

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING NEWS

Wednesday 9 September 2026

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HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ~ MEETING DATES ~ 2026	
9 Sep	Elizabeth Fulloon, Parramatta Female Factory's Superintendent ~ Heather Garnsey
14 Oct	The Earl's of Richmond ~ Jonathan Auld
11 Nov	Show & tell plus end of year get-together
Dec/Jan	No meetings in December or January – we return 10 Feb 2027

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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday 14 October** at **10am** with Guest Speaker Jonathan Auld talking about the Earl family of Richmond and what resources he used to tell their story. Anyone interested in family and local history is welcome to attend, it's free and no need to book. Meeting held **Hawkesbury Central Library 300 George Street, Windsor**. If you cannot attend in person, attend by Zoom, book via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone 4560 4460.

EVENTS

Hawkesbury Writer's Festival

Saturday 12 September 2026

The inaugural Hawkesbury Writer's Festival is on this Saturday 12 September at Richmond Race Club. With a day filled with books, authors, creativity & community. A celebration for readers, writers & story lovers of all ages!

For FREE tickets click below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hawkesbury-writers-festival-tickets-1990259123615>

HAWKESBURY WRITER'S FESTIVAL

Where stories are written, shaped and brought to life

WHAT'S ON?

- ◆ Meet local Authors, Illustrators, Publishers
- ◆ Children's Story Time Corner
- ◆ Poetry Readings
- ◆ Book Signings
- ◆ Guest Speakers
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Food Trucks



FREE ENTRY

- ◆ 10am-4pm - Saturday 12TH September 2026
- ◆ Hawkesbury Race Club - 1 Racecourse Rd, Clarendon

Surveyor field books webinar (State Archives)

Friday 25 September 10.30am–11.30am

Surveyor field books are an underutilised resource when researching land in NSW. Created by surveyors when gathering information for the drawing up of Crown Plans, these notebooks are the primary record of a survey and capture everything from the rigours of surveying expeditions to descriptions of natural features and sketches of farms, town allotments and roads. The NSW State Archives Collection holds thousands of field books submitted to the Surveyor General, dating from as early as 1794 to the 1990s. Join us for this webinar (online) to learn how to access these fabulous records detailing the landscapes of NSW and explore the information they contain. Free session, register via this link

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1955211403593600601>

REMINDER Introduction to the Digitisation studio

Tuesday 15 September at 11am

Learn how to use the scanning and digitising equipment in our new Digitisation Studio and preserve your slides, photographs, documents and VHS/DVDs. Free event.

REMINDER Intro to Production Studio: Podcasting/Voice Recording

Wednesday 30 September at 6pm

Join our session and get hands-on with the podcasting equipment. Learn the basics of setting up microphones, recording clear audio, and producing content for podcasts, voice-overs, and more. Free event.

To book go to Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or phone the Library 4560-4460.

JIGSAW PUZZLES



Did you know puzzles improve short term memory, problem solving skills and aid attention span? Members can borrow from our extensive collection in the Library. We have a puzzle you can just come and sit and play. We also have a collection of historical photographs in our Hawkesbury Collection found at <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/HawkLib> You can play 20-300 pieces, just adjust under PLAY AS on the right side. There are over 30 puzzles to keep you and your family busy. If you are competitive, you can time yourself, or take all the time you need.

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.

Convicts Research Guide (National Library of Australia)

<https://www.library.gov.au/research/family-history/family-history-research-guide/convicts-research-guide>

FreeReg Parish Registers (UK)

<https://www.freereg.org.uk/>

The 'Old Register' Index, 1794-1824

<https://mhnsnsw.au/indexes/land/the-old-register/?query=benjamin&page=1&perpage=500>

Geographical names board (NSW)

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/geographical-names-board>

List of Windsor Council mayors + history of Windsor Council (established 1871)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Municipality_of_Windsor