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Society Monthly News for April 2026

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you are spending it doing something you love doing with the people in your life. This weekend has seen a real change in the weather here in Port Macquarie, with rain, which we have badly needed, and cooler temperatures.



Preparations and organisation for the upcoming conference continue at pace. Registrations are now being accepted from interested family historians across NSW&ACT. Our treasurer, Clive has arranged to accept payments from PMDFHS members for the conference. You can make these at the meeting on Saturday or arrange it with him. The link to the Conference page is <https://www.portmacconference2026.com>.

Our Facebook group link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1772424553400753>

Congratulations to Karen Quinn and her dedicated committee for assembling a wide variety of speakers and organising all the different aspects of what promises to be a balanced and vibrant event.

Our next general meeting will be held at CC Mac Adams Centre this coming **Saturday 11 April** commencing at 1.15pm. Rooms open 12.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Madsen who will introduce us to the new NSW Spatial Services that has replaced SIX Maps. It has a new and enhanced version now known as SDT Explorer. This session will take you through the basics of navigating the tool and how it can assist your Family History research. Please email Diane at president.pmdfhs@gmail.com or call or text 0416 311 680.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86825742529?pwd=O6dw0wyX6tFDGnjH5Sy1PRbovaNDzI.1>

Meeting ID: 868 2574 2529

Passcode: 496694

Our nominated charity for 2026 is the Palliative Care Unit at Wauchope. The unit was opened in 2014 as a purpose-built palliative care facility for the Hastings Macleay Clinical Network. It has a homely feel with the care of a dedicated staff. All donations from our general meetings in March and April will be donated to this cause.

Footsteps The May issue of Footsteps is following the theme of 'Retail & Commercial' which is an interesting theme. Some of our ancestors may not have had a 'shop' as such but involved in delivering a service to customers. Was your ancestor a baker who delivered freshly baked bread or a milkman with a devoted horse who knew the milk route better than his owner? Leonie would love to hear from you. footstepseditor.pmdfhs@gmail.com by April 15 for the May issue.



We were sad to learn that Anne Powell has resigned as co-editor of Footsteps. We would like to thank Anne for her time, energy and skills in this position and wish her well in the future.

The PMDFHS Committee

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Members' Support Groups

Bookings for these groups assist with room setup & catering *** If numbers are insufficient, we may cancel the booking so please let us know if you are coming to the support group. There is a cost to hire the rooms for these groups, and we ask members for \$2 towards the hire cost (whether you have afternoon tea or not)

As you may have noticed there are some changes to Support Groups with Basic AI added to our list. Thank you to Wendy Haynes & Karen Quinn who have volunteered to coordinate this group.

Group	Venue	Date & Time	Notes
FTM & Ancestry	Library Meeting Room	Mon 13 Apr 1pm – 3pm	
Research Support	CANCELLED	Wed 15 April	Due to lack of interest
Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 20 Apr 1pm – 3pm	
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 27 Apr 1pm-3pm	ANZAC Day holiday
Writers Group	Library Meeting Room	Mon 4 May 1-3pm	
FamilySearch	Library Meeting Room	Mon 11 May 1pm – 3pm	
Basic AI***	Library Meeting Room	Mon 18 May 1pm-3pm	New Group – please advise if you would like to attend

🕒 Players Theatre. We will be attending the production of 'Georgy Girl' on 31 May as a group outing. Please add your name to the list if interested. Payments for this event may be made at the meeting also or via the link on our **website**. We would love you to join us.



🕒 The 1926 Irish census, taken on 18 April 1926, was the first census of the Irish Free State and will be publicly released online on 18 April 2026 which is exactly one hundred years since the Census was conducted in Ireland. It was digitised by the National Library of Ireland <https://www.nli.ie> and will be available to view free online.

🕒 Don't forget to check our Conference Program and make note of the workshops or sessions to be held on Saturday and Sunday.

🕒 The Sydney Morning Herald can be accessed on Saturday and Sunday on the *Borrow Box App*. This hint came from an enquiry at the March General Meeting. Thanks, Kath.

Full NSW BDM Transcriptions are now \$18.00 until Midnight 27th April 2026



Remember to stay safe and keep well

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