HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 14 October 2026

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2026	
14 Oct	The Earl's of Richmond ~ Jonathan Auld
11 Nov	Show & tell plus end of year get-together
Dec/Jan	No meetings in December or January – we return 10 Feb 2027

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

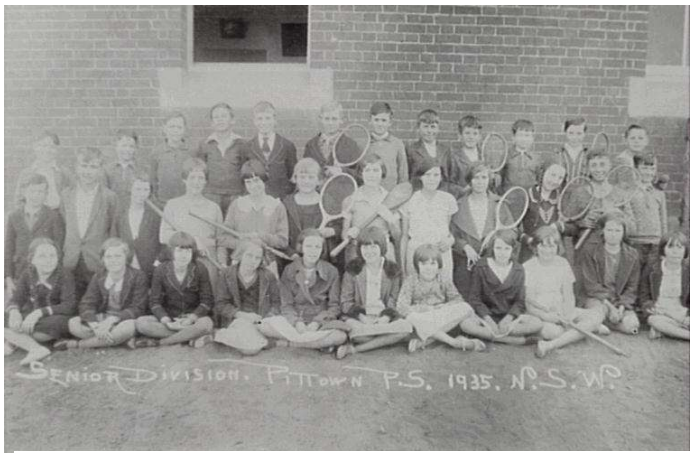
The next meeting will be held next month on **Wednesday 11 November** at **10am.** This will be our 'Show & Tell' and the FINAL meeting for 2026. We will return on Wednesday 10 February 2026. Anyone interested in family and local history is welcome to attend, it's free and no need to book. Meeting is held Hawkesbury Central Library 300 George Street, Windsor. The Show & Tell meeting will not be available via Zoom.

EVENTS

PITT TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER 2026

The Pitt Town Public School is celebrating at the Buckingham Street grounds.
Schedule of Events includes:

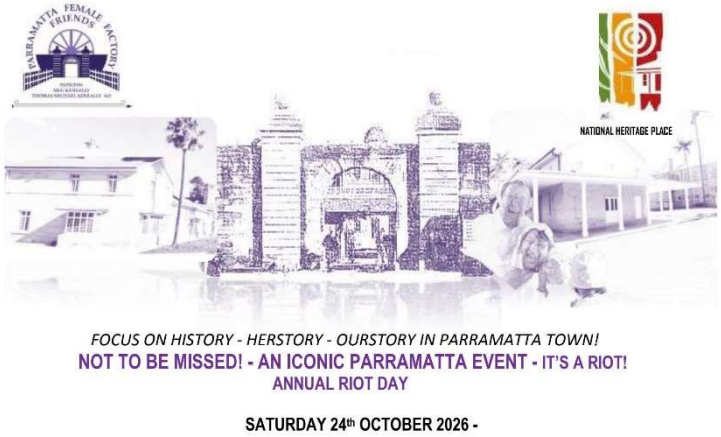
- **School Celebration & Assembly**
  - **Date & Time:** Friday 16 October 2026, starting at 9AM
  - **Details:** Current students, staff & families gather at school for a special assembly
- **150-Year Community Fete**
  - **Date & Time:** Saturday 17 October 2026, from 10AM to 4PM
  - **Location:** Pitt Town Public School, Buckingham Street, Pitt Town
  - **Details:** Free entry markets, performances, rides, food & historical memorabilia
- **Anniversary Car Show**
  - **Date & Time:** Sunday 18 October 2026, from 9AM to 12PM
  - **Location:** Pitt Town Public School, Buckingham Street, Pitt Town
  - **Details:** A community car show hosted as part of the celebratory weekend.



Pitt Town Public School, Senior Division Class, 1935
Courtesy Hawkesbury Library Service

ANNUAL RIOT DAY 2026

On Saturday 24 October 2026, from 9.30am the Parramatta Female Factory Friends will commemorate one of Australia's most dramatic and little-known colonial events, the 1827 Female Factory Riot, when convict women, driven by hunger and harsh conditions, sparked an uproar across Parramatta that authorities struggled to contain.



Enjoy Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon Treats served by the Ann Gordon Cafe.

- 10am Book Launch & Talk by Heather Garnsey OAM
- 11.30am commemoration of all female convicts
- 1pm Tours of the Factory site
- Explore the shop
- Visit the Research Centre & receive expert assistance with your ancestry.

Bookings essential for talk and walking tour see https://bit.ly/RiotDay2026

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.

Moore Theological College Archives
https://archives.moore.edu.au/collections-menu/physical-archives-collection

Dyarubbin: Mapping Aboriginal history, culture and stories of the Hawkesbury River, New South Wales
https://portal.spatial.nsw.gov.au/portal/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=82ae77e1d24140e48a1bc06f70f74269# https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/defining-moments-timeline

Australian Royalty: focusses on NSW colonial inhabitants (indigenous, convicts and free immigrants) and their descendants.
https://australianroyalty.net.au/

The 'Old Register' Index, 1794-1824
https://mhnsw.au/indexes/land/the-old-register/

Hawkesbury Church Registers
https://www.hawkesbury.net.au/church/

Hawkesbury People & Places
https://www.hawkesbury.org/

Gaol inmates & prisoners photos index 1870-1930
https://mhnsw.au/indexes/gaol-inmates-and-prisoners/gaol-inmates-prisoners-photos-index/