

Society Monthly News for December 2018

Monthly Meeting:

As we rapidly approach the Christmas Season our last meeting for 2018 will be held at the CC Mac Adams Centre adjacent to Players' Theatre next Saturday, 8th December. The venue will be open from 12.30pm so members may arrive and socialise before the meeting - which commences at 1.30pm. Our Vice President, Rex Toomey will give a short demonstration of how to scan slides to a digital format before we celebrate with a Christmas afternoon tea.

To assist Rex with his demonstration he is requesting some slides to scan as part of the demonstration.

If members have slides they would like scanned Rex is happy to do so, to demonstrate the ease of doing it.

He requests that members, who have slides to scan, place a maximum of 2 slides AND a flash drive / thumb drive into an envelope with their name on it.



Members are requested to bring a small plate of 'Christmas goodies' for afternoon tea at this meeting.

Upcoming Society Events:



Christmas Events: A Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at our **Christmas Meeting** on Saturday 8th December. This is to provide members not going to the Luncheon a chance to 'share' in the Christmas spirit. The hamper is being organised by Margaret and Yvonne. Tickets for this hamper are \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5.

Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Golf Club on Friday 14 December. There are still places available. Cost is \$27 per person, with a choice of two mains and two desserts. The Golf Club has been a great venue in the past, so we think this year will also be enjoyable and discussion doesn't always centre on family history. A 'fun trivia quiz' with

amazing prizes will also be held. The meeting on Saturday will be your last chance to add your name and pay your money to the attendees list. Spouses / partners are welcome.

Summer Barbeque Sausages or onions on the top of a sausage sandwich? Unlike one of our retail outlets that is renowned for their sausage sandwiches and have created a hullabaloo over the topic in the past few weeks we will give you the chance to create your preference at the Summer Barbeque. In previous years the barbeque has been an excellent way to begin the year informally and the cost remains the same - at \$5 for sausages and salad. Drinks and nibbles, plates, cups & cutlery should be provided by attendees. It is **not** just for new members - everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held in McInherney Park on **February 23rd** from 11am - 3pm.

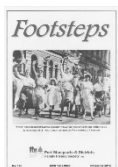


When paying for either of these events or when paying anything **our Society would prefer payment by EFT or cash** as the Credit Union is now charging us **50c per cheque** transaction. We have been absorbing this cost up until now but soon may have to request the extra 50c be paid by the cheque writer in the future. Please email Secretary to inform us you have deposited money.

Member Support Groups: With the exception of **FamilySearch Support group** (Monday, 10 December) and **Research Support** (Wednesday, 12 December) our groups have finished for 2018. While the Member Support Groups are for financial members only, 2019 may see a re-vamp of these groups. The venue hire has been paid by the Society in 2018.

At the December Research Support Group resources of the NSW State Library that can be accessed from home or the Library, will be investigated.

Library Roster: Our wonderfully efficient Roster organiser, Sue Brindley has completed a draft roster for 2019 but is always open to new people adding their names to the Roster. We are looking at having a few sessions to help 'newbies' learn about our resources in 2019. More information regarding this initiative, early in 2019.



Footsteps. The November issue of Footsteps has now been posted to all financial members. Our 150th edition will be published in February and Margaret, our editor, is still seeking articles for it. Some celebratory stories may be the ideal way to acknowledge this achievement by our Society. From a single double-sided page in 1985 to today, the journal has certainly become our 'public presence' and is a credit to our editors, both past and present, as well as providing a voice for aspiring authors or a place to share the successes of our members' research. Articles may be sent to the editor@pmdfhs.org.au by **28 December 2018**, though articles will be accepted at any time.

The PMDFHS Committee

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Port Macquarie Small Debts Register 1845-1879

Sue Brindley is coordinating the transcribing of this register and is currently drawing up guidelines to assist transcribers. We would now like volunteers to transcribe these pages, so we may move to the next phase of this project. The text is very readable, and a spreadsheet has been set up for you to enter details. As with all PMDFHS projects, all documents are double checked, so please, do not be concerned if you cannot read some of the text. Please contact the Secretary if you are able to assist.

Events Planned by Others:

February 18, 2019 has been claimed as the **'Sensational Seniors' Expo** which will be held at Panthers from 9am to 2pm. We will have a presence at this event and hope to see many of our members there. If you can assist by answering general questions about the subject of Family History and can spare an hour or so to assist, please see Diane to add your name to the roster so we may cover the time period and not all be there at the one time.

Joan Reese's NSW Colonial Secretary's in Letters Index 1826-1895. A donated copy of this very useful family history resource on CD-ROM is in our collection and was also a prize in one of our recent raffles. The program has now been updated to resolve several minor search issues and to ensure it remains compatible with the latest version of MS Windows. If you were the recipient of this disk as a prize, would you please return the disk to the Secretary so that it may be replaced with the latest version at no cost to you.

Rex has been hard at work updating the **1890 electoral rolls** for the **Manning, Macleay & Hastings area.** These are now on the Society laptop in the library.

Society Badges and Mugs. These are still available. Please see **Pauline Every** to place an order. Badges are \$13 each and the mugs are \$12

Ancestry DNA Ancestry have begun their end of year sales and are currently offering DNA kits for \$89 (plus P & H)

7-Generation Pedigree Charts There are still two charts available for sale at \$5. They will be available at the General Meeting

Other news

State Records. We have been informed that the Reading Room at State Records at Kingswood will close on Mondays from Jan 4. This is to allow the staff to answer more online queries. The new hours are 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am – 4pm on Saturday, so if you plan on using the Reading Room please be aware of these changes. There are also planned road diversions. Please speak with Clive who will be able to advise the best way to travel.

Our wonderful double award-winning webmaster, **Pauline Every** has indicated that she will be stepping down from this position at the 2019 AGM. She is looking for an apprentice or two now, so that the change-over is smooth. We know of one person who has an interest in assuming this position but if you think you would like to learn how to maintain our Society website please come and speak with the Secretary. It does NOT involve programming, coding or any prior knowledge but an appreciation of design would be advantageous.

On behalf of PMDFHS Committee, I would like to wish all members a very happy Christmas. May 2019 bring you good health and every success with your research. I would like to thank you all for your support over the past year. It certainly has been a busy year and 2019 looks like continuing the same way.



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