



Bully Tin

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

No.197

2020 AGM REPORTS

President's Report

The highlight of the year has to be the renovations to our premises. The renovation has been ongoing for some time and although late, is nearing completion. The Council has been receptive to some of our suggestions but in keeping with the heritage plans of the Council.

It has been a mammoth task to completely clear out the building in preparation for the renovation and for that we must thank Judy and her band of volunteers. They have done a fantastic job and on behalf of the committee and members I offer our sincere thanks. I would like to personally thank you but Judy has yet to provide me with your names.

The task is not over yet as we need to put everything back and the committee has approved new shelving which should modernise the premises. We have also taken this opportunity to reorganise the rooms and cull some of the obsolete material.

I would also like to thank the members who have endured the uncertainty of timing and the make do premises as the work was being carried out. When Judy returns from her study tour the next phase will commence.

Even though there has been an uncertain year the committee continued to meet regularly to ensure the Society continued to run smoothly during the organised chaos around us.

Our Society is represented at fairs and gatherings across the State by Lorraine Stacker and Judy McLeod. This helps promote our Society as well as being a significant source of income from the sale of our publications, other publications and second hand books.

Our purchasing officer, Judy McLeod, has held back a little this year due to the renovation as part of this operation was a review of the current stock of material to cull obsolete and duplicate records. Without naming names I have witnessed some ruthless culling by the group. It has been decided that members will have first choice of the discarded material and then placed in the secondhand book sale category.

President: Stephen McKenzie
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Secretary: Lorraine Stacker

Treasurer: Judith McLeod
(02) 4733 1631

**Library
Co-ordinator:** Judith McLeod
(02) 4733 1631

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday	10am - 2pm	-
Wednesday	10am - 2pm	-
Thursday	10am - 2pm	7 - 9pm
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>

If you see something that may of interest to the Society, I suggest you recommend it to the purchasing officer for consideration.

Speakers during the year were generally well received and their range of subjects have been varied and broad. Our July meeting was off site due to the renovations which was a visit to the Sir John Jamison cemetery. Those members who attended enjoyed it and we found a local hidden gem. Judy & Keith McLeod offered their home for the meeting and refreshments.

If you have a suggestion for a future off site meeting please make a suggestion to the committee.

If you have a suggestion for a future speaker please approach a committee member with your suggestion as we are always looking for new speakers or topics.

The DNA group has been a success and we will continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month. This is an interactive group so you may be able to provide an insight to help other members.

Thanks also to the team who produce Bully Tin and Timespan 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. The theme for the current issue is orphans.

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 2020.

The Committee is here to keep the society operating smoothly and we can only do that if we are aware of the wishes of members. If you have an issue speak to a committee member about your concern. I know I have made a lot of suggestions you could make to the committee but the Society can only be successful if we all get involved.

I would like to thank our outgoing 2019 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 but I would particularly like to acknowledge the work carried out by Judy McLeod and Janet Brown. These ladies seem to be everywhere, attending fairs, meeting council workers, and many hours at the library. They certainly keep me on my toes and tell me what to do.

Janet is leaving the district and won't be standing for the committee. She is a long term

member of the society and involved on the committee for a number of years. On behalf of the committee and members we wish her and her family the best for the future.

I wish the Society continued success in 2020.

Stephen McKenzie

Membership Secretary's Report

Again over the last 12 months our membership has risen slightly. In 2019 we had a total number of memberships of 157 giving us a total of 187 members. The breakdown of the 157 membership is as follows: 127 single memberships. 30 joint memberships. Included in our membership figures for last year are 20 new members. Reasons for our membership slight increase is the 20 new members this year compared to 15 the previous year. We also had two members who rejoined after a number of years away. I would like to thank the Committee especially Judy McLeod and members for their assistance and support to me over the past 12 months.

Janet Brown

Trade Tables and Publications Report

Throughout 2019, on behalf of the Society, Judy McLeod and I attended a number of family history and historical fairs and open days. At most of these events we manned a trade table that has generated a good income from the sales of our publications, secondhand books and other publications, but also we have promoted the activities of our Society, helped researchers and gained new members.

These events also not only afforded us an opportunity to keep informed and up to date on new developments in family history research, we were then able to view and purchase new publications for our Library. Members, Sharon Philpott and Vicki Wilson have also helped on our tables. We especially thank our members who have not only donated books for our secondhand book stall, but also contributed to the creation of our publications.

Events attended and income for 2019:

- AGM \$37.00
- St Bartholomew's Open Day \$141.95
- Berrima Irish Day \$270.80
- Richmond Cultural Fair \$390.00
- Botany Bay Family History Fair \$342.00
- Nepean DHS Open Day \$222.80
- Penrith Library History Conference \$360.50
- State conference at Ku-ring-gai \$407.00

Total income from these events was \$2172.05

We consistently earn around this amount each year for the Society.

Lorraine Stacker

Society News

2020 COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on March 7th 2020 the following members were elected to serve on the committee for the coming year.

Executive Officers

Stephen McKenzie	President
Joy Harper	Vice-President
Lorraine Stacker	Secretary
Judith McLeod	Treasurer

Committee

Janet Brown	Kathy Constantine
Sally Easterbrook	Stephen Ford
Ian King	Sharon Philpott
Malcolm Towle	Vicki Wilson

We would like to welcome the three new committee members.

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The Society Library remains closed and all meetings are cancelled at this time. We will notify members of re-opening arrangements via e-news and the website.

LOOK UP SERVICE

While the library remains closed we are offering a free look up service for members. If you have a record on Ancestry, Find My Past, The Australian Biographical Database or from a Cemetery book or CD you would like looked up send an email to:

lookup@nepeanfhs.org.au

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.

Please send your stories to:

Timespan Editor
PO Box 81 Emu Plains 2750
publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

When the Library re-opens we will still be in need of library assistants.

If you have a few hours to spare once a month, or on a more casual basis, and would like to help, please contact the Roster Clerk:

Joy Harper
02 4739 3382

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

The finishing touches are being made to the renovations and we have moved all our resources back to our rooms. Unpacking has begun and we have some new shelving arriving soon. With the library being closed we are taking the opportunity of re-organising our rooms and resources. We have disposed of broken and obsolete machines and furniture (see picture below).



Some additions as a result of the renovations include; air conditioning, fresh paint, blinds, carpet in reception, new kitchen, updated access ramp, new front verandah and a new picket fence.



RESEARCHING FROM HOME

While they are closed many libraries and societies are offering free look ups and access to digital records from home for their members. Some include:

National Library of Australia – free access to Newspapers, Ancestry library edition and more. Visit the eResources portal, click the Browse eResources tab and then click Genealogy.

www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/family-history

The Genealogist - are offering two of their most useful record sets for beginners for free for 3 months.

www.thegenealogist.co.uk/first-steps/

Society of Australian Genealogist – look ups and home access to My Heritage for members.

www.sag.org.au

National Archives UK – free access to digital records while they are closed

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/

JOURNAL GLEANINGS

Australian Journals

Campbelltown FHS

Vol 29 No 1 March 2020

- Immigrants & convicts – Richard Cheers, Eliza Keogan, Louis Marc Francois Gauvin, convict Elizabeth Thompson, Sarah Green and Matthew Buckley
- Flora Louisa Bayley 1850-1923

Fellowship of the First Fleet

Vol 51 Issue 2 April-May 2020

- John Ryan 1761-1800? First Fleeter on the Friendship, and Sarah Woolley

Richmond-Tweed FHS

Issue No 143 March 2020

- WW1 soldier Leslie Gordon Walsh from Casino
- Immigrant Thomas Trotman from Oxfordshire
- Historical Hospital Admission Register Project in the UK

Rope-Pulley Association

No 98 March 2020

- Anthony Rope signs a memorial to Robert Campbell November 1804
- The Ryans and race horses
- Player and Rope family

Society of Australian Genealogists

Vol 50 Part 1 March 2020

- Wilhemina Wylie 1891-1984 Australian Olympian swimmer
- Tips to tidy your Ancestry family tree

South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society

Vol 47 No 1 February 2020

- Thomas and Birks family in South Australia
- Henry and Mary Billing Bate
- Gus Jungfer and his cabinet given to Erna Fromm in 1923
- German Harz Mountains immigrants to South Australia

Genealogy Sunshine Coast

Year 27 Issue 3 March 2020

- German immigrant ship *Peter Godeffroy* to Queensland 1865
- Harding family
- August and Bessie Caplick

Overseas Journals

Shropshire FHS

Journal 41 Part 1 March 2020

- Thomas Lyster of Duncote
- Lewis family of East Shropshire
- Alexander tartan

West Surrey FHS

Vol 46 No 4 March 2020

- Cobham wills 1559-1700
- Green Lane Cemetery

If you would like a copy of any of the articles from the above journals send an email to:

lookup@nepeanfhs.org.au

EVENTS/SEMINARS

2020 NSW & ACT FHS Annual Conference

Newcastle FHS in association with Maitland & Beyond FHS is hosting the 2020 state family history conference from 11–13 September at New Lambton, near Newcastle.

The theme is ***Riding the Waves of History***. Check out the conference website where and you can sign up for their newsletter and keep up to date with developments.

www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au

MACQUARIE SCHOOLHOUSE BICENTENNIAL

3-4 October 2020

St John's Anglican Church grounds
43 Macquarie Rd, Wilberforce NSW
Fair; historical displays, history tours, family history groups

For further information:

www.macquarieschoolhouse.com.au

GOW FAMILY GATHERING

Descendants of William Pashington Terry GOW are invited to attend.

Sunday 4 October 2020

St John's Anglican Church grounds
43 Macquarie Rd, Wilberforce NSW
William Gow was the first headmaster of Macquarie Schoolhouse.

For further information contact:

wptgowdescendants@gmail.com

Attached is the Society's 2019 financial report that was presented at the 2020 AGM by our auditor, Mr Terry Grace.

Thank you to Terry who has audited our books for many years on a pro bono basis.

