



Bully Tin

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

No.205

2022 AGM REPORTS

President's Report

This year has been the continuation of 2021 for both the community in general and the Society in particular. What we all hoped would be only a short duration continues to drag on.

This time last year we noted that things were improving and hoped that we saw the beginning of the return to normalcy, Then the Omnicrom variant raised its head which sent the community into hiding again. The changing guidelines from government did not help either.

With the welfare of our members in mind we had to change how we do things. Most of us have become proficient in the use of Zoom for meetings and more emphasis on the internet and the phone.

As the restrictions are easing, the committee has made the decision to reopen on a limited basis, trying to bring normalcy back to the Society.

As you all know, the premises were renovated in 2020, but because of COVID not many have come to check out the changes. As the restrictions are easing, I encourage you to come and see the new premises.

A lot of the activities we curtailed last year are slowly coming back. We have resumed the DNA meeting on the third Saturday of the month and in February we held our first general meeting for a long time. This was innovative as there was a Zoom connection for those who felt that it was still unsafe to venture out. It was a success.

For the time being we will continue to provide services introduced as a COVID initiative such as answering some research questions for members.

We have become an Affiliated Library with FamilySearch which provides access to their database.

We hope to see you back at the Society, remember take sensible precautions and follow guidelines.

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Secretary: Alan Clarke

Treasurer: Judith McLeod
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**Library
Co-ordinator:** Judith McLeod
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TEMPORARY LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 10am - 2pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10am – 2pm

Saturday 2 - 5pm

Closed Mondays, Fridays, Sundays and Public Holidays

Address:
Old School Residence
Great Western Highway, off Lawson Street
Emu Plains NSW 2750

Postal Address:
P.O. Box 81
Emu Plains NSW 2750

Telephone:
(02) 4735 3798

Meetings:
First Saturday of each month (except January)
1.30p.m. at the Library

Internet Address:
www.nepeanfhs.org.au

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/nepeanfhs>

Thanks to the team who managed to produce Bully Tin and Timespan during a difficult time as well as members who made contributions sharing their family history or experiences. These thanks are extended to the manager of the Facebook Page. These publications need stories to be successful and we all have a story to tell so consider doing one for Timespan.

As all societies have cancelled their fairs and gatherings Lorraine and Judy had their wings clipped and had to stay home. Once restrictions are eased the ladies will be off again.

A small group of people carry out a great deal of work for the Society, however, like many organisations a shortage of volunteers is a real problem. Please consider giving even a few hours a week in 2022.

There are a lot of people who helped us get through this rather unprecedented year, and on behalf of myself and the committee I give our thanks.

Now that it appears things are beginning to settle down again, I encourage all members to come back to ensure the continued survival of the Society.

I would like to thank our outgoing 2020 Committee and Executive for a job well done and to everyone for their continued support. It is a job I could not have done without their support I wish the Society continued success in 2022.

Stephen McKenzie

Membership Secretary’s Report

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we saw a drop in membership again. The Society finished 2021 year with 122 memberships of 142 members.

The breakdown of the membership is:

102 single memberships

20 joint memberships.

We had 5 new members and unfortunately lost some members who passed away during the year.

I would like to thank the Committee for their continued support. To Judy, a big thank you who made it possible for me to keep involved with the Society since moving to Wauchope. Also I would like to again thank Judy for the massive amount of work she does to enable our Society to keep running during these times.

Janet Brown



Society News

2022 COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on March 5th 2022 the following members were elected to serve on the committee for the coming year.

Executive Officers

Stephen McKenzie President
Joy Harper Vice-President
..... Secretary
Judith McLeod Treasurer

Committee

Janet Brown Kathy Constantine
Stephen Ford Mary Searle
Lorraine Stacker Kat Thompson
Malcolm Towle

Following the AGM, Alan Clarke nominated for the position of Secretary and was formally accepted to the position at the March committee meeting.

We would like to welcome both Alan and new committee member, Mary Searle to the committee.

At this point in time there is still a vacancy on the committee, if you would like stand for this position please email:

secretary@nepeanfhs.org.au

GENERAL MEETINGS

April: “*Show and Tell*”, members brought along some interesting treasures and told us the stories behind them.

Some of these members have now documented their stories and they will appear in the June Timespan.

Do you have a family treasure? Why not photograph it and write a story for Timespan?

May: “*Every House tells a story – Combewood and the tales it can tell*”, Lorraine Stacker informed us of the inventory being done at the historic house, which was built in the early 1890s and was once the home Francis and Margaretta Woodriff.

June 4: Due to unforeseen circumstances our advertised speaker has had to postpone. As a follow on from the May meeting, Margarite Scott has kindly invited us to visit her home, *Combewood*, where we will hold our June meeting.

234 Coreen Avenue, Penrith, NSW

Please book to confirm numbers:

bookings@nepeanfhs.org.au

DNA INTEREST GROUP

DNA meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 1 - 2.30pm.

Upcoming topics are:

June 18: Uploading to other sites with an overview of what can be done on different sites.

Bring your own device for a hands-on day.

July 16: MyHeritage in depth.

August 20: FamilyTreeDNA and LivingDNA.

September 17: DNA Painter tools.

The DNA meetings cover all levels, whether you are thinking about having a DNA test, just starting out or seeking more advanced information.

Come and join us for a DNA meeting.

If there is something you would like to learn about, let us know and we will try to cover it.

bookings@nepeanfhs.org.au

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS

Starting from June we will be trialling monthly workshops to assist our members with their research.

They will be held on the first Wednesday morning of each month and will cover a variety of subjects. Some of the proposed topics are:

- Ancestry.com.au
- FindMyPast
- BDMs
- Electoral Rolls
- Cemetery Records

June 1 – 10am: Hands on Researching Land & House Records

Steve Ford will guide us through the process of researching land and house records.

Bring any information you have with you and Steve will help you find the records.

July 6 – 10am: Navigating FamilySearch

We will show you different ways of navigating the site.

You will need to create an account at ***www.familysearch.org*** – if you already have an account bring your login details with you

Nepean Family History Society is an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch and this allows access to many records that are not available to view at home.

If you have a suggestion for a topic for a workshop or for a speaker at our monthly meetings, please let us know.

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TIMESPAN

Timespan articles are always needed; without your contributions there is no Timespan.

Stories can be about any people or events, not only those connected with the Nepean area. Articles about how you undertook your research or 'smashed through' a brick wall, or where you need assistance, are also welcome.

Timespan is the perfect vehicle for sharing!

Please send your stories to:

Timespan Editor

PO Box 81 Emu Plains 2750

publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

NEW ACCESSIONS

Books

- Deniliquin and District Pioneers (pre1900) – Volume 1
 - Convict Sydney
 - Ballynamadoo Flanagans
 - Settlers and Landholders Norfolk Island 1793
 - Romancing among the Pine Trees Marriages November 1791 Norfolk Island
 - Births, Deaths and Marriages: Norfolk Island 1802
 - Inhabitants of Norfolk Island Late 1808 – 1814
 - Estramina Norfolk Island to Hobart – May 1808
 - Norfolk Island Births and Baptism 1789 – 1791
 - Shadows of the Past – 1st Settlement Headstones at Norfolk Island Cemetery
 - Turtle Bay Burial Ground Norfolk Island
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NEW FROM ANCESTRY

Ancestry is developing a new community newsletter. The publication will contain relevant news on community, upcoming content launches, new product and feature launches, partner programs & archival news, discounts & promotions and general hints and tips. At this stage it will be published quarterly, with the first issue due to launch in July.

To ensure the newsletter is only going to those who wish to receive it, they are asking you to ***opt-in.***

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ancestrynewsletter

Ancestry is offering some free DNA kits, including one for the Society with the most members opted-in by May 27

JOURNAL GLEANINGS

The Society exchanges journals with many other societies in Australia & Overseas.

They are full of wonderful information on local & family history to help with your research.

The Australian journals are in the new display shelves in the reception area and are arranged by postcode.

All exchange journals are available for loan to members.

Australian Journals

Liverpool Genealogy

February 2022

- Beginner's Corner – Family History Blogger
- Finding Wills and Inquests in Australia
- Computer Tips – A round-up of useful web sites

June 2021

- Jane Langley
- What is a Tambour Worker?

Campbelltown FHS

March 2022

- The research I did during lockdown and what I found out – George and Sarah Green
- New and Updated Family Search Databases

Genealogy Sunshine Coast

March 2022

- Census 1921 – 100 year old secrets revealed
- To Marry first cousins or not to Marry first cousins
- Buildings of Nambour

Rope-Pulley Family Family Heritage Assoc.

March 2022

- Family in Focus: Thomas Player Junior
- Tokens of Love & Lament

Queensland Family History Society

May 2022

- From Bromsgrove to Brisbane – A Crawford Family
- Death of a Miner – Frederick George May (1859-1908)
- From Rhineland to Gayndah: The Life and Times of George Kost, 1831-1916
- Web Links

Toowoomba and Darling Downs FHS

March 2022

- A Table of Kindred and Affinity
- Johanna Brennan (nee Wilson) c.1816-1890

EVENTS/SEMINARS

Nepean District Historical Society is holding their annual lunch at O'Donoghues Irish Pub Great Western Highway, Emu Plains on June 18

Guest Speaker: Historian Grace Karskens.

Date: June 18 – 11.30 for 12 noon

Cost: \$45 per person RSVP by June 6

Bookings: 0247354394

info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au

NSW & ACT AFHS Annual Conference

Riding the Waves of History

Hosted by: The Newcastle FHS and Maitland and Beyond Family History.

Date: 16 – 18 September 2022

Venue: Virtual with a local trade fair held for the public on 18th September at "The Barracks", Maitland.

ridingthewavesofhistory@gmail.com

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AFFHO Family History Congress 2022:

"History in Paradise" is being held on Norfolk Island, 1 – 4 August 2022.

For further information:

www.facebook.com/AFFHO2022

admin@affhocongress2022.com

<https://affhocongress2022.com/>

WEBSITES

Historical Australian Towns – Emu Plains

<https://historicalaustraliantowns.blogspot.com/2018/07/emu-plains-full-of-hidden-historical.html>

Penrith Public School: A history

<https://penrithpsrappers.edublogs.org/penrith-ps-a-history/>

Cite-Builder.com: The Citation Generator for Genealogists

<https://cite-builder.com>

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday June 1 – Researching Land and House Records – 10am

Saturday June 4 – General Meeting – 1.30pm – Visit to Combewood

Saturday June 18 – DNA Interest Group Meeting – 1 - 2.30pm – Uploading to other sites

Saturday July 2 – General Meeting – 1.30pm – Speaker Barbara Gow – Frederick Mortimer Vine: Farmer, Bigamist, Mayor of Penrith

Wednesday July 6 – Navigating FamilySearch

Saturday July 16 – DNA Interest Group Meeting – 1-2.30pm – MyHeritage in depth