

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 11 March 2026

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2026	
11 March	Hawkesbury history intrigues ~ Carol Liston AO
8 April	Richard Ridge ~ opening a Surprise Package ~ Louise Wilson
13 May	Michelle Nichols ~ Transforming Hawkesbury history

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 8 April** at **10am** with Guest Speaker **Louise Wilson**. Louise has written several publications about her family including Robert Forrester, Paul Bushell and Charles Homer Martin, Ann Forrester and their children. This talk will focus on her latest book, Richard Ridge and his remarkable story. She has pieced together his life, as a convict, trader and Bailiff in early NSW. 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.

EVENTS

Researching places not just people [online]

Wednesday 22 April 2026 (6-7pm)

Are you researching someone and looking for more information? Where did they live? Enhance your skills for researching places to enrich your knowledge for putting people into a historical landscape and context. Suitable for local and family historians.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA EVENTBRITE <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> - \$10

Sackville & Wilberforce Cemetery Tour

Thursday 7 May (10-12pm) &

Saturday 16 May (9-11am)

Visit two of the Hawkesbury's historic cemeteries at Sackville and Wilberforce. Visit the headstones of former convict Matthew Everingham, who drowned in 1817 and Captain Manning who operated boats along the river plus many more, revealing the interesting and tragic stories of the past. Tour details on booking ticket. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA EVENTBRITE

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DIGITISING SPACE OPEN

Our new technology hub, with digitising equipment is now available to use at the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor. So bring along your family photographs, your Dad's holiday slides and get digitising.

The Digitisation Studio is 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 equipment for digitally converting videos, cassettes and DVDs. Instructions are provided and the space can be booked for up to 2 hours during 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.

ROOTSTECH

This event finished on the 7 March but you can access presentations from the world's largest family discovery event held in Salt Lake City in Utah. Discover Your Family Story with 200+ new online sessions in over 26 languages. It's free – go to [The 2026 Schedule](#)

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.

Cheshire Parish Register Project

<https://cprdb.csc.liv.ac.uk>

Familysearch/RootsTech On-Demand Library

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/search?f.conferenceYear=2025&f.sessionLocation=online>

Australasian Mining History Association: Research Resources

www.mininghistory.asn.au

AIATSIS: Family history sources

<https://aiatsis.gov.au/family-history>

National Library of Australia: Family history research guide

<https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide>

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