

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 8 July 2026

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2026	
8 Jul	John Joseph Therry: Irish Landlord, Merchant and Priest ~ Damien Gleeson
12 Aug	Hawkesbury Benevolent Society Cattle ~ Dr Nicholas Pitt
9 Sep	Elizabeth Fulloon, Parramatta Female Factory's Superintendent ~ Heather Garnsey
14 Oct	To be advised

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday 12 August** at **10am** with Guest Speaker **Dr Nicholas Pitt** who will be discussing the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society Cattle and explore how this cattle herd complicated the understanding of colonial philanthropy. Anyone interested in family and local history is welcome to attend, it's free and no need to book. Meeting held **Hawkesbury Central Library | 300 George Street, Windsor**. If you cannot attend in person, attend by Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

PAPER TRAIL & BEYOND: FAMILY HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc Annual Conference will be held on 18, 19 & 20 September 2026 in Port Macquarie, on the Mid North Coast of NSW, at Panthers Port Macquarie. Early Bird Registrations are now open and close 31 July 2026. In person or online options. Find out speakers and topics <https://www.portmacconference2026.com/>

WRITING COMPETITION

To coincide with the Annual Conference family history conference in NSW, writers are invited to participate in a shorty story writing competition. The theme is '**Place and Belonging**'. Winners will be announced at the 2026 State Conference Dinner on 19 September in Port Macquarie and notified by email.

- Open to anyone, **Opens** - 1 July 2026 & **Closes** - 31 August 2026
- Up to 2500 words and entry fee of \$10 per entry (limit of 3 entries per person)
- All entries must be paid for and accompanied by a completed entry form.
- **First Prize** - \$200; **Second Prize** - \$100 & **Third Prize** - 1 Year membership to PMDFHS including Footsteps journal
- Enter <https://www.portmacconference2026.com/writing-competition> + *Terms & Conditions*

REMINDER

Introduction to the Digitisation studio

Thursday 30 July at 10am

Learn how to use the equipment in our new Digitisation Studio and preserve your memories. Learn how to convert your analogue materials into digital formats using our flatbed A3 scanner for photos and documents, high speed PhotoFast scanner, negative and slide digitisation, as well as VHS/DVD conversion. Perfect for beginners.

FREE ~ Book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone the Library 4560-4460.



Intro to Production Studio: Podcasting/Voice Recording

Thursday 30 July at 11am

Thinking about creating your own podcast or recording professional-quality audio? Join our session and get hands-on with industry-standard podcasting equipment. Learn the basics of setting up microphones, recording clear audio, and producing content for podcasts, voice-overs, and more. This beginner-friendly workshop will give you the confidence to bring your ideas to life.

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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.

Introduction to Copyright in Australia (free booklet)

<https://www.copyright.org.au/browse/book/ACC-An-Introduction-to-Copyright-in-Australia-INFO010>

Surgeon's Journal of John Smith for Female Convict Ship 'The Elizabeth and Henry' 1848

https://femaleconvicts.org.au/docs2/ships/SJ_Elizabeth_and_Henry1848.pdf

5 Timeless Genealogy Tips | Genealogy with Amy Johnson Crow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C486zR_X2dc

Irish names

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/old-irish-gaelic-names>

ChatGPT vs Real Genealogy Research—The Results Shocked Me!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d20wDAnxy0>

Cyndi's list – genealogy software.

<https://www.cyndislist.com/software/genealogy/>

DNA Leeds Method worksheets

<https://andrewredfern.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/LEEDS-Method-Worksheets.pdf>

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