

Society Monthly News for September 2023

Welcome to a new year of activities, events, seminars and news for PMDFHS. Our AGM was held on August 19, being deferred from the previous week to allow another user group of CC Mac Adams to take advantage of a visiting professional.

The new management Committee has some familiar faces but I am pleased to welcome a couple of new faces in Helen Hoare and Wendy Haynes who has returned after resigning in early last year. Sue Brindley did not seek re-election for this year, but capably filled the task of Returning Officer for the election. Thank you Sue for your expertise and advice. We wish you well with your research. Neryl Kirton did not seek re-election either and I would like to thank Neryl for her input on the Committee and re-arranging her weekly activities so she could attend our meetings.

The new Committee is as follows – President Diane Gillespie, Vice President Dawn Stephens, Treasurer Clive Smith, Secretary Jennifer Mullin. The other Committee members are Janet Brown, Narelle Milligan, Wendy Haynes and Helen Hoare. There is a **position available** for another person to join the committee. Please give it some thought as new ideas are always welcome.

★ There will be **NO GENERAL MEETING** at CC Mac Adams Centre in September

Our next General Meeting is Saturday 14th October at 1.15pm (Referendum day) Our Speaker scheduled for Oct has cancelled so it has been decided to ask members to speak for 1-2 mins on 'A Place to Call Home' – tell us about a place your ancestor came from or moved to in Australia or alternatively tell us about your hometown. Help to prepare or present this is always available.



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The Running Waters of History
Wyong Family History Group

NSWACT AFHS Conference 2023 will be held in Wyong next weekend. I hope you have booked online or in person to participate in this annual event that sees family historians from NSW and beyond gather to hear about new developments in research as well as catching up with friends from other societies.

There are raffle tickets available <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1024912>



Members' Support Groups – These groups are for financial members of PMDFHS

Group	Venue	Date	Notes
Writers'	Library Meeting Room	Mon 4 Sep 1pm – 3pm	A Rogue Within the Records
Research Support	Library Meeting Room	Wed 13 Sep 1pm – 3pm	Ancestry Updates. lincstothepast.com - Lincolnshire FHS; The Genealogist:
Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 18 Sep 1pm - 3pm	Convict trials & convictions
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 25 Sep 1pm – 3pm	
FamilySearch	Library Meeting Room	Mon 9 Oct 1pm – 3pm	



Would you like to order a **Society badge**? Cost is \$13. Please contact Jennifer, our Secretary asap. An order will be placed with the supplier this week

The PMDFHS Committee

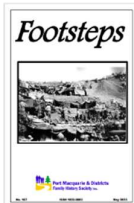
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★ **New Year, New Ideas** As we all know our focus of research changes as our FH journey progresses. What are you researching at present? Are you looking at Trove and would like more assistance with how to use it or are you interested in immigration, shipping or have you moved to researching overseas? Please communicate with us. We would like **your** input in choosing Speakers for the upcoming year. If you have a topic or have heard of someone who would be able to speak with us at a general meeting please contact our Secretary so we can cater for your research needs. We also asked for ideas regarding Support Groups and it was suggested we look at late afternoon/ evening timeslots. We tried Zoom during the Pandemic but members didn't support it. We could consider this again if the demand is forthcoming.



The current edition of Footsteps will be posted early this week, to those of you who receive a hard copy and haven't collected it at the meeting or in Support Groups this month. It should contain your current **orange** membership badge. If you don't receive it please let us know **asap** so we can follow up. *Family Stories or research gems* is the topic for the November issue. The November issue may also be the time to recognise any military history you may like to share. Closing date for articles is **Oct 15**.

Our library roster Once again I would like to thank the '**someones**' who answered the call for more librarians. An extra 'anybody' certainly helps with the roster. Janet would like a few more people who could help – it's not an onerous task. The hardest part is finding a parking spot! So, if you could spare 2.5 hours once a month to help other researchers, we'd love to hear from you. You don't need to know 'everything' but be willing to point others in the right direction. It's part of returning the favour for which family historians are renown. We have had some happy 'customers' recently.



Our '**Next Steps Course**' was very successful with participants providing very positive feedback. It was a good way to contribute to 'National Family History Month' (NFHM). Thank you to Jennifer, Sue, Pauline, Clive and Brian for sharing your expertise with us.

The display of **Convict bonnets** in the library has elicited some wonderful comments from library users during August. Well done Margaret, Trysha and David. The 'Family History Journey' on the display boards in the library drew many admirers. Thank you Narelle, Rosslyn, Julie & Dawn.



'**The Barn**' at Hibbard Sports Club has been booked for a BBQ on Saturday Oct 28. Would you like to come and join us? Cost is \$15 including 3 tickets in a raffle to be drawn on the day.

'**Me & My Girl**' at **Players Theatre** is booked for Sunday 5 Nov. It is a matinee performance. Bookings via Secretary on 0475 132 804 Cost is \$30 which includes nibbles in the Gould Room at intermission.



Future planning – our **Christmas Dinner** has been booked at Noshtalgia Restaurant for 40 people on 1st December at 5.30pm for a 6.15pm dinner.. Cost is \$45/person.



Stay safe and stay well, please!

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