

Society Monthly News for July 2024

Incessant rain seems to have dominated the past few weeks, and I was so pleased to see the sun shining this morning. Our next **General Meeting** is on **Saturday 13th July** from 1.15pm at CC Mac Adams Centre. Entry is the usual \$2 fee and there is a raffle available. Bring your own mug/cup for a cuppa. We **do request** you **'Book In'** by calling/texting Diane on 0416 311 680 or emailing [president@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:president@pmdfhs.org.au)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87288078803?pwd=QQLOpqlOWwbdjygalQpJclHe9lbps6.1>

Meeting ID: 872 8807 8803

Passcode: 4rVJ2F

**Members' Support Groups**\*\*\* Please book in for ALL sessions – [president@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:president@pmdfhs.org.au)

Group	Venue	Date	Notes
Ancestry/FTM	PM-H Library	Mon 8 Jul 1pm – 3pm	Step-by-step demo of how to upload/download tree Pro Tools for Ancestry
Convicts	PM-H Library	Mon 15 Jul 1pm – 3pm	Convict Children
Research Support	PM-H Library	Wed 17 Jul 1pm – 3pm	'Back door to research' Thinking outside the square
DNA	PM-H Library	Mon 22 Jul 1pm – 3pm	
Writers	PM-H Library	Mon 5 Aug 1pm – 3pm	

If you haven't already renewed your **membership for 2024/25**, please do so by **1 July**. Membership rates are \$30 for Individual Membership and \$40 for Family Membership. You can pay in person at the General Meeting or at the Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm. You can pay online by EFT (BSB 932000, A/c No 500021712 - please put your name in the Reference field as some banks do not send the name of the payer). If you want to pay by credit/debit card online, use these links:

Individual Membership:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLKCD1RD2EJOJ/checkout/FJNGBEC7LKIAOJUBMFQKMW3>

Family Membership:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLKCD1RD2EJOJ/checkout/IUQQ66D3H3WS3SWKT44QBBX5>

***The new Library Roster*** is now working for July–Sept came into operation this past week and seems to be working well, only being impacted by the seasonal bouts of 'flu. To those

The PMDFHS Committee

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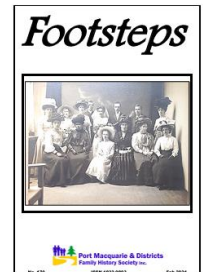
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who have stepped in to volunteer to do an 'extra' shift please know that it is greatly appreciated by those on the 'sick list'. There are still some shifts that only have one volunteer so if you can spare a couple of hours to assist your Society it would be greatly appreciated. We encourage members to think about offering to do roster duty for many reasons – you learn as you go; it's a way of giving back; you get to meet interesting people and it helps our Society's association with Port Macquarie Library. Please contact Janet (via [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)) if you are able to help.

We are always searching for articles from our members for **Footsteps**. Leonie has assumed the position of editor, with Wendy stepping back. The new editor may be contacted via [editor@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:editor@pmdfhs.org.au) but if your email bounces or doesn't go through please send it to the **Secretary**. If you contribute a story during the year your name is included in a draw to win a PMDFHS 12-month membership, which is drawn at the May General Meeting.



Our 'Christmas in July' event was organised by Dawn, and I would like to commend her on a very well-run event. There was even a trivia! The venue at North Haven Bowling Club was enjoyable, the menu reflected a Christmas theme, the company was enlightening. I am sure those who attended had a good time. Thank you, Dawn!

Players Theatre event – 'Unnecessary Farce' – **booking changed to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** to secure the Gould Room for intermission. \$30/head. Please add your name to the list if interested.

The new regulations requiring us to **alter our Constitution** have been suggested and discussed at committee. These will be brought to the General Meeting at the AGM for adoption. We need to register with the ACNC to be recognised as a not-for-profit organisation & fulfill other requirements. Further explanation will be discussed at this upcoming July meeting and will be emailed to members next week with committee nomination forms.

Our **Next Steps Course** will commence on 31<sup>st</sup> July & run for 6 consecutive Wednesdays through August and into September. If you would like to further your knowledge of Family History, you may like to register to attend this course. It is a good follow-up from the Beginners' Course we conducted in April. Please add your name to the list on the board at Saturday's meeting or email the Secretary at [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au) Topics include use of various databases, organisation, location of burial records, print media online, convicts, NSW State Archives, overseas research from 'downunder', Immigration and DNA

As we approach the **AGM in August**, we are looking for members who are willing to **stand for committee** positions. If you'd like to become more involved in the running of YOUR Society, please give some consideration to nominating for a committee position.

**Stay safe and stay well, please!**

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