

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 14 July 2021

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 ~ 2021 |   |
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| 14 JULY  | ENHANCING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ~ MICHELLE NICHOLS* |
| 11 AUGUST  | RYERSON INDEX ~ BOB ATKINS**                      |
| 8 SEPTEMBER  | NSW RAILWAYS PERSONNEL RECORDS ~ BILL PHIPPEN**   |

The Hawkesbury Family History Group meetings will be held via Zoom during current Covid lockdown.

\*\* Topics and Speakers may change depending on circumstances in current situation.

Bookings recommended via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

## NEWS

### LIBRARY UPDATE

Both our libraries (Windsor & Richmond) are closed until advised. Any items you currently have on loan, have been extended until 30 July, so need to return anything. If you have something on reserve and it was ready to pick up, it has been extended until 30 July so your reserve will not expire while we're closed. Although the after-hours returns chutes are open, we encourage you to hang on to the items until the stay-at-home restrictions have lifted.

### 'TURNING FAMILY RESEARCH INTO A TRUTH-TELLING EXERCISE' POSTPONED

Louise Wilson's talk, 'Turning family history research into a truth-telling exercise' scheduled for today has been postponed until Wednesday 10 November.

### PUZZLES

Looking for something different to do? Try one of our online jigsaw puzzles  
<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/HawkLib>

### ACCESS FAMILY HISTORY DATABASES FROM HOME

Search Hawkesbury Library's family history databases online while you are at home. Temporary access is available to Ancestry and Find My Past for Library members. See instructions at <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/elibrary/family-history>

- **ANCESTRY** Log on through the Library catalogue, using your library card and pin <https://aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/> Click on Ancestry from top toolbar and start searching.
- **FIND MY PAST** To access Find My Past contact the Library on (02) 4560 4460 to obtain login details.

### FAMILY HISTORY MAGAZINES AND BOOKS ONLINE

Through Overdrive you can access a range of books and magazines relating to family history for free. You do need to be a library member. If you are not a member, join for free, see instructions below. Go to Overdrive <https://hawkesbury.overdrive.com/> and log in with your library card and pin. Type in family history in the search bar. Look for **Family Tree UK** There are magazines as well as books to borrow.



## FREE MEMBERSHIP

If you are not a member, it is free to join. While the Library is closed you can join **online** <https://aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/Join.aspx> but just phone the Library 4560 4460 to activate the card so you can start using our resources.

## WEBINARS

If you are under stay at home restrictions, use the time at home and increase your family history knowledge. Join NSW State Archives for a free Zoom Q&A on convict records on Friday 16 July at 11:30am. Submit your questions to [publicenquiries@records.nsw.gov.au](mailto:publicenquiries@records.nsw.gov.au) before 12pm on 15 July. Bookings see <https://fb.me/e/R8LbrEr5> Check out the live webinars coming up and listen to the recorded topics <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

## NEXT CRIER

The next issue of the Hawkesbury Crier will be out in September. If you have any information, reunions, research that you may want to share, please email to [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) by 30 August.

## SURFING THE INTERNET..... SITES FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

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.

Familysearch (see what new records are available)  
<https://www.familysearch.org/>

Convict guide  
<https://guides.sl.nsw.gov.au/convicts-bound-for-australia>

Australia's First Fleet  
<https://members.pcug.org.au/~pdownes/dps/1stflt.htm>

Aboriginal family history research  
<https://guides.sl.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-australians> and  
<https://www.rahs.org.au/aboriginal-family-history-nsw/>

Looking at book spines  
<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/stories/spine-tingling>

Final run of Comleroy cattle drover  
<https://www.hawkesburygazette.com.au/story/7331818/hawkesbury-history-final-run-of-the-comleroy-road-cattle-drovers/?cs=1453>

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

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except January) Meets in the Tebbutt Room of Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor NSW 2756. Email [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) Anyone interested in family & local history, welcome to attend. Bookings are now required, phone (02) 4560 4460 or via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>  
Enquiries: Local History Librarian T: (02) 4560 4466 E: [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)