-person and virtual experiences designed to educate and inspire individuals at every stage of their family history journey. Millions participated in 2025. **What to Expect in 2026?**

- Hundreds of Classes, led by content specialists, addressing topics for beginners to advanced
- Expo Hall, explore this interactive showcase of the latest innovations in family discovery.
- Enjoy inspiring presentations, and performances from celebrities, influencers, and specialists.

In-Person Conference: Early bird registration is available for just \$99 for a limited time.

Online Conference: Online Event is FREE to watch live-streamed and on-demand sessions.

Register now <https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2026-registration>

UKBMD website update

It is almost 25 years since the first BMD website was established. With about 52 million records across the various BMD site, this is a very popular genealogy site. The UKBMD website was an offshoot from the Local BMD Project, which has grown since with thousands of links to other genealogy websites.

- For access to UK's major BMD & Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>
- For access to UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKSDL.org.uk/>
- For access to UK's major Military sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

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.

NSW School files (Museums of History NSW)

<https://mhnsw.au/articles/schools-what-the-files-can-tell-you/>

History of Mortuary Station in Chippendale.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/blog/the-end-of-the-line/?f>

Queensland family and local history resources

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/blog/2025/02/19/queensland-family-and-local-history-resources>

New headstone records from across Ireland

<https://irishheritageneews.ie/irish-genealogy-news-round-up-september-2025/>

Using Australian post office directories session, with Shauna Hicks, register for free Wednesday 15 October 12pm.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/using-australian-post-office-directories-in-myheritage/>

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) 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>