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Society Monthly News for May 2025

Welcome to May 2025. The Federal election is done and dusted and we have survived the rain that has inundated Port Macquarie over the past few weeks.

Our May General Meeting is on **Saturday 10 May** at CC Mac Adams Centre. The doors open at 12.30pm. Our guest speaker this month is John Lavis - 'My Father, Frank – a book about my father' To book in, please call President, **Diane** on 0416 311 680 or president@pmdfhs.org.au

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

Topic: Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society's Zoom Meeting

Time: May 10, 2025 01:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86568105428?pwd=HEfKIMMaf5jfJbe6sDanW5VnTi99D1.1>

Meeting ID: 865 6810 5428

Passcode: 292377

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



Upcoming General Meetings May:

June is our birthday month – Speaker to be confirmed

Members' Support Groups

Group	Venue	Date & Time	Notes
Writers	Library Meeting Room	Mon 2 June 1pm – 3pm	
FamilySearch	Library Meeting Room	Mon 14 Apr 1pm – 3pm	
Research Support	Library Meeting Room	WED 12 May 1pm - 3pm	
Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 19 May 1pm – 3pm	
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 26 May 1pm – 3pm	



Our **Beginners' Course** has been very successful, with many participants. I would like to thank Sue Brindley for sharing her knowledge with the beginners. Dawn Stephens & Karen Quinn have assisted with catering & sharing pearls of wisdom as well. Thank you, ladies. We couldn't conduct these courses without people who are willing to share their experience.

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. One of our newer members, Michelle Kilburn has volunteered to join our committee, filling the casual vacancy till the AGM in August, when elections will be held.



Museums of History NSW (**State Archives**) visit has now been organised for 5 & 6 August 2025. If you would like to attend, you **MUST** let Jennifer or Diane know ASAP so we can book the correct number of cabins. There will be a list at the General Meeting or email secretary@pmdfhs.org.au

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The Annual Conference of NSWACT family history Societies will be held from 12 – 14 September at The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St., Fairy Meadow. 2519. The Illawarra Family History Group will be the host Society. Early bookings are now open. The event will be live streamed. To visit the NSWACT Conference Website click [HERE](#). To book click [HERE](#). For the NSWACT Conference Newsletters click [HERE](#)



We are seeking some scrapbookers to complete a page or 2 for our 40th birthday album. We would like to commemorate the events of the past few years. Please speak with Diane or Sue if you'd like to help.



The **Family Search Centre** (279 John Oxley Drive) is open on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 1.30 - 3.30pm. Robyn Denley informs me they have 3 people to assist and have 3 laptops connecting FamilySearch records that are usually only available at an LDS Centre readily available.



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. This year our fund-raising efforts have raised \$300. Thank you everyone for your support.



Have you booked to attend our birthday lunch? Plans are well under way and it looks like being an amazing event. Check our website for the link to secure your place.



Coffs Harbour are conducting a full day seminar on convicts. Click [HERE](#) for the link to their seminar.

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 28th 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)

Celebrating
40 years

Remember to stay safe and keep well

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