

**Society Monthly News for July 2021**



What a difference a month makes. In June we were moving into Winter without masks, few restrictions and the talk of Covid-19 had faded to regions far away from here. School holidays arrived, and the restrictions have returned with a vengeance. The library has closed for the duration of the school holidays which impacts our support groups and library roster. CC Mac Adams has returned to restricted numbers with a maximum of 20.

**Monthly Meeting:** On Saturday, 10th July at 1.30pm, either in small numbers at CC Mac Adams or via Zoom, we look forward to hearing from Lorryl Rumble-Fuller who will be speaking about the first two hundred years of St Thomas Church.

**We request that you 'sign in' again with Diane for the July meeting,** if you intend to come to CC MacAdams – [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. This month's meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom.

For the August meeting we would like member input which is an opportunity for you to tell us about a strange or unusual death or funeral that you have found in your research. Why is it unusual? How did you discover this? If you would like to participate, please contact [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)

**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 5 July	1pm – 3 pm	<b>ZOOM ONLY</b>	Due to library closure
Research Support	Wed 14 July	1pm – 3 pm	<b>ZOOM ONLY</b>	Death Resources – Find A Grave, Trove, Austcem, Ryerson
Convict Studies	Mon 19 July	1pm – 3 pm	PM-H Lib Mtg Room	
DNA	Mon 26 July	1pm – 3pm	<b>ZOOM ONLY</b>	
FamilySearch	Mon 9 Aug	1pm – 3 pm	PM-H Lib Mtg Room	

Please check website/calendar for Venues as the Meeting Room is sometimes unavailable so we will move the meeting to the Zoom platform.

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

**Electrical Cable Tagging:** We arranged for our power cords to be tagged in May and I was pleased that so many members took up the offer. We now request that if you had your cords tagged during the meeting that you see Clive and pay for them. Cost is \$5 per cord.



**Membership Renewals were issued with the May Footsteps and were due by June 30.**

**UPDATED BANK DETAILS:** Please note our bank details are: BSB 932 000 and a/c 500021712

When paying PMDFHS: Put surname in Reference field + Function/service e.g., Gillespie membership renewal (if you have misplaced your MEM-Rec number). Clive has been investigating the use of a 'SQUARE' for transactions and we will have this available shortly to accept payments to the Society with the wave of a credit card.

**Library Roster:** May to August library roster is now operating but is currently suspended till Tuesday 13 July. We have had a few members withdraw from the Roster mainly due to health reasons, so there are places where there is only one person rostered. We are always looking for 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. If there is a requirement, we will organise a tour of the local studies room and our resources.

We have booked a **4-week Beginners'/Refresher Course** in the Library Meeting Room for 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30th July; 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Aug as part of recognition of National Family History Month (NFHM). If you would like to attend or know someone would be interested, please register with our secretary on 0475 132 804. Cost is \$30 for the 4 sessions for members and \$45 for non-members or \$10 per session payable in advance.

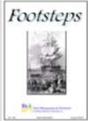
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InfoEmail prepared by Diane Gillespie & Jennifer Mullin on behalf of the PMDFHS to keep members informed of upcoming events.



**Footsteps:** The August issue of Footsteps is being assembled. 'Stories you have heard from family members' is the theme of August's journal. Have you proved or disproved these stories? Other articles are also welcome. Contact Margaret by email – [editor@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:editor@pmdfhs.org.au) She would like articles by 11 July please.

**Social Events:** We have booked for 'Are You Being Served' on Sunday 18 July, with 17 people taking advantage of this event and tickets are now closed. 'Dine & Discover' vouchers from NSW Government came in very handy & now the vouchers have been extended so are available for other venues. We are considering booking for 'Oliver' on 26 September. If you are interested, please contact [secretary@pmdfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@pmdfhs.org.au)



**Christmas in July.** We have booked 'Noshtalgia' for a 'Christmas in July event for the evening of Friday, 30 July. 20 people have taken advantage of this event and we look forward to seeing members. We do need 5 more people to ensure this event proceeds, but there is still room for up to **15 more people**. We are offering to 'car-pool' providing those who do not drive at night an opportunity to attend. Please contact us if you would like to take advantage of this and we will arrange to collect you and deliver you home afterwards.



**DNA Basics.** Ken and Pauline successfully conducted their first 'Ancestry dots intensive session' last week but Covid has forced the suspension of other planned sessions. If there is a requirement more sessions will follow after lockdown eases.

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

It's pleasing to see registrations coming in for Annual Conference Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Once again car-pooling is available if required.

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. OR you may wish to attend the conference at home and join us for **dinner at 6pm**.



There are more details on our website: <https://conference2021.wixsite.com/pmdfhs>

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

\*\* More details appeared in the latest conference newsletter which was emailed last week. \*\*Did you see it? The wisdom of having a Virtual Conference has been evident in the past week.



More than half of our **Bicentennial mugs** have sold. If you would like to purchase one or two, please place your order soon or you may miss out. The new mugs commemorate Port Macquarie's Bicentenary. There are a limited number available. Cost is \$12 each. Mugs will be available for sale at Saturday's meeting.

Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society's **AGM** will be held at CC Mac Adams Centre on Saturday 14 August and also broadcast on Zoom. Accompanying this info-email are the Meeting agenda papers and nomination forms. We are looking to fill some committee places, so if you would like to be involved in the management of our Society, please take the time to complete the nomination form and return it to the Returning Officer, PMDFHS, PO Box 1359 Port Macquarie 2444 by 3 August or hand it to the Secretary at the July meeting. New people are always welcome to keep our Society running smoothly. Please think about it as new faces and new ideas will ensure PMDFHS continues to advance.

We now using the TryBooking Facility to publicise our books for sale such as 'Cemetery Trail', 'Tile Tales' and 'Port Macquarie's Last Convicts'. See <https://www.trybooking.com/BSNGD> The price includes postage. Thank you, Clive for initiating this.

**Scottish Indexes Conference** From 4 pm Sat.10 July till midnight. You need to register beforehand for an email with the Zoom/Facebook link: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/>

To join the private Facebook group, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1430586673734175>

You can participate either on Zoom or Facebook. There is no charge for this online conference, but a voluntary donation is requested.

The conference program is given on the Scottish Indexes website.

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

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