



# Lake Macquarie Family History Group Inc. News Letter

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**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** Scottish  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>** Australian  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>** Irish  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Legacy Family Tree

**SPEAKERS for 2012**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** The speaker this month will be **Robert Eldridge**  
**Topic:** "On Line With Robert"

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** Speaker this month will be **Jeff Cannon**  
**Topic:** First Title Holders of Land of the county of Cumberland & Northumberland

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** The speaker will be **Trish Skeham**  
**Topic:** The Canada Bay Exile



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**FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year!

Traditionally many of us start a new year with resolutions... get fit, eat better, and learn something new... how about writing a family history story?

Our guest speaker in December, Peter Beale, gave us some pointers with regard to writing our story and has now offered to run a structured course for interested members.

We will discuss this today and will be taking names... if you are interested please let me know.

The group's New Year resolution will be to complete and publish the R. M. Evans records.

Congratulations to our member Maria Northcote who has launched a free monthly podcast, "Genies Down Under". This is an online radio program where Maria shares her family history experiences, by giving hints and tips as well as warnings about the pitfalls. The November issue of Australian Family Tree Connection (we have a copy here) published an interview in which Maria answered questions about the podcast.

Regards  
Glynder

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Congratulations to the following winners of the Christmas Hampers:

Jenny McCarthy:	Linda Wallis:
Andrew Anderson:	Jenny Myers:
Margaret Cowel:	Paula Bullen:
Jean Jones:	Marg Matthews:
Bob Flanagan:	Kerry Dean:
	Betty Williams:

## NEWS FROM SAGS



### Closure of State Records Reading Room:

Will take place on 30 June 2012, three years ahead of the previously indicated schedule. The SAG's Council have already raised its concerns, when the Saturday closures occurred and has now written again to State Records urging it to find a way to make the microfilm collection, which was previously available at Globe Street available elsewhere in the CBD from July next year. We also hope that the Authority will move to place more of its records online.

### Changes to SAG online shop & databases

You can now reach the shop from here: [www.sag.org.au/shop.html](http://www.sag.org.au/shop.html). Any old user name and password you were using on the 'green and gold' version of the shop will no longer work and you'll need to set up a new registration when you visit the new shop for the first time – your old user name and password will not work.

### OF INTEREST

For a list of Cornishmen who served in the Boer War, 1899-1902, go to [http://www.cornwall-opc.org/Resc/pdfs/boer\\_war\\_by%20surname.pdf](http://www.cornwall-opc.org/Resc/pdfs/boer_war_by%20surname.pdf)

(when I opened this file it said there could be a virus but there wasn't so if that happens to you ignore it as it is safe. *Pat*) (Submitted by Jenny Myers)

### FIND MY PAST & THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Are now partners. They are giving you the opportunity to view the 1911 census at a vastly reduced cost until **31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012**.

View a 1911 census original image for 10 credits (previously 30) and a transcript for 5 credits (previously 10).

If you are an existing subscriber, log on and navigate to the "My records" pages you then enter a name and surname of someone you have already obtained a 1911 record for. Under my pages, click on the link to a page which you have paid for, and select the view household tab. Some of the examples that have been found in the infirmity column include, "A taste for drink combined with gout", "strong and hearty would like to be married" and "sound as a bell thank god"

### R A H S AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day is one of the busiest days of the year at History House. They will be hosting an open house, between noon and 3p.m.; there will be 10-minute talks on an Australian history topic every half hour. Everyone is invited!

At present the scheduled speakers are:  
"Australian Co-operatives, Their History" 12:00  
Speaker: Dr Susan McClean

"Growing up in Mosman: 1951-1971" 12:30pm  
Speaker: Emeritus Professor David Carment

"Bridging the Parramatta River in the 18th Century" 1:00pm Speaker: Associate Professor Ian Jack

"How Sydney Got Its Name" 1:30 pm  
Author Andrew Tink

"As Crook as Rookwood - Sydney's Necropolis" 2:00pm. Speaker: Dr Siobhan Lavelle.

"The Amazing Swimming Cavill Family" 2:30 pm  
Speaker: Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker

"A First Fleet Tale" 3:00 pm  
Speaker: Margaret Hogge

## COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

On the Commonwealth War Graves site, you can check for civilians who were killed in WW2. When you go to the War Graves site to check for civilians, go to the top, and change **cemeteries** to casualty, then down further type in the surname, then WW2, then FORCE,. This will be CIVILAN. Then click on submit, a long list will appear. *(Taken from the Surrey mailing list submitted by Adele)*

## ANCESTRY

Ancestry now has the new London, England, Electoral Registers. I have used them and found some of my family only from 1900's as before then the area came under Middx and Surrey. In the 1800's London was a very small area.

## TYLER INDEX TO WILLS 1460-1882

This collection of wills, abstracts of wills and probate records, and parish registers (including births, christenings, and marriages) primarily for families of East Kent, England, was collected by Frank Watt Tyler. Abstracts and wills for those included in this database are an extensive source of information about the station and occupation of the deceased as well as relatives of the individual.

## GOSFORD PIONEERS

Gosford Pioneers has now been uploaded on this site.

## AUSTRALIA CEMETERY INDEX UPDATE 1808-2007

This data collection contains tombstone transcriptions from several cemeteries in Australia. Information collected from burial registers or funeral records, were sometimes used. The entire collection covers deaths from 1808-2007. However, years covered for each area/cemetery will vary. The East Kent Parish Register Index has also now been added.

## SCOTLANDS PEOPLE

### Historical Records on the Tay Bridge Disaster

Due to the Tay bridge being closed twice in December due to the bad weather. Scotlands People have set up a page on the website, which features a copy of the terribly sad and poignant telegram that was sent by the Station Master at Dundee to the North British Railway Company's Engineer at Portobello, near Edinburgh. Here is what the telegram says:

*'Terrible accident on Bridge one or more of high girders blown down - am not sure as to the safety of last train down from Edinburgh will advise further as soon as can be obtained.'*

To see a copy of the original telegram, go to the site, in addition to the Station Master's telegram, they also have the death certificate for David Neish,



Our next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The Hall will open at 10am for the use of resources.

Meeting will commence at 12.30pm.

You are reminded that the Hall is always open for the use of resources on the first Wednesday of each month from 2pm until 5pm

## NEW FAMILY HISTORY THAT HAS BEEN ADDED AT SPEERS POINT LIBRARY

Arrivals & departures NSW 1788-1825: free persons, crew, military and some convicts.	Society of Australian Genealogists.	CD
Family history research in South Australia	Jaunay, Graham,	BOOK
First frontier : the occupation of the Sydney region 1788-1816	Turbet, Peter.	BOOK
Free passage : the reunion of Irish convicts and their families in Australia, 1788-1852	McIntyre, Perry,	BOOK
Getting the most out of findmypast.com.au	Kopittke, Rosemary.	BOOK
Harvesting the Hastings : farming families 1821 to 2011 / Historical records of New South Wales volumes 1-7	Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society.	CD
How to get the most from family pictures	Bladen, F. M.	CD
How to write and publish your family story in 10 easy steps	Shrimpton, Jayne.	BOOK
Illness in colonial Australia	Kyle, Noeline,	BOOK
It's not all online : a guide to genealogy sources offline	Smith, F. B.	BOOK
London marriage licences 1521-1869	Hicks, Shauna.	BOOK
My ancestor was an agricultural labourer	Foster, Joseph,	CD
New South Wales government gazette, 1876, 1878, 1879,1880,1881, 1883, 1884, 1885	Waller, Ian H.	BOOK
New South Wales weekly notes, 1884-1900 (Court reports)	New South Wales.	CD
Newcastle Morning Herald & Miners' Advocate Domestic Notices and Accident Reports 1879-1898	Archive Digital Books Australasia	CD
Paupers in workhouses 1861.	Engel, Brian	CD
Port Macquarie & Districts cemeteries, cremations & memorials : including all districts cemeteries & burial places : 31,212 records - 1821 to 2010	Anguline Research Archives	CD
Queensland family historian : 1979-2010 : Journal of Queensland Family History Society.	Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society.	CD
Queensland immigrants : Port of Maryborough 1861-1901	Queensland Family History Society.	CD
Shipping arrivals and departures : South Australia 1627-1850 : a guide for genealogists and maritime historians	Johnson, Eileen B.	CD
Ships from Scotland to Australasia, 1820-1860	Sexton, R. T.	BOOK
Social media for family historians	Dobson, David.	BOOK
Solving riddles in 19th century photo albums	Riley, C.	BOOK
Tasmania police gazette complete set 1861-1933	Jaunay, Graham,	BOOK
Victoria Police Gazette compendium select years 1855-1885	Tasmania. Police.	CD
Working the clays : the brickmakers of the Ashfield district	Archive Digital Books Australasia	CD
	Peek, Nora.	BOOK

## NEW LOCAL STUDIES ADDED

150th commemoration of the earliest recorded burial within St Patrick's and St Brigid's Cemetery : 1861-2011	Dunn, Frances.	REF
25 years Warners Bay Pensioners	Warners Bay Combined Pensioners Association	REF
Darwinung recognition : identifying the aborigines to the West and North of Sydney	Ford, G. E.	REF
Reg Date : the Don Bradman of football	Allen, Peter	BOOK
St. Luke's Uniting Church, Belmont : our history : 1971-2011	Harman, Peggy.	REF
The Jew Boys bushranger gang	West Wallsend High School and Community Museum	REF
Warners Bay the early years Revised edition	Murray, Peter	BOOK
West Wallsend High School and Community Museum History	West Wallsend High School and Community Museum	BOOK

## JOURNALS RECEIVED

<p>"The Genealogist". Journal of Aust. Inst of Gen Studies. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: "A Ten Pound Pom arrives". by Ian Nowak.          "Thomas Cathie's Diary Part 1" by Graeme Jones.          "One Million Bendigonians" by Rita Hull, Project Co-ordinator.          The Bendigo area database will reach one million mark by Christmas.</p>
<p>"The First Settlement City Gazette". Journal of Redcliff &amp; Dist. FHG. Nov 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: "The Artistic Herring Family" by Pauline Jones nee Cameron.          "The Village of Harefield, Middlesex, England. The ANZAC Connection" by Roger Hendey</p>
<p>"Maitland Reminiscences". Journal of Maitland &amp; Dist Gen Soc. Dec. 2011</p>	<p>Articles: "Murder of William White" by Ann Campbell          "Some Convict Deaths.</p>
<p>"The Cedar Log". Journal of Richmond – Tweed FHS. December 2011</p>	<p>Articles: "Brave New Genealogy" by Bob Verner-Jeffreys, Farnham, Surrey, UK.          "The Storey Story" by John Broadley          "A Most Unlikely Match" by Jan Gracie Mulcahy          "Woodhall Spa" by Margaret Schmitt          "Charlie Knighton and his Farm" by John Broadley</p>
<p>"e-Muster". Journal of Central Coast FHS. December 2011</p>	<p>Articles In the photosteps of Frederick Charles Hall" by Karys Fearon.          "A Christmas Treasure Trove" by Marlene Davidson          "Sea Fever – A Seafarer's Tale" by Warwick Forrest          "Is 'Who Do You Think You Are?' good for Family History" by Kerry Waight          "William 'Bill' and Elizabeth Curvey" by Audrey McDonald          "Balmain Cemetery Revisited" by Barry Porter          "Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs" by Gordon Hart          "The Exodus – Part 1" by Dorothy Mulholland.          NB: This is the last issue of this journal in Hard Copy. All future issues will be electronic.</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Soc. November 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: : "Old Joe's Find"          "How it all Began – 'Friends of Belmont Cemetery" by Deadre Ham          "Whitebridge Cemetery History".</p>
<p>Newsletter of East Lake Macquarie Historical Soc. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: "Tales from Swansea Wharf" by Fatty Ham          "A Christmas Day Collision 1908" by late Norm Barney          "Farewell to the Car Ferry" by late Norm Barney.</p>
<p>e-Newsletter of Orange Family History Group. December 2011</p>	<p>Articles: Misc. articles</p>
<p>"Inverell E-History". Newsletter of Inverell Genealogical &amp; Hist. Soc. Nov 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: "Bingara – Campbell Bridge 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"          "Inverell Art Society Celebrations"          "Misplaced BDM Index Records" by Errol Thorn          "Bingara – The Lawsons" by Mervyn Williamson.</p>
<p>"Vetaffairs". Newspaper for the Veteran Community</p>	<p>Articles: "60<sup>th</sup> anniversary pilgrimage to Korean battlefields"          "We women suffer just like the boys"          "First World War Portraits Revealed"</p>

<p>“Western Ancestor”. Journal of Western Australian Gen Soc. December 2011</p>	<p>Articles: “A Christmas Mystery” by Marian Snell.  “Placing a Value on our Family History” by Louise Wilson  “Libraries &amp; Family History Societies. Adversaries or Allies?”  By Julie Martin.  “Forgotton Graves among the Palm Trees. Irish Burials in Panama Central America 1858-1973” by Dr Peter Pyne.  “The Luck of the Irish” by Barbara Hughes  “Happy Accidents... Researching a family with a strong service tradition” by Peter Conole  “What’s in a name?’ by Wendy Brown  “Looking for a Snowball” by Ian Scott.</p>
<p>“progenitor”. Journal of Gen. Soc. of the Northern Territory. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: “Northern Territory: A Postal History. 1824-1975” by E Williams and P Collas – SAG’s 1977.  “Gravestones find a final resting place in a new cemetery ‘avenue’” by Amanda Greaves.</p>
<p>“Tumblebee”. Journal of Coalfield Heritage Group. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: “The changing telephone” by R Dunlop (NMH 1959)  “Notes on a visit to the neighbourhood of Newcastle”  by Rev. Dr. John Dunmore Lang (The Empire 1870)  A Visit to Lake Macquarie” by a correspondent. (Maitland M 1885)  Many other articles from newspapers etc.</p>
<p>“The Ancestral Searcher”. Journal of the Her. &amp; Gen. Soc of Canberra. Dec 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: “Matron’s Diary” by Leanne McMahon  “Ellen Brodie: a life committed” by Maggie Watt  “An Irish problem restated” by Joan Main  “‘The Registry of Deeds in Dublin” by Nick Reddan FIGRS</p>
<p>“Timespan”. Journal of Nepean Family History Soc. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: “Pioneers of Mudgee (Part 2)”  Various short articles from the Nepean Times for 1911</p>
<p>“Descent”. Journal of SAG’s. December 2011.</p>	<p>Articles: “Hello Australia. The story of a Postcard From a Ship” by Dawn G Springett.  “Finding Margaret Harris my great-great-grandmother”  by Joy Johnson (Harris).  Where There’s a Will There’s a Way – For Genealogists”  by Marjorie Woore.</p>
<p>The Hawkesbury Crier”. Newsletter of Hawkesbury FHG. December 2011</p>	<p>Articles: “Wilberforce Races” by Louise Wilson  “The search for my Great Grandfather, Thomas George Wright”  By Lindy Jones-Wright.  “William Martin, Schoolmaster” by Greg Rogers</p>