

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 10 June 2026

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2026	
8 July	John Joseph Therry: Irish Landlord, Merchant and Priest ~ Damien Gleeson
12 August	Hawkesbury Benevolent Society Cattle ~ Dr Nicholas Pitt
9 September	Elizabeth Fulloon, Parramatta Female Factory's Superintendent ~ Heather Garnsey

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Introduction to the Digitisation studio

Thursday 30 July at 10am or Tuesday 15 September 11am.

Learn how to use the equipment in our new Digitisation Studio and preserve your memories. Learn how to convert your analogue materials into digital formats using our equipment, including a flatbed A3 scanner for photos and documents, high-speed PhotoFast scanner, negative and slide digitisation, as well as VHS/DVD conversion. Perfect for beginners.



Intro to Production Studio: Podcasting/Voice Recording

Thursday 30 July at 11am or Wednesday 30 September 6pm

Thinking about creating your own podcast or recording professional-quality audio? Join our session and get hands-on with industry-standard podcasting equipment. Learn the basics of setting up microphones, recording clear audio, and producing content for podcasts, voice-overs, and more. Whether you're starting a passion project, building a brand, or exploring storytelling, this beginner-friendly workshop will give you the confidence to bring your ideas to life.

Book via Eventbrite for either or both sessions, see <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone the Library on 4560-4460.

Census Night 2026

Census night is Tuesday 11 August 2026. You need to complete the Census wherever you are staying on Census night. The Census is the most comprehensive snapshot of our country and tells the story of how Australia is evolving. The Census is the only data collection activity that provides information for the entire country, including for small geographic areas and small population groups.

From late July 2026, households will receive instructions on how to complete the Census. You can complete the Census as soon as you get your instructions, if you know where you'll be on Census night. Most households will get a letter with instructions to complete the Census online. If you get instructions to complete online but would prefer a paper form, you'll be able to request one. Some households will get a paper form. Once completed, return it using the Reply-Paid envelope provided. There are instructions on the form if you would prefer to complete it online.

You can subscribe to get Census updates through myGov see <https://info.census.abs.gov.au/about/myGov> for more info go to <https://info.census.abs.gov.au/about/doing-census>

Ryerson Index update

Dedicated volunteers from the Ryerson Index <https://www.ryersonindex.org/> have added an incredible **37,483** records to the Index. If you have not tried the Ryerson Index, it is an invaluable resource for the family history community. There are now **10,077,849** entries.

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.

Golden rules of genealogy

<https://cdfhs.org/resources/golden-rules-of-genealogy/>

Australian Cemeteries Index

<https://austcemindex.com/>

Irish Australian history

<https://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/not-just-ned/family-history/irish/australian-history>

Uncovering the stories of Chinese Australian families (webinar)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcw88O04JTw>

Top 10 FREE Genealogy Websites in 2026 Every Family Historian Should Know About

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkRa0m23lYQ>

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