

Society Monthly News for November 2021



It was mentioned to me that it's less than 50 days till Christmas.... Goodness where has that year gone? We have spent a considerable part of it in 'Lockdown' or enjoying Webinars, our successful conference and hopefully completing a 'Covid-initiated' project.

We are back to **40** people able to attend meetings in CC Mac Adams Music Centre next Saturday BUT we still require you to book-in please. Call or email Diane to do so – [redacted] president@pmdfhs.org.au.

This month Clive Smith will be presenting a well-researched account of how to effectively use the Colonial Secretary's Correspondence. There are a few tricks and tips that Clive will highlight to aid your search of the correspondence that has been uploaded to Ancestry.

Doors will open from 12.30 but you NEED to be double vaxxed as per Government Regulations & be able to show us your certificate of vaccination. Please have it ready to show Narelle at the door. QR codes also apply. Of course you will need a mask too.

We will continue to broadcast via Zoom for those members who cannot come to the hall. The unique link for THIS meeting is: Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society's Zoom Meeting
Time: Nov 13, 2021 01:15 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting



Zoom is going to be part of our lives for some time to come so we are offering members the chance to become accustomed to this new medium with one-to-one or one-to-two learning sessions. We had an initial group last month, enjoyed a little fun and learnt how easy it is to log in. Have a go! If 'her Maj' (Queen Elizabeth) can manage it at 95 years of age I am sure our members can do so. A few members of the Committee are willing to visit you and show you how to log in on your computer.

Member Support Groups: These groups are for **financial members of PMDFHS**. Meetings are in Chronological order.

Group Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Venue	Topic
<i>Convict Studies</i>	<i>Mon 15 Nov</i>	<i>1pm - 3pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	<i>Last for the year</i>
<i>Research Support</i>	<i>Wed 17th Nov</i>	<i>1pm - 3pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	
<i>Zoom Circle Discussion Group</i>	<i>Thu 18 Nov</i> <i>(Nothing on TV anyway)</i>	<i>7pm - 8pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	<i>Introductory chat - no agenda but could include specific topics</i>
<i>DNA</i>	<i>Mon 22 Nov</i>	<i>1pm - 3pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	<i>Last for the year</i>
<i>Writers' Group</i>	<i>Mon 6th Dec</i>	<i>1pm - 3pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	<i>Last for the year</i>
<i>FamilySearch</i>	<i>Mon 13 Dec</i>	<i>1pm - 3pm</i>	<i>ZOOM</i>	<i>Last for the year</i>

Join Zoom Meeting for Support Groups



Zoom is updating their policies and security, so the 'usual' meeting ID and passcode will change in the future. Members will be encouraged to use a unique 'link' to access each of our meetings.



The PMDFHS Committee

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

Remembrance Day

This week we pause to remember those servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so we may enjoy the lifestyle we have in Australia today. I hope on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month you can take a few moments to remember.



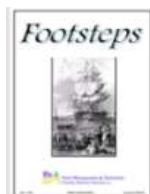
Christmas: We have re-booked at Noshtalgia for Friday 3 Dec for a REAL Christmas celebration. The booking is for a Friday EVENING 6pm for 6.30pm. Add the date to your diary. People who have paid for the July event will be able to use this payment and go out for dinner. You may also request a refund from the Society for the July event if you wish. Cost is \$35, which includes 2 courses and tea/coffee. BYO special drinks.



Oliver has been postponed till Sunday 13 March. Seats still available \$27.

The above bookings for Oliver and Christmas celebrations are all dependent on the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

Christmas Hamper we are looking to assemble some Christmas hampers for our annual Christmas raffle and are seeking donations of Christmas goodies for the hampers please. These may be brought to CC Mac Adams on Saturday, left at the library, or will be collected from you, if you call us. Tickets are available for sale now - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available at the Meeting on Saturday, or you may purchase some from Library Volunteers on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



Footsteps: Narelle Milligan, our new editor, has assembled an informative issue of Footsteps that had committee members talking and reminiscing this week. Have you submitted an article recently? Anything that evokes a memory or highlights another research possibility is always welcome. Do you have any memories of Christmas – just a hundred words is enough – please submit it. (This section is 70 words.)

Please contact our new editor, Narelle at editor@pmdfhs.org.au.



The library has re-opened. Thank you to those members who have been on duty over the past few weeks as well as those who called the library to inform the librarians of non-attendance. It is very much appreciated as it allows us to know if we can book researchers in for a consultation.

Janet Brown, our new roster coordinator, has already issued the roster for the coming months to mid-December. If you can help by donating 2.5 hours/month to help it would be greatly appreciated. There is a limit of 5 people in the Local Studies Room, so we are encouraging researchers to 'book-in' to avoid disappointment. The library is also encouraging us to 'book-in' so a quick call to the library will ensure you have priority.

Other Societies Events: Cathie Sherwood presented an interesting webinar through Legacy Tree webinars which is available free till Wednesday 10th – 'Uncovering the Lives of Your London Ancestors': <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/uncovering-the-lives-of-your-london-england-ancestors/?category=downunder> after which it goes behind a pay wall.

NSWACT Friday Evening Social Group is on 7.30 12 November via Zoom

Newcastle FHS is having a Seminar Sunday on 14 Nov – there is a cost for this seminar but it can be accessed through Zoom (another opportunity to use your new Zoom skills!) See NSWACT AFHS Facebook site for further details

Some members of our society are members of the **NSW&ACT AFHS Facebook page**.

This Facebook page is a **CLOSED** group – you must apply to be admitted – and does not need to be accessed from Facebook. We don't think you need a Facebook account – please let us know if you do.

Here is the direct link: [NSW&ACT AFHS Facebook page](#)

Please remember to - **STAY SAFE AND WELL!**

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