

## Society Monthly News for November 2023

★ Would you like to hear about some exciting projects that are underway? We invited Andrew Redfern from the Society of Australian Genealogists to be the speaker at our general meeting next **Saturday 11 November**. His talk is about his ancestor, Dr William Redfern. Dr. Redfern began his time in NSW as a convict but became recognised as one of our early doctors within the colony.

Andrew is also passionate about our Colonial history and is an integral part of the **'Ironclad Sisterhood'** project from the Society of Australian Genealogists. He has agreed to tell us about this burgeoning project which encompasses the first 30 years of colonial history. *If you have a female convict who arrived in NSW, you will be interested in this day.* You will also hear about our female convict project, Rowdy Voices & Quiet Whispers that is nearing completion.

### Timetable for Saturday

9.30 Doors open. Cuppa available on entry.

10am session – The Ironclad Sisterhood – Andrew Redfern. No cost to members, \$5 for non-members

11.00 am - Pause for Commemoration of Remembrance Day – please wear a poppy.

12 noon - Light lunch of sandwiches & cuppa - cost \$5

1.15 - General Meeting with speaker Andrew Redfern – Dr William Redfern. \$2 entry & raffle as usual  
Join Zoom Meeting from 9.45am

As we are catering, **BOOKINGS** for lunch especially are **ESSENTIAL**. **'Book in' with Diane** on 0416 311 680 via text or phone call or via email [president@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:president@pmdfhs.org.au) Please feel free to come to both sessions or just the meeting from 1.15pm.

**Christmas** is rapidly approaching, as you will see if you go to any of the local shops. We have traditionally collected **donations** for our **giant Christmas Hamper** and will do so again this year. You may bring any donations to the meeting on **Saturday** or leave them with our volunteers in the library on Tuesday or Wednesday. We will also collect donations at our Support Groups in the next couple of weeks. Any non-perishable donations would be gratefully received.



Our **December meeting** (Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>) is another 'Member Participation' event. We'd love to hear of any special or significant event that occurred at Christmas within your family or your ancestor's family.

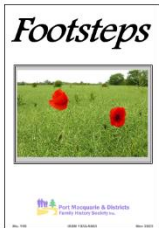
✦ **Members' Support Groups** – These groups are for financial members of PMDFHS These are the last group meetings for the year. *Writers group Zoom Link*

★ The Community Grant from Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to fund the installation of a sound system for CC Mac Adams Music Centre is progressing well. Our Supplier, Coastal Music is awaiting parts and then we will coordinate with the Management Committee of CC Mac Adams for installation to occur.



I was pleased to receive a phone call on Thursday morning from Rex Toomey who has volunteered to accept the vacant position on the Management Committee. We welcome Rex back to the Committee. You haven't accepted any jobs yet, Rex but I look forward to your valuable input.

Group	Venue	Date	Notes
Writers'	Via Zoom ( <b>Tomorrow</b> ) Library Meeting Room	Mon 6 Nov 1pm – 3pm Mon 4 Dec 1pm – 3pm	Free choice or Love & Marriage
Research Support	Library Meeting Room	Wed 15 Nov 1pm – 3pm	Using FindMyPast & British newspapers in FMP. New records on Genealogist
Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 20 Nov 1pm - 3pm	Last for the year
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 27 Nov 1pm - 3pm	Last for the year
FamilySearch	Library Meeting Room	Mon 11 Dec 1pm - 3pm	Last for the year



The November edition of Footsteps should be available at the general meeting next week. Our editor, Wendy Haynes, has been assisted by Leonie Hiles and they have been pleased with the articles that members have submitted. If your article hasn't appeared this time I am sure it will appear in a future edition. The closing date for articles for the next issue is Monday **15 January**, but if you are working on something that you need a few days to complete please contact Wendy via email – [editor@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:editor@pmdfhs.org.au)



**Our library roster:** Thank you to ALL the library volunteers who have helped with the Library Roster this year. Your assistance in the library has been amazing! We will take a break from mid-December till mid-January and look forward to resumption of the roster in the new year.



We have reached the final stages of publication of 'Rowdy Voices and Quiet Whispers' and are accepting pre-publication orders. If you would like to order a copy please contact our Secretary, Jennifer. The pre-publication price has been set at \$20, which will increase to at least \$25 after the book is launched early in 2024. This has been made possible by a grant from RAHS to assist with the publication. Trysha Hanly and her team have worked tirelessly on this mammoth project, and we have identified 371 women who were sent here. (They keep finding more!)

The next **Scottish Indexes Conference** is on 25 November commencing at 6pm AEDT Online. We need to register prior to this date via <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>



★ Our **Christmas Dinner** has been booked at Noshtalgia Restaurant for 40 people on 1st December at 5.30pm for a 6.15pm dinner. Bookings for this event are closed. If you wish to put your name on the waiting list, please inform Secretary.



If you learn of a member who has been unwell or needs to know we are thinking of them, please let us know so we may send them a card.



Would you like to order a Society badge? Cost is \$13. Please contact Jennifer, our secretary asap.

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

The PMDFHS Committee

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Info Email prepared by Diane Gillespie & Jennifer Mullin on behalf of the PMDFHS to keep members informed of upcoming events.