

# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## MEETING NEWS

**Wednesday 14 February 2024**

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### HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2024

14 February	JASON REEVES - Focus on Ancestry
13 March	ELIZABETH ROBERTS - The Great North Road & what life was like for the men who built it
10 April	SUE WILLIAMS - Mary, the fascinating story of Governor Bligh's daughter
8 May	MICHELLE NICHOLS - Connecting with our ancestors (Heritage Festival)
12 June	ADJ ASSOC PROF CAROL LISTON - Researching convict women through English records

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

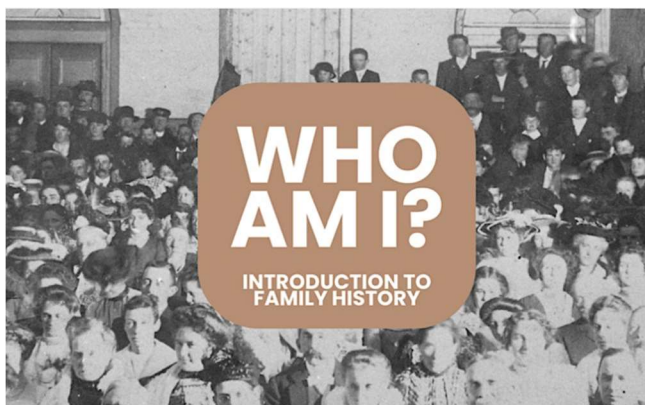
Elizabeth Roberts will be the speaker at our next meeting, on Wednesday 13 March, 10am. She will be discussing The Great North Road and what life was like for the men who built it.

### NEWS

#### Library Lovers' Day

Today is Library Lovers' Day and it is celebrated each year on 14 February. It is a day to honour libraries, librarians, and library lovers and the valuable roles that libraries play in our lives.

To celebrate, join the Hawkesbury Library Service as a new member during 14 - 21 February to go in the draw to win a \$50 gift card. Not visited for a while? Believe your card has expired? Rejoin during 14 - 28 February and get a replacement card for FREE and you go in the \$50 gift card draw.



#### Who am I?

#### Intro to family history session

**Wed 28 February, 11am-12.15pm**

Discover the basics of researching your family history and how you can find more information at this free session with Hawkesbury Library Service. Session is FREE and will be held at 300 George Street, Windsor. Book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or call 4560 4460.

#### Boring to Brilliant: Enhance Your Family History

**Tue 12 March, 6-7pm**

A family history session on how to take your family history to the next level.

Delivered online via Zoom. Book with <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> cost \$5

## Dr Rex Stubbs History Symposium

**Sat 17 February 2024 9am-2pm**

Stephen Gapps will talk on the Frontier Wars conflict in NSW 1788-1817 and discover how to care for your historic collections and material with conservator Teagan Anthes. This is a free event with refreshments included. Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street. Bookings are via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or call the Library on 4560 4460.

## Rootstech 29 February – 2 March 2024

### Register now!

Registrations are still open for RootsTech. The event will take place in Salt Lake City on **29 February to 2 March 2024**. The theme for the conference is “Remember your story” and book by visiting [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org). It is free if attending online.



## 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.

Trove: Instructions on how to download items from Trove to read later

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/help/using-trove/downloading>

Tales from the Grave

<https://www.talesfromthegrave.org/>

QLD Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

*New records alert! As of Jan 2024, 📢📢 125,301 additional historical records available*

[www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory](http://www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory)

Shauna's family history A – Z

<https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/shaunas-family-history-a-z/>

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

Did you know, **Ancestry, Find My Past & British Newspaper Archives** are available to access for free at both Windsor and Richmond libraries? You can bring in your own device and use our free wi-fi, or make use of one of our PCs.



### TOP FAMILY HISTORY TIP

A good tip when you cannot find your ancestor in a search, try spelling variations. The first name or surname may be misspelt, so search with spelling variants for the first and last name of your ancestor. Do not select 'exact' to see other alternatives and suggestions.

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2nd 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 info 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>