



Local Studies Fact Sheet

LACHLAN MACQUARIE RESOURCES

MACQUARIE AND THE HAWKESBURY DISTRICT

Lachlan Macquarie was selected to replace William Bligh as the 5th Governor of NSW. Born in Ulva Scotland in 1761, Macquarie joined the British army, serving in the American colonies and India, rising through the ranks. He married Jane Jarvis but she died in 1796 shortly after the marriage and Macquarie was heartbroken. He then went on and served in Egypt and India and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 73rd Regiment in 1805. He returned briefly to Britain in 1807 to wed a distant relative, Elizabeth Henrietta Campbell. Arriving in Sydney in December of 1809, he commenced his period in office on the 1 January 1810. Under the influence of Macquarie's management skills the colony prospered. His vision was for a free community, working in conjunction with the penal colony. He implemented an unrivalled public works agenda, establishing infrastructure, financial systems and improving existing services such as roads.

Under Macquarie's leadership the Hawkesbury thrived. He visited the district on his first tour and recorded in his journal on the 6 December 1810: "*After dinner I christened the new townships...I gave the name of Windsor to the town intended to be erected in the district of the Green Hills...the township in the Richmond district I have named Richmond...*" the district reminded Macquarie of those towns in England, whilst Castlereagh, Pitt Town and Wilberforce were named after English statesmen. These localities, chiefly Windsor and Richmond, became more permanent with streets, town square, public buildings and dedicated burial grounds. In 1810 a group of settlers sent a letter to Macquarie congratulating him on his leadership and improvements. It was published in the Sydney Gazette newspaper with Macquarie's reply. He was "*much pleased with the sentiments*" of the letter and assured them that the Hawkesbury would "*always be an object of the greatest interest*" to him. Despite his success, there were some complications under Macquarie's leadership. Political pressure led to an enquiry into the state of affairs of the colony and the Bigge Report concluded that a free and penal society could co-exist but with tighter controls on convict management.

Macquarie resigned as of 1 December 1821 and returned to England in 1822. Prior to his departure, Macquarie visited the Hawkesbury with his successor Brisbane. They inspected the new Greenway St. Matthew's Church as well as other public buildings in Windsor and the local inhabitants presented Macquarie with a public address which commended his administration. They requested Macquarie sit for a portrait and flattered, he agreed. The painting was completed in England and returned to Windsor and has hung in the Windsor Court House since the 1820s. Sadly Macquarie died in 1824 in London. He is buried on his estate "Jarvisfield" on Mull located off the coast of Scotland. The family vault where Macquarie is buried is now cared for by the National Trust of Australia.

During the 1994 Hawkesbury celebrations (200 years of European settlement) a sculpture of Macquarie [*pictured below*] was commissioned for McQuade Park in his memory and created by the late Frederic Chepeaux.



MACQUARIE RESOURCES

Hawkesbury City Library has a number of varied resources available to research the life and times of Lachlan Macquarie 1761- 1824. Materials include original documents such as his journal and correspondence available on microfilm to published books, newspapers and websites.

ORIGINAL MATERIAL

Lachlan Macquarie papers, 1787-1824 [microform]

The main series of Lachlan Macquarie letterbooks & journals, 1787 - 1825, (34 vols.) are available on microfilm. For more information see Guide below.

SHELVED AT: RLFILM CY299-CY305

Guide to the papers of Lachlan Macquarie and the Macquarie family in the Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW

SHELVED AT: RL994.402 MCQ

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers of the day hold much information about Governor Macquarie, his family and the colony. *The Sydney Gazette* is available in several formats. *The Sydney Gazette* 1803-1811 [facsimile] **SHELVED AT:** RL079.944 SYD + *The Sydney Gazette* [microform]1803-1842 (18 reels) **SHELVED AT:** RLFILM SYD + *The Sydney Gazette* 1803-1842 available online (digitised & searchable) as part of the *Historic Australian Newspapers, 1803 to 1954* database on the National Library of Australia website at <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

Selected bibliography

N. D. McLachlan, in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. Vol. 2 pp.187-95 (1967); L. Macquarie, *Journals of His Tours in NSW & Van Diemens Land, 1810-1822* (1956); *Sydney Gazette* newspaper; J. Broadbent & J. Hughes, *The Age of Macquarie* / edited by (1992) & Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie Archive (LEMA) <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/digital/lema/about.html>

BOOKS

Lachlan Macquarie: a biography / John Ritchie
SHELVED AT: RL994.4020924 MCQ and lending copies at 994.4020924 MCQ

Lachlan Macquarie: his life, adventures & times / M.H. Ellis
SHELVED AT: RL994.02 ELL lending copies at 994.02 ELL

Lachlan Macquarie: from Mull to Australia / by Fiona Marsden
SHELVED AT: RL994.402 MAR

Journals of His Tours in New South Wales and Van Diemens Land, 1810-1822 / Lachlan Macquarie
SHELVED AT: RL919.44042 MCQ lending 919.44042 MCQ
WEB: <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/all/journeys/menu.html>

The Age of Macquarie / ed James Broadbent & Joy Hughes
SHELVED AT: RL994.402 AGE lending at 994.402 AGE

Macquarie's World / Marjorie Barnard
SHELVED AT: RL994.4092 BAR

Elizabeth Macquarie, her life & times / Lysbeth Cohen
SHELVED AT: RL994.4020924 COH

The Governors of NSW 1788-2010 / ed Clune & Turner
SHELVED AT: RL994.02 GOV

Historical records of Australia RL994 HIS

Historical records of New South Wales RL994.4 NEW

Governor Macquarie and the case for the court-house portrait / Marjorie Wymark
SHELVED AT: RL994.4 WYM lending 994.4 WYM

Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol. 2 pp. 186-195
SHELVED AT: RL920.094 AUS lending copies at 920.094 AUS also <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/adbonline.htm>

The History of the Macquarie Schoolhouse 1820 & St. John's Church 1859 / Marjorie Wymark
SHELVED AT: RL283.9441 WYM

The evidence to the Bigge reports : NSW under Governor Macquarie / John Ritchie (2 vols)
SHELVED AT: RL994.02 RIT

Report of the Commissioner of Inquiry, into the state of the colony of NSW; on the judicial establishments of NSW & VDL & on the state of agriculture and trade in the Colony of NSW John Thomas Bigge
SHELVED AT: RL994.02 BIG

Other useful items mentioning Governor Lachlan Macquarie are local history books focussing on the Hawkesbury district shelved at RL994.42 including *Hawkesbury 1794-1994*; *Macquarie Country*; *Hawkesbury Journey: Hawkesbury River history and Early Days of Windsor*

WEBSITES

- Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie Archive (LEMA) <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/digital/lema/>
- Journeys in Time 1809-1822 <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/all/journeys/menu.html> (includes transcription of Lachlan Macquarie's journals which describe his tours throughout Australia plus more)
- History of Democracy 1810 to 1821 - Governor Lachlan Macquarie <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/key/HistoryGovernorLachlanMacquarie>
- Lachlan Macquarie (Macquarie University) <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/lmr/biography.html>
- Lachlan Macquarie (1762 - 1824)' by N. D. McLachlan. *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol 2 (1967 pp. 187-195) <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A020162b.htm> & Elizabeth Henrietta Macquarie (1778 - 1835)' by Marjorie Barnard. *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol 2 (1967, pp 186-187) <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A020161b.htm>
- NSW Department of Education and Training about Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie <http://lrrpublic.cli.det.nsw.edu.au/lrrSecure/Sites/Web/macquarie2010/index.htm>
- Lachlan Macquarie - Dictionary of Sydney http://www.dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/macquarie_lachlan
- Historic Australian Newspapers, 1803 to 1954 <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>
- Lachlan Macquarie 1761-1824 <http://www.hawkesburyhistory.org.au/articles/macquarie.html>
- Lachlan Macquarie: visionary & builder (featuring iconic documents, with transcriptions & interpretation) <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/digital-gallery/lachlan-macquarie-visionary-and-builder/lachlan-macquarie-visionary-and-builder>
- Colonial Secretary Papers, 1788-1825 (documentation of original material 1788-1825) <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online/colonial-secretary/index-to-the-colonial-secretarys-papers-1788-1825/colonial-secretary-papers-1788-1825>
- Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary <http://macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au/LachlanElizabeth/References>
- Timeline <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/nswconstitution/html/3rd/bgr/gov/macquarie.html>

IMAGES

- State Library of NSW <http://acms.sl.nsw.gov.au/search/SimpleSearch.aspx>
- Picture Australia <http://www.pictureaustralia.org/>
- National Library of Australia <http://www.nla.gov.au/>

For additional information and confirm titles and holdings, check our **Library's online catalogue** at <http://catalogue.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/amlibweb/>

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ADDRESS	HOURS	LOCAL STUDIES CONTACTS
Hawkesbury City Council Library Service	Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm	PH (02) 4560 4466 or 4560 4460 FAX (02) 4560 4472
Hawkesbury Central Library	Saturday 9am - 1pm	EMAIL mnichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
300 George Street	Sunday 2pm - 5pm	WEB www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library
WINDSOR 2756 NSW	Closed Public Holidays	CATALOGUE http://catalogue.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/amlibweb/