

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 8 September 2021

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| HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2021 | |
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| 8 SEPTEMBER | NSW RAILWAY PERSONNEL CARDS ~ BILL PHIPPEN |
| 13 OCTOBER | TO BE CONFIRMED |

MEETINGS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, meetings are currently being held by Zoom. Our schedule for the next few months may change due to circumstances beyond our control, however we will still meet virtually via Zoom, same time each month. Booking are via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

EVENTS FROM HAWKESBURY LIBRARY



TOP 10 LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES

Tuesday 14 September (4-5PM)

Are you interested in finding how to research about the local area, the people and environs? Discover some of the unique resources online.



HISTORIC HAWKESBURY HEADSTONES

Wednesday 22 September 4-5PM

Join our presentation on some of the historic headstones in the Hawkesbury and discover the stories of a selection of unique people who helped shape the history of our area.

Both events FREE – all welcome book FREE book <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

VALE

Two friends of the Hawkesbury Family History Group recently passed away. On behalf of the group we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

Vale Ernie Byrnes 24 Aug 1927 – 11 Aug 2021

Ernie Byrnes was born and bred in Riverstone. When he married wife Judy, he raised his family in Riverstone. Ernie was very involved in the community and loved history. He was very proud of his family history and connections to the area and enjoyed researching and attending the Hawkesbury Family History Group meetings. He passed away just 13 days before his 94th birthday.



Photo courtesy Maureen Byrnes



Vale Bryan Patrick Mullins 8 Dec 1927 – 26 Aug 2021

Retired agriculturist and husband of the late Joan nee Shepherd, was a regular attendee at the Hawkesbury Family History Group meetings over the last 20 odd years. He was involved with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College (Western Sydney University, Richmond) as well as a number of local organisations including the Hawkesbury Hospital Auxiliary.

His beloved wife Joan, was involved in our family history group since she started her family history research in the 1980s, sadly passed away last year. Bryan Mullins passed away on 26 August 2021, aged 93.

Courtesy Windsor Funeral Home Facebook



Matt Murphy presents

Rum - A Distilled History of Colonial Australia

Wednesday 15 September 2021 6.30-7.30PM

Matt Murphy will take us through his account of the formation of Australia through the distorted view of a rum bottle.

Presented by NSW Public Libraries. Book via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/matt-murphy-presents-rum-a-distilled-history-of-colonial-australia-tickets-158541298291>

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.

Finding your ancestors- researching Aboriginal family history in NSW

https://www.rahs.org.au/sdm_downloads/finding-your-ancestors-researching-aboriginal-family-history-in-nsw/

Researching a History of a house

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/blogs/history-house>

Q&A session - Pre-1856 Land records [State Records]

Friday, 10 September 2021, 11AM-12PM

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/events/pre-1856-land-records-0>

Q&A session - Probate and Deceased Estate files [State Records]

Friday, 17 September 2021 11AM-12PM

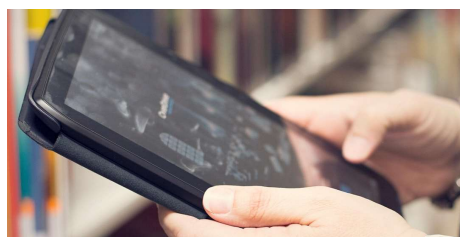
<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/events/probate-and-deceased-estate-files>

State Records Mini Webinars <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/events>

24 Sep - Police service cards

12 Oct - Insolvency and Bankruptcy records at NSW State Archives

29 Oct - Teachers' rolls and Teacher career cards



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

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2nd 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 Anyone interested in family & local history, welcome to attend. Enquiries: Local History Librarian T: (02) 4560 4466 E: history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Topic of meeting: NSW Railway Personnel records

Presented by: Bill Phippen OAM and rail historian

Date: Wed 8 September 2021

Links mentioned in the presentation

State Records useful Guides

Railways and railwayworkers indexes

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/railways-and-railway-workers>

Railways and railway workers guide

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/railways-and-railway-workers/guides>

Railway employees guide

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/railway-employees-guide>

Australian Railway Historical Society, New South Wales Division

Known as ARHSnsw and is the oldest and largest member-based organisation of its type in the country. The Society has amassed a large library of books, magazines, drawings, photographs and other documents related to the history of railways in NSW and also Australia.

<https://arhsnsw.com.au/>

Contact for Railways employee database

Manager of Archives of ARHSnsw E: james.dalton@arhsnsw.com.au

NSW Railways Remember site

The NSW Railways Remember website honours the contribution of the NSW Railways both at home and abroad during the First World War. The site was developed during the Centenary of ANZAC (2014-2018), marking 100 years since Australia's involvement in WW1. Contains stories on the NSW Railways efforts during World War 1.

<https://nswrailwaysremember.com.au/>

Central Station Honour Boards

Information on the commemorative art project undertaken with the community in 2015 plus database to search names on the Central Station Honour Boards listing the 1,214 railwaymen who lost their lives through service to their country.

<https://nswrailwaysremember.com.au/honour-boards.php>

>> State Records also have 2 videos about the Railway Personnel cards

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars/mini-webinar-how-find-digitised-railway-personal-history-card>

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/video/archives-behind-the-scenes-state-rail-personal-history-cards>