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Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc

ABN 88 944 738 687

**Meetings held on the First
Saturday of each month
(except January)**

**Place: In the Meeting Room,
Campbelltown
Library.**

Time: 1.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Annual Membership Subscriptions:

Single.....\$20

Couple.....\$30

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Campbelltown District FHS Inc Meetings and Events

August, 2025

Saturday 2nd August.

Location: Glenalvon. 1.30pm.

Annual General Meeting.

Speaker: David Beddie.

Topic: Ancestry Card Catalog.

September, 2025

Saturday 6th September.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: Lynn Byass.

Topic: Bringing Documents to Life.

October, 2025

Saturday 4th October.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: Members.

Topic: Open discussion.

The Research Room and Library

**Campbelltown HJ Daley Library
will reopen on Monday 4th August
2025.**

While borrowing items from HJ Daley Campbelltown Library were not possible during the move, their branches at Ingleburn, Eagle Vale, and Glenquarie were operating as normal.

For more information about the relocation see their website, or follow on social media.

**[https://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/
City-Improvements/Library-
Relocation-Project](https://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/City-Improvements/Library-Relocation-Project)**

The Library will be located at the Old Spotlight Building, 147-157 Queen Street.

All three floors will be used for Library and community, with the potential for one floor to be dedicated to after-hours services.

In the meantime you can visit the following branches, if you want to research your family history. A volunteer will be on hand between 10am and 12 Noon.

*** Eagle Vale** – Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

*** Ingleburn** – Tuesday, Thursday.

Courses in 2026.

We anticipate holding some courses in 2026.

Topics will include:

* Beginners.

* DNA.

We will advise further in coming months.

Research Officers

The society has two research officers who are available to help members and their friends with the research that they are undertaking.

Please contact our research officers at:
research@cdfhs.org.au

Family History Month

August 2025

Some sites that have activities for Family History Month:

* State Library of NSW

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/using-library/researching-your-family-history/family-history-month>

* Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

<https://www.affho.org/family-history-month/>

CDFHS Member's Library

Our Member's library has a number of books that are not being borrowed, and we would like to make some of those available to our members. Please contact Gail Algie for a list. library@cdfhs.org.au

Positions Vacant

We have 3 positions vacant on our committee.

Social Secretary, Publicity Officer and Assistant Magazine Editor.

If anyone wants either of these roles, please contact Pam Shea:

secretary@cdfhs.org.au

New and Updated Ancestry.com Databases

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto Ancestry.com over the last month, available at the Campbelltown Library. 33,836 databases in total.

* Ireland, Infants born in Irish Workhouses Index, 1872-1874; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [14,179 records].

* U.S., WWII Alien Registration, 1940-1955; Immigration & Travel. [8,253,861 records].

* Government Gazettes, Queensland, Australia, Gould Genealogy 1859-1918; Newspapers & Publications. [3,632,997 records].

* South Australia, Australia, Government Gazettes, 1841-1889; Newspapers & Publications. [976,487 records].

* New South Wales, Australia, Government Gazettes, 1832-1885; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [3,306,635 records].

* Ireland, Poor Law Union Removals From England, 1857-1879; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [6,883 records].

* Palatine German Immigration to Ireland and U.S., Hank Z Jones collection, 1654-1878; Stories, Memories & Histories. [76,437 records].

* Berlin, Germany, Births, 1874-1910 (in German; Birth, Marriage & Death. [8,571,211 records].

* Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [12,117,735 records].

* Caribbean, Obituary Index, 2003-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [97,738 records].

* U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [143,602,708 records].

* Ireland, Railway Employment Records, 1870-1940; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [328,721 records].

* Hawaii, U.S., Birth Certificates and Indexes, 1841-1949; Birth, Marriage & Death. [791,368 records].

* Aberdeenshire, Scotland, School Admission Registers, 1852-1928; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [718,563 records].

Find My Past

Following are some new and updated records available on FindMyPast.

* Passenger Ship Photographs

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/passenger-ship-photographs>

Get a fascinating insight into the nation's nautical past with 5,528 photos in this new collection, spanning from the 1870s to the 1960s.

* Findmypast Photo Collection

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/newspapers-directories-and-social-history/newspapers-and-magazines/findmypast-photo-collection>
Search thousands of fascinating images and connect with these snapshots of the past. This unique collection brings together original images capturing the events of the Second World War and the daily lives of ordinary people in the 1950s. The collection has been created in partnership with Mirrorpix/Reach PLC and features the work of renowned photographer Bela Zola, as well as photographs from Library and Archives Canada. You can search the photos by keyword; such as war, boxing, 1920s, Home Guard, Arsenal, women, etc. You also have the option search just by year, subject or country. Use the arrows on either side of the photo to discover more.

* Surrey, Southwark, Licenses and Trade Registers

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/surrey-southwark-licenses-and-trade-registers>

Spanning the 17th to the 20th centuries, this set comprises 25,361 licence and trade register records from Southwark.

* Central Association Volunteer Training Corps Enrolment Forms, 1916

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/central-association-volunteer-training-corps-enrolment-forms-1916>

This fascinating collection from Southwark Archives charts the names and stories of local men who joined the Central Association Volunteer Training Corps in 1916.

* What's New?

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/new>
From new releases each week on Findmypast Friday to site feature updates and company happenings, keep on top of the very latest genealogy news and events from Findmypast.

Ghostbuster Magazine

November 2025 Issue

Topic:

" My DNA Discovery".

Maximum 600 words. Plus a picture if you have one.

Submission Date by: Saturday 4th October 2025.

Extra item for the magazine: "Unidentified Photographs".

Ask a Volunteer

The Family History Society provides volunteers at Campbelltown Libraries. You can ask our volunteers for information on how to find details of your ancestors.

We volunteer from 10 am to 12 Noon.

Monday to Friday

To book with the library to see a volunteer, phone: 02 4645 4444.

There may be covid safe requirements at the library: QR codes, masks, and safe distancing.

See the front page re the Library move.

Contact Robert Palmer:
president@cdfhs.org.au

Research Interests

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/visitor-interests>

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