

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 11 October 2023

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### HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2023

11 OCTOBER	Follow the sources ~ WAYNE KEDWARD
8 NOVEMBER	Hear Me Now: Parramatta Female Factory ~ GAY HENDRIKSON
13 DECEMBER	Show & Tell (plus Christmas morning tea)

The Hawkesbury Family History Group is now meeting in person and bookings not required. Meetings are still held via Zoom, book via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

### NEXT MEETING

#### Parramatta Female Factory Weds 8 November at 10am

Come along to Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor and learn about the Parramatta Female Factory. On Wednesday 8 November at 10am, Gay Hendrikson will discuss all about the historic Female Factory in her presentation - Hear Me Now. With little trace of the female factory women's voices, the six historic moments, known as factory riots speak volumes about life in the Parramatta Female Factory - corruption, mismanagement and the women's fight for better conditions from the 1820s to the 1840s. No need to book if you are attending in person however if you would like to attend online (via Zoom) please book in via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/>

*Image courtesy Gay Hendrikson*



### NEWS

#### Scottish Family History Month 2024

Scottish Family History Month will be held in February 2024. There will be expert talks including:

- Mary Evans: where did they live? Using maps for Scottish family history research
- Emma Maxwell: locating Scottish burial records
- Ken Nisbet: understanding and interpreting Scottish BDM certificates
- Chris Paton: Scottish burgh and trade incorporation records
- Alison Spring: sailing to Philadelphia: where did my Scots ancestors go?

Book online <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/store/downloads/family-tree-magazine/scottish-family-history-month-2024> Early bird offer £40 until 14 Nov 2023.

### RESOURCES

This is a reminder that Hawkesbury Library Service has a subscription for Find My Past. This is a very useful family history database with a wide variety of records from the UK, Australia/NZ as well as other places.

Records include:

- UK Parish records (church baptism, marriage & burial records)
- UK Census records 1841–1911 (not the 1921 census)
- NSW wills 1800-1982
- Immigration and passenger lists

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- Australian content like convict records, electoral rolls etc
- British Newspapers

It is only available to access while you are physically in the Library (Windsor or Richmond) and it is free to use. public PCs. It is accessible via your own device (laptop, tablet, phone) and we have free wifi. More information on our Fact sheet on our website [https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/147829/LSFS-Find-My-Past.pdf](https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/147829/LSFS-Find-My-Past.pdf) Try it out and see what you think.

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except January) in the Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756. Anyone interested in local and family history welcome to attend, and it is free to attend. For more information about the Hawkesbury Family History Group contact the Local History Librarian e: [history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) t: 02 4560 4466.

The Local Studies Collection for all your family & local history research, is located in the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor 2756. See <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/services/local-and-family-history-resources>

## FOLLOWING THE SOURCES

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Suggested websites by Wayne Kedward

- Family (close/distant/DNA matches) contact them!! **FREE**
- Ancestry database (personal subscription or use Hawkesbury Library's free subscription) **FREE**  
[www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)
- Find My Past database (personal subscription or use Hawkesbury Library's free subscription) **FREE**  
[www.findmypast.com.au](http://www.findmypast.com.au)
- Find A Grave **FREE**  
<https://www.findagrave.com/>
- British Newspaper Archive (personal subscription or use Hawkesbury Library's free subscription) **FREE**  
<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>
- Familysearch **FREE**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/>
- South Australian State Records **FREE**  
<https://www.archives.sa.gov.au/>
- Museums of History NSW – State Archives collection **FREE**  
<https://mhnsw.au/collections/state-archives-collection/>
- Trove **FREE**  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/>
- Hawkesbury Family History Group **FREE – for the price of a cuppa!!!**  
<https://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/>