



# HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

**Wednesday 10 December 2025**

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2025	
<b>10 December</b>	Show & Tell plus Christmas party
<b>No meeting in January, first meeting of 2026 – Wednesday</b>	
<b>11 February</b>	Love, Loss & Yearning: Women & Romance in Lachlan Macquarie's life ~ Robin Walsh
<b>11 March</b>	Hawkesbury history intrigues ~ Carol Liston AO
<b>8 April</b>	Richard Ridge – opening a Surprise Package ~ Louise Wilson

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.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Dr Rex Stubbs OAM Commemorative History Symposium is returning for another year in 2026!

When: Saturday 7 March 2026, 9am - 3pm

Where: Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre,  
300 George Street Windsor

*Be sure to save the date and keep an eye out for registration announcements coming soon.*



## NEXT MEETING

The Hawkesbury Family History Group will now break until 2026. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 February at 10am**. The Guest Speaker will be historian Robin Walsh and his topic is *Love, Loss and Yearning: Women and Romance in the Life of Lachlan Macquarie*. He will discuss the key women in Governor Lachlan Macquarie's life, rather than his actions and achievements, a unique approach to the Governor of NSW. Anyone interested in family and local history is welcome to attend, it's free and no need to book. **Hawkesbury Central Library | 300 George Street, Windsor**

## EVENTS

Upcoming free family tree webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

## TRY THIS OUT!!

Want to find out what was happening in the year of your birth. Use this checker on the Familysearch Australian site at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/australia/> to find out some interesting facts about the year you were born: sports news, world events, the price of petrol, and much more!



## Tips for searching historical records

- Who are you looking for and what do you want to achieve?
- Check what you already have at home, check with family members & relatives
- Look at different spellings, dates and geographic locations.
- Start your search wide and then narrow it down.
- Record your family on a pedigree chart

[https://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/pdf/Pedigree\\_Chart.pdf](https://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/pdf/Pedigree_Chart.pdf)

For more help try the Familysearch website

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/tips-for-searching-historical-records>



**Depiction of a convict wedding in 1820s Australia. AI-generated illustration (OpenAI).  
Create illustrations to accompany your own research with AI!!**

## 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.

Anne's Family History ~ An online research journal

<https://anneyoungau.wordpress.com/>

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. (find a society)

<https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/members>

Family History Federation UK

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/find-a-society>

NSW Divorce Guide

<https://mhns.w.au/guides/divorce-records-guide/>

Earl Grey's Famine Orphans

<https://earlgreysfamineorphans.wordpress.com/2025/11/16/earl-greys-famine-orphans-110-miscellany-cont-family-reconstitutions-and-descendants-letters/>

Break Your Genealogy Brick Walls with Amy Johnson Crow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijnxZtcyFOA>

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