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Society Monthly News for October 2025

Welcome to October. The clocks leapt forward an hour on Sunday and my Chinese Elm tree that occupies a large portion of my back garden is now in full leaf. The shade it provides is amazing and it cools the garden considerably.

I would like to begin this infoemail with an expression of gratitude to everyone who has wished me well over the past month. I especially would like to thank Jennifer, Sue, Amanda, Dawn and those who have texted and called, wishing me well.

- Our next general meeting will be held on Saturday 11th October at CC Mac Adams Centre commencing at 1.15pm. Our guest speaker will be Bernice Darby who has recently returned after a visit to the John Monash Centre located in the Somme area of France. Her presentation is titled: "Sir John Monash: The Man, Engineer, Soldier"

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 11, 2025 01:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82859148825?pwd=DafSzkAlbhbeDgp1soiexSX8HdCP8m.1>

Meeting ID: 828 5914 8825

Passcode: Port

Upcoming Speakers - November – John Graham: "Discovering Abraham Weston Chapman"

December – Members Contributions: No chosen topic yet – can you suggest one?



Members' Support Groups

Bookings for these groups assist with room setup & catering

Group	Venue	Date & Time	Notes
FamilySearch	Library Meeting Room	Mon 13 th Oct 1pm – 3pm	
Research Support	Library Meeting Room	WED 15 th Oct 1pm - 3pm	Researching Military Sites
***Convicts	Library Meeting Room	Mon 20th Oct 1pm – 3pm	Clive & Diane both away
DNA	Library Meeting Room	Mon 27 th Oct 1pm – 3pm	
Writers	Library Meeting Room	Mon 3 rd Nov 1pm – 3pm	

We are looking at the Support Groups offered by the Society. Our numbers have fluctuated in recent months and conducting a group for 3 or 4 people is not a viable alternative. We need your support if we are to continue these groups. If you have a suggestion for an alternative group or would like to lead a new group please speak with a committee member or email our [Secretary](#).



Downton Abbey – the movie... With all that has gone on in the past month this proved too hard to organise. I apologise that it didn't happen and hope you are able to view it with friends.



Articles for November **Footsteps** are due next Wednesday 15th October. If you have an article for publication our editor, Leonie would love to hear from you. She can be contacted at footstepseditor.pmdfhs@gmail.com



Bookings are still being accepted for Billy Elliott at the Players' Theatre on **Sunday 14 December**. Please note change of date If you are interested in attending this event, please add your name to the list at the meeting or email secretary@pmdfhs.org.au



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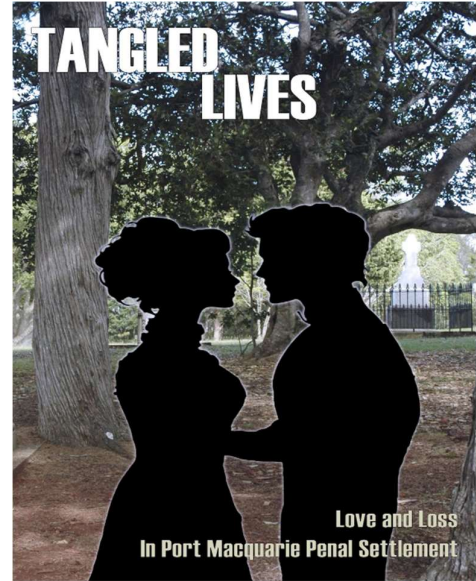
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We have a new publication that will be launched at our Christmas Meeting on 13 December

TANGLED LIVES

Love and Loss in Port Macquarie Penal Settlement
Forgotten women, unforgettable stories
Part of the broader Forget-Me-Not Project to identify the female convicts sent to Port Macquarie, this book follows the release of Rowdy Voices & Quiet Whispers in 2024. Tangled Lives has stories of another 36 women and includes the men who walked beside them. Their tales of resilience, quiet courage, love, loyalty and heartbreak, of survival against the odds in an unfamiliar land are drawn from official records. Remembered not just as convicts, but as people seeking companionship, love and dignity wherever they could find it. Because their lives mattered - and their voices deserve to be heard...



Pre-publication price is \$15 till the day of the meeting.



❁ Speaking of Christmas which will be here before we know it. We are accepting any donations for the Annual Christmas Raffle. Any donations can be left with the library volunteers on a Tuesday or Wednesday or brought the general meetings in either October or November.

❁ Our Christmas dinner will be held on FRIDAY 28th November at Noshtalgia. 2 course dinner, trivia, fun and games for members and guests. [Click](#) to book or add your name to the list at the meeting.

❁ Scottish Indexes Conference on 22 November will occur on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Registration Instructions are via Zoom: It is free to register on Zoom.

❁ RootsTech 2026 Registrations are now open for this international event. It is also free to register and they are already offering presentations.



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Repeated Information:

Your Society is 40 years old in 2025.

We have been enjoying the celebrations every month – your feedback is important. Please let us know your thoughts.



Remember to stay safe and keep well

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