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### Society Monthly News for March 2025

It's Autumn, and we look forward to cooler days and nights, even though ceiling fans are still being employed in many homes



It with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Diane's long-time partner, Norm, in late February. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time. Thank you to members who have contacted, texted, or sent best wishes. She has read all messages and is grateful for the support and love of so many people. There are other members who have also lost family members in the past few months and our thoughts are with them too. JM



Our March General Meeting is on **Saturday 8th March** at CC Mac Adams Centre. The doors open at 12.30pm. Guest speaker is Jennifer Mullin, speaking about her family from Skye – Over the Seas from Skye. To book in, please call our Secretary, **Jennifer** on 0475 132 804 or 0447 445 355 or [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)

Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86469964227?pwd=MNQftmOKiXrCQ6tZeT2k2hCNP1BiNe.1>

Meeting ID: 864 6996 4227 Passcode: 010656

The Zoom Link will be available from 1pm, so please book in.



Upcoming General Meetings April: WWI & WWII theme; May: Narelle Milligan 'In Pursuit of the Gold'

#### Members' Support Groups

Group	Venue	Date & Time	Notes
Writers	Library Meeting Room	Mon 3 March 1pm – 3pm	I've been there
Ancestry / FTM	Library Meeting Room	Mon 10 Mar 1pm – 3pm	Latest news from RootsTech
Research Support	Library Meeting Room	WED 12 Mar 1pm – 3pm	Let's talk Roots Tech.
Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 17 Feb 1pm – 3pm	
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 24 Feb 1pm – 3pm	



Our **Summer BBQ** at McInherney Park on 22nd February looked in danger of being postponed, but seventeen brave souls ventured out and had an enjoyable time. Thank you to all members who shopped, cooked and prepared our lunch.



We will be conducting a **Beginners' Course** in April – to tie in with Heritage Week.

We have booked Wednesday 16th, 23rd & 30th April & 7th May 10am-noon

Cost \$30 for members or \$10 a week. \$50 for non-members or \$15 a week.

Please contact [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au) to book a place

Our popular Next Steps course is scheduled for July/August (National Family History Month NFHM). We have already had some requests to book in for this course.



**Casual Vacancy on Committee.** As reported in the last InfoEmail, we have a casual vacancy on the committee until August. We'd appreciate someone joining to see how your society works. Helen's task of viewing Journals has been assumed by Sue. Thank you, Sue.

The PMDFHS Committee

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Are you interested in visiting Museums of History NSW ([State Archives](#)) in 2025? Please let us know so we can plan. There will be a list at the General Meeting or email [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)



At the last Family Search Support Group, we were told that the [Family Search Centre](#) (279 John Oxley Drive) is open on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 1.30 - 3.30pm.



**Charity 2025** Each year PMDFHS chooses a charity to support with the money collected for afternoon tea at the March and April General Meetings. We invite members to donate if they can. This year's chosen charity is Hastings Home Hospice Inc. The charity works with the Palliative Care Unit at the Wauchope & District Hospital. Our member, Lil Andrews, is Vice-President of this charity. It offers families the option of Palliative care in their own homes and in the Port Macquarie hospital.



The committee have been debating the idea of introducing **Life Membership again in our 40<sup>th</sup> year**. This will involve a change to the constitution. We would appreciate any thoughts on the matter. Please approach a committee member.

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### Repeated Information:

#### Your Society is 40 years old in 2025.

The Committee have planned events to celebrate our birthday.

1. A birthday lunch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – open to current and past members **SAVE THE DATE**
2. Birthday General Meeting Saturday 14th June with a CAKE!
3. Birthday gift every meeting
4. All four editions of Footsteps in 2025 feature our history
5. A Fair open to the public (planning stages at the moment)

**Remember to stay safe and keep well**

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