

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

**Wednesday 11 February 2026**

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 ~ 2026	
<b>11 February</b>	Love, Loss & Yearning: Women & Romance in Lachlan Macquarie's life ~ Robin Walsh
<b>11 March</b>	Hawkesbury history intrigues ~ Carol Liston AO
<b>8 April</b>	Richard Ridge – opening a Surprise Package ~ Louise Wilson

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.

### NEXT MEETING

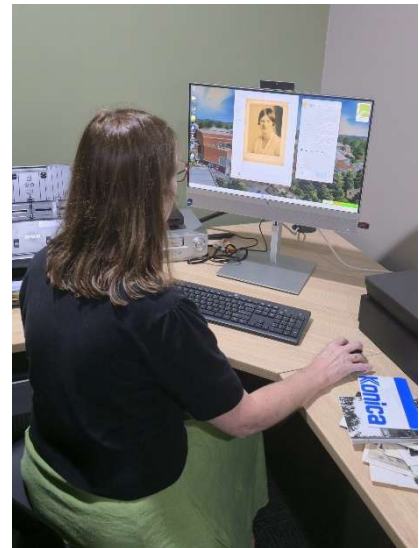
The next meeting will be held **Wednesday 11 March** at **10am** with Guest Speaker Carol Liston AO who will discussing 'Hawkesbury history intrigues' She has pieced together a captivating story set in the Hawkesbury in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Anyone interested in family and local history is welcome to attend, it's free and no need to book. Meeting held **Hawkesbury Central Library | 300 George Street, Windsor**. If you cannot attend in person, attend by Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

### NEW DIGITISING SPACE OPEN

Do you have bundles of holiday snaps, Christmas get togethers or boxes of old family photos that you would like to have in a digital format?

Get excited, Hawkesbury Library Service's brand new technology hub, with digitising equipment will be available to use from Monday 16 February at the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor.

The Digitisation Studio will be available for Library members to book and it is absolutely free. Equipment includes a professional flatbed scanner, a multi-scanner for 6x4 prints plus a slide scanner, all aimed at improving technological and digital opportunities for all ages. There is also equipment which may be used to digitally convert videos, cassettes and DVDs. Instructions are provided and the space can be booked for up to 2 hours during our opening hours with your Hawkesbury Library card. To make an appointment phone (02) 4560 4460. If you are not a member, it is free to join, pop in or join via our website <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library>



This new space was made possible through grant funding from the NSW Government under the Public Library Infrastructure Grant program.

### HAWKESBURY BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S HERD

Join historian Nicholas Pitt as he explores how a cattle herd owned by a charitable society at Windsor complicates understandings of colonial philanthropy. From 1819 to 1864, the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society at Windsor financed much of its poverty relief from sales of a cattle herd. Free event online with the State Library of NSW. Book [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/nicholas-pitt-benevolent-cattle-hawkesbury-benevolent-societys-herd](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/nicholas-pitt-benevolent-cattle-hawkesbury-benevolent-societys-herd)

## REGISTER FOR ROOTSTECH

The world's largest family discovery event will be taking place in Salt Lake City in Utah on 5-7 March 2026. Discover Your Family Story with 200+ new online sessions in over 26 languages. Join keynote sessions live from the comfort of your own home. Chat online with other attendees worldwide and receive digital syllabi and class handouts. Join now online world-wide for free <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/>



## AGE CALCULATOR

This age calculator allows you to compute the exact age of a person or age at a particular event <https://www.calculator.net/age-calculator.html> Also try the date calculator and find the number of years, months, weeks or days between certain dates <https://www.calculator.net/date-calculator.html>

A screenshot of the "Age Calculator" page on Calculator.net. The page has a dark blue header with the "Calculator.net" logo and links for "FINANCIAL" and "FITNESS & HEALTH". Below the header, there's a breadcrumb "home / other / age calculator" and the title "Age Calculator". A description states: "The Age Calculator can determine the age or interval between two dates. The calculated age will be displayed in years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds." The main form area has a blue bar with a dropdown arrow and the text "Modify the values and click the Calculate button to use". Below this, there are two rows of date pickers. The first row is "Date of Birth" with a calendar icon, showing "Feb", "10", and "2026". The second row is "Age at the Date of" with a calendar icon, also showing "Feb", "10", and "2026". A green "Calculate" button with a play icon is at the bottom of the form. Below the form, there's a "Related" section with two buttons: "Date Calculator" and "Time Calculator".

## 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.

Dusty Docs (Site for British Isles Research)

<http://www.dustydocs.com>

Scotland's People - Getting Started" page helps with the basics - how to search

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/help-and-support/getting-started>

What is on at State Archives

<https://mhns.wa.gov.au/tags/state-archives-collection/>

Conserving Samuel Henry Horne's pardon

<https://mhns.wa.gov.au/stories/general/unfolding-parchment-pardon-samuel-henry-horne/>

Tours of the Female Factory

<https://femalefactory.org.au/>

Underworld Blog

<https://mhns.wa.gov.au/stories/general/welcome-underworld-blog/>

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