

Society Monthly News for April 2021

**Bicentennial Celebrations**

This month of April marks the beginning of Port Macquarie's Bicentennial celebrations. PMDFHS will be conducting a full-day seminar in place of our usual General Meeting. We plan to launch the Bicentennial Legacy Database Project next Saturday, 10 April, with guest speakers - Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Dr. John Heath, Dr Perry McIntyre, Dr David Roberts, Meg Keneally and Tamsin O'Connor. It is a ticketed event as bookings are limited to 40 but we have a few spare places so if you would like to attend please contact our Secretary ASAP. A light lunch will be provided as well as morning & afternoon teas at a cost of \$20 (all within COVID-Safe practices). Saturday's event begins at 9am, so the room will be open from 8.15 so members and guests can mingle and be settled before 9am.

If you are attending and have specific dietary requirements please also let us know. The usual practice of bringing your own mug/cup will assist with afternoon tea.

We hope to also broadcast the event via Zoom. Once again contact our Secretary and Jennifer will provide you with the unique link for the day **It is NOT our usual link.**

**Meeting ID for Zoom** [REDACTED] **Passcode:** [REDACTED]

Check the website <https://secretarypmdfhs.wixsite.com/convictdatabase>. A lot of work has been devoted to the website by Jennifer who is becoming quite an expert at creating websites! Well done Jennifer!

We are seeking helpers before the event to set up our tent and banners so if you are able to assist please contact us.

**Member Support Groups:** These groups are for **financial members of PMDFHS.**

Meetings are in Chronological order

Group Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Venue	Topics & Notes
Writers' Group	Mon 3 May	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Library Meeting Room	
FamilySearch	Mon 12 Apr	1:00pm – 3:00pm	PM-H Lib Mtg Room	
Research Support	Wed 17 Mar	1:00pm – 3:00pm	PM-H Lib Mtg Room & Zoom	Q&A / Brick walls
Convict Studies	Mon 19 Apr	1:00pm – 3:00pm	PM-H Lib Mtg Room & Zoom	
DNA	Mon 26 Apr	10.30am – 12.30pm	Zoom only	NB Change of time

NB For these meetings our usual Zoom Meeting ID [REDACTED] and Passcode [REDACTED].

**Monthly Meeting:** Next month's meeting will return to our usual venue of CC Mac Adams Music Hall at 1.30pm Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May when we look forward to welcoming Christine Woodlands from SAG. Chris will talk about her journey to find her ancestor, Jane Feeney. BUT to check you are 'on the ball' we request that you 'sign in' again with Diane for the May meeting – [president@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:president@pmdfhs.org.au) & receive an acknowledgement.

COVID Safe afternoon tea will be available again but you will need to bring your own cup or mug or use a paper cup. We cannot use anyone else's cup or spoons to comply with COVID safe rules. Our raffles have returned for participants at CC Mac Adams.

**Library Roster:** Sue is currently organising the next few months' roster but would love to hear from a few more helpers. If you are unsure of library procedures but would like to assist please contact Sue at [roster@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:roster@pmdfhs.org.au) and she will arrange for you to attend with a more experienced member who will show you the 'ropes'. Please try to keep your distance as much as possible and don't forget to use the sanitiser and wash your hands whenever possible.

The Easter weekend has bargains on offer: NSW Transcriptions are offering \$18 transcriptions.

Ancestry UK has free access for the Easter weekend.

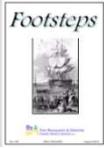
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InfoEmail prepared by Diane Gillespie & Jennifer Mullin on behalf of the PMDFHS to keep members informed of upcoming events.



**Footsteps:** The topic of 'An unusual or talented ancestor' is what Margaret suggests for the upcoming May issue. Did one of your ancestors have an unusual occupation? How did you discover this? Have you researched how your ancestor carried out his or her occupation? There were some unusual occupations that are unknown today. Contact Margaret by email – [editor@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:editor@pmdfhs.org.au) She would like articles by 11 April (next Sunday). At May's General Meeting we will select a lucky author who has the opportunity to win a year's membership to PMDFHS.

We haven't had much luck with our planned 'St Paddy's Day lunch' after Abundance was caught up in the recent deluge so we have re-booked the date for 30 April at the Abundance Café at Sancrox. We booked for 30 people and there are a few places left so if you'd like to join us please contact our Secretary asap to reserve your place. There will be a main & dessert as well as coffee or tea - \$30.00 or \$35 for non-members. If the above date doesn't suit, please let us know and we will arrange a refund.



**Other Social Events:** 'We Will Rock You' is booked for 16 May and costs \$27. Please pay Clive ASAP if you have booked. We are looking at 'Are You Being Served' on Sunday 18 July and 'Oliver' on 26 September. Would you be interested in attending these Sunday matinee performances? Tickets would be \$27 per event if we have 10 people in our group.



**DNA Basics.** We will conduct a Saturday morning BASIC Course for those members who have dipped their toes in the DNA pool. This workshop is for absolute beginners as we come to terms with new terminology and will discuss Ancestry DNA and how to read your results as well as how to download & upload your results to other websites. Please add your name to the list if you are curious about this new concept and how it can expand the choice of tools available for family historians or if you have tested with a DNA company and need to learn how to interpret the results. We expect to hold this seminar after the April meeting.

### 2021 NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference



Annual Conference is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We have booked the Hastings Function Room at The Westport Club so you can attend and be part of the event. You can also attend at home in small groups or alone. There are more details on our website: <https://conference2021.wixsite.com/pmdfhs>

Our theme is: With conviction ... beyond reasonable doubt.

The next **Family History Down Under (FHDU)** Online event after FHDU 2021 is Video Magic on Thursday 15 April at 7.30 pm (AEST). Susie Zada, the presenter, wants to send you a personal invitation to this FREE event

Video Magic web page - [www.fhdu.online/courses/video-magic](http://www.fhdu.online/courses/video-magic)

**24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon** – MyHeritage has teamed up with Legacy Family Tree Webinars for a historic event: another 24-hour genealogy webinar marathon, that was so successful that they're doing it again from April 8–9, 2021! [www.familytreewebinars.com/24](http://www.familytreewebinars.com/24)

Have you seen our new mugs to commemorate Port Macquarie's Bicentenary? There are a limited number available. Cost is \$12 each



**Keep well & Stay Safe – Hope to see you on Saturday – don't forget to book in!**

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