

Society Monthly News for May 2017

Autumn, what a lovely time of year. The hot weather is behind us, but the days are still warm and sunny. Soon it will be cooler and we will feel more comfortable with being attached to our files and computers indoors.

May's meeting is the day before Mother's Day, **Saturday 13th May** We wish all mums, step-mums and foster mums a happy day – you are the backbone of our universe. As usual, we are open from 12.30pm at **CC Mac Adams Music Centre**, so come early and collect your May edition of Footsteps; read journals; or just socialise! The 2017-2018 membership renewal sheet will be in this edition of Footsteps. Please re-assess your details, maybe you have found something while researching that you would like assistance with – or you have learnt about something that you can share with others. Please indicate on the form and hand it to our membership secretary, Jennifer Mullin. Most importantly is the change in age bracket – for Insurance purposes only!! Our guest speakers will be Jeanette Rainbow, Sue Frost and Daphne Salt from the **Wauchope Historical Society**. This will be interesting, since they presently do not have a permanent home.

We have arranged with the Port Macquarie Hastings Library to allow our members to **borrow PMDFHS books**. A 'How-to' sheet will be given to members when they renew for the 2017-2018 year. If you are unsure of our library contents you can view our resources on our website – or follow the instructions outlined there to use the PM-H Library catalogue.

Bookings are now open for the **2017 NSW& ACT Annual Conference in Orange**, 22-24 September 2017. Details can be obtained at:

<https://yourfamilystoryinorange.wordpress.com/registration/>

Some members have reported problems accessing the Land Records on LPI Online Portal. Some have had success on a weekday. Keep trying – this is such a valuable resource and we want them to know we DO use it.



Save the Date: Saturday 5th August for our bi-annual Fair at Panthers.

Saturday Research Assistance is available again this month prior to the monthly meeting. This is for **members only** who are unable to come to the Library during the week. To use this facility, please contact the **Secretary**.

'Members only' Support Groups: Are all held in PM-H Library **Meeting Room** or **Technology Room**. \$3 pp. cost applies for each session to cover room hire. Writing group cost by arrangement. See our website.

Research Support Group: Wed 17th May 1:00pm-3:00pm at the PM-H Library, Technology Room; focus: Cemeteries: Sandgate, Gore Hill, Waverley, Rookwood, Eastern Suburbs, Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium, North Ryde, Catholic Cemeteries

Family Search Support Group: 18th May 1-3pm at the PM-H Library, meeting room. Contact Pauline Every for details.

DNA Support Group: Mon 22nd May 2017, 2-3.30pm at the PM-H Library, meeting room.

The PMDFHS Management Committee
Members email contact: secretary@pmdfhs.org.au

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InfoEmail prepared by Jennifer Mullin on behalf of the PMDFHS to keep members informed of upcoming events.

Mastering Ancestry (formerly Family Tree Maker Support Group): Wed 24th May 2017, 1-3pm. at the PM-H Library, meeting room. Please come & support this group. It is NOT just about FTM but help using Ancestry.com.

Writing Support Group: Wed 7th June 2017, 1-3pm PM-H Library, garden room. Vacancies: email Noeline Kyle noelinekyle@gmail.com

Roots Magic Support Group: Wed 28th June 2017, 1:15pm-3:15pm PM-H Library, meeting room.

The Society is always looking for assistance with the **Library Roster**. Please contact **Sue Brindley** if you can help. Besides helping others, Library Duty is a great way to learn about new FH resources. Also, if you can help with the **General Meeting Afternoon Tea**, please contact **Gwen Grimmond**.

Footsteps –as mentioned earlier the May edition is **ready**. The next focus is DNA, but other articles are most welcome. Date due is 30 June. Our journal is a prize-winning publication which reflects the quality of stories we've published so far. Your story will be another one in this long history of ours – just publish it. The writing group have made a significant to this edition – so join us and write!! Anyone who contributes to Footsteps can have a chance of winning **FREE** membership to PMDFHS for a year. This will be decided at this month's meeting.

Coffs Harbour FHS will be conducting a Seminar on May 27, from 10am to 4pm. Cost is \$30 which includes morning tea & a light lunch. Cavanbah Hall, Harbour Drive. 10am to 4pm. Shauna Hicks is the guest speaker discussing **"Asylum Records: A Place to look for missing Ancestors"** and **"Victorian Records for Family History Research"**. Some of our members have already registered, so we may be able to car pool.

Speakers for June and July Meetings: We are excited to welcome Ann Mathews, who is an active supporter of the Parramatta Female Factory, as our speaker for June. Come along and show your support to the team who are fighting 'progress' in the removal of this historic building to make way for residential development in Parramatta.

Narelle Milligan, one of our members, is guest speaker in July. She will be telling us about Capt. Jobling, a local identity.

Law week @ the Library: Monday 15th May 11am-12pm. This presentation outlines common on-line scams, how to identify them and provides practical tips on protecting yourself online. It also covers how to report scams to authorities. To register phone 65818755 or email portlib@mnclibrary.org.au

Social Events: our social director, Margaret Blight, is arranging monthly activities for our members. The May activity is a production at Players Theatre - "Into the Woods" on Friday 19th May at 8pm. Tickets are \$26pp. Please see Margaret to arrange a ticket.

For June, she has arranged a tour around Ricardoes Tomatoes on 16th June. We will then have morning tea at our own expense.

Book Sale- we will have some books for sale at the meeting on Saturday for a gold coin each.
