

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2024

10 April	SUE WILLIAMS - Mary, the fascinating story of Governor Bligh's daughter
8 May	MICHELLE NICHOLS - Connecting with our ancestors
12 June	CAROL LISTON - Researching convict women through English records
10 July	JONATHAN AULD - Dr Thomas Fiaschi, Surgeon & winemaker (1853-1927)

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

NEWS

ST JOHN'S WILBERFORCE CELEBRATIONS

Bicentennial celebrations of St John's Anglican Church at Wilberforce, are finally going ahead on Saturday 4 May! If you're a local, have a connection with Wilberforce, or just interested in history, make sure you attend! In 2020, the Macquarie Schoolhouse celebrated its bicentennial. Unfortunately, due to COVID, activities were unable to go ahead. Activities include a traditional service; stories from the descendants of the first schoolmaster, William Gow; a lovely afternoon tea plus open tours of the church and Schoolhouse. For further info phone 02 4575 3800 or email office@stjohnswilberforce.org.au



CULTURAL PLAN SURVEY

Hawkesbury City Council is developing a new Cultural Plan and wants to hear from you to understand what you love about arts and culture in our Hawkesbury community. Share your ideas to help us make the Hawkesbury a great cultural destination and go into the draw to win one of two \$100 gift vouchers. The survey closes on 7 May 2024. To complete survey, or for more info, go to

<https://www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/cultural-plan-community-survey>



HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE HAWKESBURY – ONLINE SESSION



Tuesday 23 April 6-7pm

Join Michelle Nichols, the Local History Librarian as she shares the history of photography in the Hawkesbury area. Discover some of the early photographers with the presentation illustrated with photographs from various sources. It is FREE to attend but bookings essential, book via <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? – NEW SERIES

The latest series of "Who Do You Think You Are?" is scheduled to start on SBS on Tuesday 7 May, 7.30pm. The new series will feature celebrities Manu Feildel, Miranda Otto, Pat Rafter, Kathy Lette, Wayne Blair, Melissa Doyle, Stephen Curry and Heather Ewart. To find out more, see SBS website:

<https://www.sbs.com.au/whats-on/article/secrets-shocks-and-traditions-to-treasure-new-who-do-you-think-you-are/>

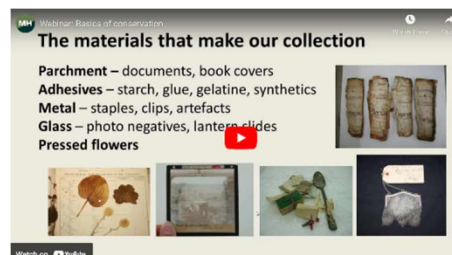
BASICS OF CONSERVATION

Learn about some of the simple things you can do at home to preserve your family history collections, with these helpful guides and a very useful webinar from the State Records site.

The topics of the guides include:

- Conservation treatments
- Conservation Q&A: "foxing" explained
- Conservation tip: sticky tape removal

<https://mhns.wa.gov.au/webinars/basics-of-conservation/>



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.

Sandgate Cemetery records

www.sandgatecemetery.org.au

Dyarubbin: Mapping Aboriginal history, culture and stories of the Hawkesbury River

<https://portal.spatial.nsw.gov.au/portal/apps/MapSeries/index.html>

Hawkesbury People & Places

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

History of New Zealand separating from NSW

<https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/new-zealand-becomes-a-separate-colony>

Australian Boer War Memorial

<https://www.bwm.org.au/>

The Australasian Criminal Register

<https://livinghistories.newcastle.edu.au/nodes/view/74142>

NSW Land records

<https://www.nswlrs.com.au/Historical-Records-Online>

Newcastle Living Histories

<https://livinghistories.newcastle.edu.au/>

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) 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>