

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2025

12 March	CHRISTINE YEATS ~ Stepping Ashore: Researching Passenger Arrivals in Australia
9 April	CAROLYN WILLIAMS ~ Proving Paternity: The Case of Sarah Miller & James Cox

The Hawkesbury Family History Group meets in person and bookings not required. At present, meetings are still held via Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

HAWKESBURY CRIER

The Hawkesbury Crier March 2025, is out today and available at the meeting.

EVENTS

VINTAGE, RARE & COLLECTABLE SALE

STARTS SATURDAY 26 APRIL ENDS SUNDAY 4 MAY

This unique sale will offer a variety of material that contains ex-library stock and pre-loved items including rare books, newspapers and curios. See catalogue at <https://bit.ly/4klp63V>

Held Central Library 300 George Street Windsor 2756



SCANDALS, CRIME & CORRUPTION IN THE HAWKESBURY

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 6-7PM

Discover some of the “dark shadows of our past” with examples of various scandals, crime & corruption that have shocked the Hawkesbury. \$5 - ONLINE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

SURVEYING THE WILD ABYSS

SATURDAY 3 MAY, 10.30AM-12.30PM

Join Barry Corr for a discussion about the patterns of conflict on the Hawkesbury. The talk will focus on 1795, 1805 and 1816, exploring what we do or don't know & what happened. Held Central Library 300 George Street Windsor 2756

FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at <http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

IMPRINT: STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVE

Imprint: Stories From the Archives is a new exhibition, highlighting stories of lesser-known and underrepresented locals that have left an imprint on our historical records and features historic photographs, documents, and more. On now - admission is FREE. Held Hawkesbury Regional Museum, 8 Baker Street Windsor 2756

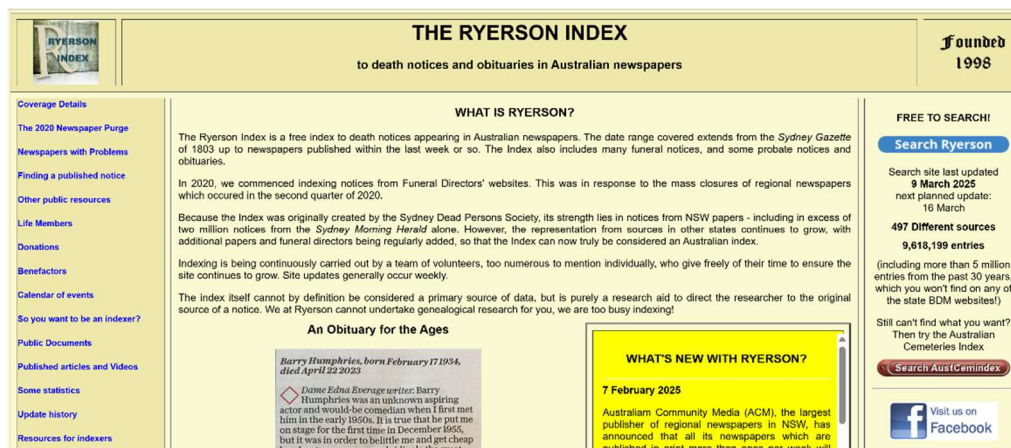
IRISH BIGAMY: NEW INSIGHTS INTO COLONIAL NSW

SATURDAY 12 APRIL, 10AM

Dr Damian Gleeson will discuss bigamy in Ireland; Irish bigamists transported; families left behind; legal systems in NSW; 1798 emancipists; Almorah and Mariner; female, male and dual bigamists; Catholic Church intervention; avoidance and deception; bigamy, digamy, trigamy. Held Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. Admission \$5/\$7 Bookings Neil phone 0423 157 089 or email nrenaud@bigpond.com by 9 April 2025 All welcome & book available for sale (\$30 cash) on the day

RYERSON INDEX

Don't forget to check out the Ryerson Index <https://www.ryersonindex.org/> regularly. The site is updated weekly. There are currently 497 different sources and the site has 9,618,199 entries!!!



THE RYERSON INDEX
to death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers

Founded 1998

WHAT IS RYERSON?
The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the Sydney Gazette of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so. The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries.
In 2020, we commenced indexing notices from Funeral Directors' websites. This was in response to the mass closures of regional newspapers which occurred in the second quarter of 2020.
Because the Index was originally created by the Sydney Dead Persons Society, its strength lies in notices from NSW papers - including in excess of two million notices from the Sydney Morning Herald alone. However, the representation from sources in other states continues to grow, with additional papers and funeral directors being regularly added, so that the Index can now truly be considered an Australian Index.
Indexing is being continuously carried out by a team of volunteers, too numerous to mention individually, who give freely of their time to ensure the site continues to grow. Site updates generally occur weekly.
The Index itself cannot by definition be considered a primary source of data, but is purely a research aid to direct the researcher to the original source of a notice. We at Ryerson cannot undertake genealogical research for you, we are too busy indexing!

An Obituary for the Ages
Barry Humphries, born February 17 1936, died April 22 2023.
Dame Edna Everage writer: Barry Humphries was an unknown aspiring actor and would-be comedian when I first met him in the early 1950s. It is true that he put me on stage for the first time in December 1955, but it was in order to belittle me and get cheap laughs at my expense and ridicule the great

WHAT'S NEW WITH RYERSON?
7 February 2025
Australiam Community Media (ACM), the largest publisher of regional newspapers in NSW, has announced that all its newspapers which are published in print more than once per week will

FREE TO SEARCH!
Search Ryerson
Search site last updated 9 March 2025
next planned update: 16 March
497 Different sources
9,618,199 entries
(including more than 5 million entries from the past 30 years, which you won't find on any of the state BDM websites!)
Still can't find what you want? Then try the Australian Cemeteries Index
Search AustCemindex
Visit us on Facebook

There are currently some vacancies for volunteers to index in regional papers, including Albury, Burnie, Eden, Gilgandra, Longreach, Kempsey, and many others. If you are able to help out with indexing any of these papers, please contact secretary@ryersonindex.org Access will be provided to most papers but some regional papers will require you to have access to the paper (either print or digital).

SURFING THE INTERNET ~ FAMILY HISTORY SITES

You may be interested in checking out the following sites. Both Windsor and Richmond libraries, provide free internet access to members, and FREE wireless for your devices.

List of Historic Place Names of Wales

<http://hawkesburylib.eventbrite.com.au/>

Visit FamilySearch Library 2025

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/session/visit-to-the-familysearch-library-2025>

Diary of an Australian Genealogist: Shauna Hicks

<https://diaryofanaustriangenealogist.blogspot.com/>

Internet Archive Book images

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/internetarchivebookimages/>

FamilySearch blog

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/>

FreeBMD site (UK)

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

Let us know of sites, that you have tried with (or without) success

Hawkesbury Family History Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January) in the Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756. Anyone interested in local and family history welcome to attend, and it is free to attend. For more information about the Hawkesbury Family History Group contact the Local History Librarian e: history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au t: 02 4560 4466.

The Local Studies Collection for all your family & local history research, is located in the Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor 2756. See <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library/services/local-and-family-history-resources>