

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 13 March 2024

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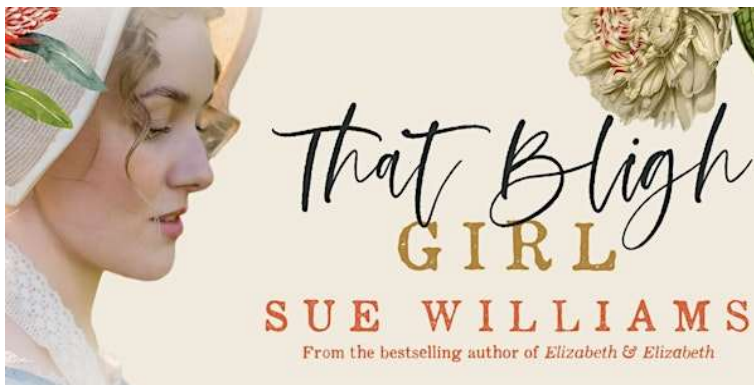
HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2024	
13 March	ELIZABETH ROBERTS - The Great North Road & what life was like for the men who built it
10 April	SUE WILLIAMS - Mary, the fascinating story of Governor Bligh's daughter
8 May	MICHELLE NICHOLS - Connecting with our ancestors (Heritage Festival)
12 June	ADJUNCT 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

Mary, the fascinating story of Governor Bligh's daughter

Wednesday 10 April 10-11.15am



Come along to Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor and find out about Gov Bligh's amazing daughter, Mary from Sue Williams author of the book titled "That Bligh Girl".

No need to book if you are attending in person however if you would like to attend via Zoom book in via Eventbrite

<https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/>

LIBRARY EVENTS

WestWords Writing Workshop

Saturday 20 April 11.30am-1pm

As part of the 2024 Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize, WestWords and WestLit are offering free creative writing workshop, Central Library 300 George Street Windsor. Bookings via <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone the Library 4560 4460.

History of Photography in the Hawkesbury - via ZOOM

Tuesday 23 April 6pm-7pm

Discover the early history of photography in the Hawkesbury and some of the interesting photographers who set up business here. Session is via Zoom and bookings essential via <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS



A HISTORY MILESTONE IS BEING CELEBRATED!

Hambledon Cottage will be celebrating its Bicentenary on 13 April 2024. This is a significant milestone for this remarkable Parramatta landmark, once owned by pioneer John Macarthur and Elizabeth Macarthur, founders of the fine wool industry in Australia. Parramatta & District Historical Society, custodians of this extraordinary Colonial heritage site, present a week of community activities including a Bicentennial Day celebration, house tours including a new exhibition, heritage talks and walks, and children's colonial games, to coincide with the NSW school holidays!

The week opens with a day of heritage activities, food stalls, house tours, an exhibition and music to suit all tastes, drawing on local community talent including the highly praised Granville Boys' High School Pipe Band! Sit awhile and absorb the timelessness and elegance of this 19th Century Cottage (1824) and its parkland setting - sit and gaze upon the ancient oaks and cork tree planted over 200 years ago (c1817). Join us as we commemorate this rather special Parramatta district landmark - a NSW State Heritage Register listed site! The official opening of the Hambledon Cottage Bicentenary is at 2pm with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, in attendance.

WHAT: Event program opens 10am on Saturday 13 April, 2024 Formal Ceremony at 2pm Event program closes on Friday 19 April 2024. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR HERITAGE WALKS and TALKS, CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES.

WHERE: Corner of Hassall Street and Gregory Place, Harris Park. Public transport: Buses 909 and 920 from Parramatta Railway Station. For further information: parramattahist@tpg.com.au Web: www.hambledoncottagemuseum.org.au

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.

Claim a Convict

<https://www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/>

Australian Historical Dance

<https://www.historicaldance.au/>

Australian Medical Pioneers Index

<http://www.medicalpioneers.com/>

Monument Australia (records the public monuments and memorials throughout Australia)

<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/>

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 information about the Hawkesbury Family History Group contact the Local History Librarian e: 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>