

## Society Monthly News for June 2017

This year continues to be one of the fullest and most exciting for the Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society. At 2pm on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual venue of **CC Mac Adams Music Centre**, the guest speaker will be **Anne Mathews** who is involved with Friends of the **Parramatta Female Factory**. She will be addressing members about this interesting and important part of Australia's early history. It is one part of the female side of early New South Wales' dark past that needs to be acknowledged. The meeting venue will be open from 12:30pm to allow members and visitors to **arrive early and socialise**.

Please remember that **Research Assistance** is now being offered on a **Saturday! Library volunteers** are available on the second **Saturday** of the month, prior to the monthly meeting. This is for **members only** who are unable to come to the Library during the week due to family commitments etc. To use this facility, please contact the **Secretary**.

A **social event** has been organised for members at **Ricardoes Tomatoes** on Friday **16<sup>th</sup> June 2017** at 9:30am. It will commence with a **guided tour**



of the tomato growing facilities commencing at 10am. Members will then be able to enjoy a **morning tea** (at their own expense) and enjoy the pleasant surrounds of the venue – maybe even **harvest some strawberries!** For those of you who are interested, will you please put your names on the list which will be available at the next **General Meeting** so that numbers may be determined.

**PMDFHS Membership renewal is now due.** Renewal forms were included in the **May 2017 edition of Footsteps** and may be made to **library assistants** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or at the **General Meeting**. The renewal form also has details for those wishing to renew over the **internet**.

**Coffee mugs** with the Society name and logo are now available to purchase for \$12.00. Please speak to **Pauline Every (Publicity Officer)** at the General Meeting.



**Borrowing of PMDFHS Books from PM-H Library.** Members who renew their membership for **2017-18** are now able to borrow books purchased by the Society and held in the PM-H Library Local Studies Room. Many of these books run to hundreds of pages and it may not be possible to spend the time in the library reading them. Only **one book at time** may be borrowed and books **referring to Port Macquarie** are excluded so they are always available to visitors to the town. **PM-H Library books** in the Local Study room are not included. Our **PMDFHS Society books** are housed in the central bookcase of the Local Studies Room.



The **Annual Association Conference in 2017** is being hosted by the Orange Family History Group and Orange City Council. The dates are **22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at the **Orange Cultural Precinct**. These conferences are always a wonderful opportunity to mix with other family

historians and learn more about research. The **website** is: [yourfamilystoryinorange.wordpress.com](http://yourfamilystoryinorange.wordpress.com) where you may find out more about speakers and prices, etc. Several members have already indicated their intention to go so you will be among friends.

**PMDFHS Family History Fair.** Another reminder that our one day seminar is being held at Port Panthers on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. This is an all-day event with some very interesting speakers so please keep this date free and come along to the best FH Fair of 2017!

**'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. See also website for more details.

**Research Support Group:** Wed **14<sup>th</sup> June 2017** 1:00pm-3:00pm; focus: Unusual archives.

The **PMDFHS Management Committee**  
Members email contact: [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)

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InfoEmail prepared by Rex Toomey on behalf of the PMDFHS to keep members informed of upcoming events.

**DNA support group:** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 1-3pm

**Roots Magic Support Group:** Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 1:15pm-3:15pm

**Writing Support Group:** Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 1-3pm. Vacancies: contact Noeline Kyle by email: noelinekyle@gmail.com Writing group cost by arrangement.

**Mastering Ancestry** (formerly Family Tree Maker Support Group): Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 1-3pm. Please come & support this group. It is NOT just about FTM but help using Ancestry.com.

**Family Search Support Group:** The next meeting of this new group will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the PM-H Library, 1-3pm with facilitator Robyn Denley. Come along and find out how to use FamilySearch.org to create an online tree on the Family Search (that is, LDS Genealogy) website. Please advise the secretary if you will be attending.

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** – The August 2017 edition of Footsteps is the next edition and the cut-off date for submissions is 30<sup>th</sup> June. The focus of that edition will be **DNA in Family History Research**. The editor Shirley Aitchison is always seeking articles from members and submitters names are included in a prize draw to receive a one year PMDFHS membership subscription.