

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

Interested in family history and discovering more? The Hawkesbury Family History Group is coordinated by the Hawkesbury Library Service. Operating since 1982, regular meetings are held where like-minded people gather and learn more about genealogy.

Meetings and Membership

The Hawkesbury Family History Group meets at 10am every 2nd Wednesday of the month, except January, in the Tebbutt Room at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor.

There are no membership fees, so anyone interested in family history is more than welcome to attend meetings, which are held 10-11.30am every 2nd Wednesday of the month except January. The group meets in the Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street Windsor, NSW 2756. Since Covid, there two options in attending, in person, or via Zoom if you are unable to attend in person. Meetings are not recorded.



Unidentified bride & groom
Courtesy Hawkesbury Library Service

Speakers

A range of speakers, presenting on various topics relating to family and local history, address the group each month. For a list of meetings, with speakers and topics for the current year, see www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/meetings.html

Facilities

The Hawkesbury Family History Group does not have its own facilities and researchers are encouraged to visit the Hawkesbury Library's Local Studies Collection which holds a wealth of material relating to family and local history. The group regularly donates books and research tools for inclusion in the Local Studies Collection. The group does not undertake research on behalf of others.



Other activities

Hawkesbury Library regularly runs family and local history sessions during the year, as well as local cemetery tours. To find out what classes are on offer, visit the Library's What's on page <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/whats-on> or Facebook, details below.

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More information

For additional information about the **Hawkesbury Family History Group**, go to <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/> or use the contact details below.

Keeping in touch - newsletters & publications

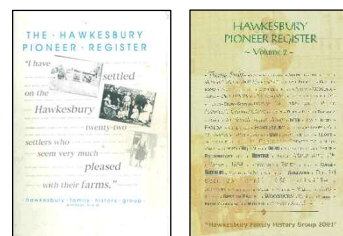
The 'Hawkesbury Crier' newsletter was established the year after the group started with the first issue out in July 1983. Originally foolscap format and typed on a typewriter – with lots of real "cut & paste" - it cost members \$1. The newsletter has been edited since conception, by Michelle Nichols, the Local History Librarian. There have been some great stories over the years with regular contributors like Grace Douglass, Laurel Legge, Del Swain, Robynne Winley and Des Nicholson, some of them no longer with us. Cathy McHardy has also been a consistent contributor over the years. For a number of years the Hawkesbury Crier has been distributed electronically.



The newsletter is produced quarterly in March, June, September and December with some examples available online to view for free at <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/crier/index.html> The Hawkesbury Crier is available for sale at the meetings or by subscription, an order form available at <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/pdf/Hawkesbury%20Family%20History%20Group%20Publications%20Order%20Form.pdf>

Hawkesbury Pioneer Register Vol.1 and 2.

In 1994, when 200 years of European settlement was commemorated, the Hawkesbury Pioneer Register Vol. 1 was released. With contributions from over 400 researchers. As part of the Federation centenary in 2001 Vol. 2 was published. Both books are still for sale, see Order form for more information <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/registers.html>



History

The inaugural meeting of the Hawkesbury Family History Group was held in August 1982 at Windsor Central Library. The meeting was attended by about 50 interested persons and the group officially formed under the auspices of the Library. As a result - Hawkesbury Family History Group was established as a support and information group for family historians in the local area or for persons researching Hawkesbury families.

We have had a wonderful array of speakers over the years. Some speakers have visited more than once including Cathy McHardy, Heather Garnsey, Martyn Killion, State Records and Carol Liston. Local History Librarian Michelle Nichols has presented numerous times, giving talks, several times a year.

The Group has participated in many celebrations in the Hawkesbury including the Australian Bicentenary in 1988, Hawkesbury 1794 and centenary of Federation. As part of the Macquarie 2010 celebrations, the Library organised a Family History Fair with the group playing a major part. There was a trade fair with stalls, talks, a book launch and over 2000 people visitors on the day.



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