

# Hunter Living Histories Meeting

1 November, 2021 1:00pm – 3:00pm

via Zoom

Minutes

Start: 1:00

1. **Acknowledgement to Country** ; Gionni di Gravio.
2. **Present:** Gionni di Gravio OAM, Ann Hardy, Doug Lithgow, Emeritus Prof. John Fryer, Emeritus Prof. Howard Bridgman, Assoc. Prof. Nancy Cushing, Coral Black, Sarah Janson, Jude Conway, Lesley Gent, Ron Barber, Judy Lindsay, Lesley Gent, David Dial OAM, Robert Watson, Sarah Xenos, Mark Rigby, Bob Donnelly, Louise Gale, Ken Thornton, Jeffrey Freeman, Cheryl Anne Bailey, Peter Sherlock, Dr Garritt van Dyk, Tim Adams, Mala Scorse, Nicole Chaffey, Dr Bob James, Dr Amir Mogadam, Rachel Vaughan, Zoe Mathers, John Witte, Don Seton-Wilkinson, Sue Britton, Andrew Lobb, Bob Donnelly, Charles Martin, Jenny Skulander, Kerrie Shaw, Paige Wright, Rachel Vaughan, Ross Edmonds,
3. **Apologies:** Cameron Archer, Howard Bridgman, Maree Gleeson, Jane McManus, Ashleigh Duncan, Sonia Hornery, David Cameron
4. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes 11 October:** John Fryer – Mala Scorse
5. **Business arising from previous minutes:** -
6. **Presentations –**

## **Associate Prof Nancy Cushing (University of Newcastle) – Newcastle Time Ball**

Nancy gave a fascinating talk on Newcastle time ball, she previously had a residency at the Observatory in Sydney, described 'time telling' practices in colonial society, and historical context in coal mining area of Newcastle - need for accurate time keeping for

industry and navigational trade. Presentation will be available online. Bob Donnelly has kindly offered information and sources he holds from 1988 restoration project.

**Jennifer Skulander (Research Liaison Librarian) – How to use NOVA open access repository** - Jennifer showed various aspects of the repository and different browse functions and how to find thesis. NOVA is available here  
<https://nova.newcastle.edu.au/vital/access/manager/Index>

**Tim Adams (archaeologist) - Perkins Street Boat Harbour wall (will show images of what was found)** - Mentioned some archaeological testing in Wickham area which was at high water level, Aboriginal artefacts were located. Tim spoke about the harbour development and history, Market Street boat harbour, described various locations from 1840s and showing historic plans and images.

## 7. Reports and Updates

**Gianni di Gravio** - Updates from previous meeting. [The History of Aerial Photography & Resolution of Plate Glass Cameras](#) (Professor John Fryer)  
[Missing Piece of 1906 Historic Panorama from the Obelisk](#) (Robert Watson)  
[Newcastle and Suburbs Aerial Views](#) 1944  
[Kooragang Island](#)  
[Stories of Our Town: The Castanet Club Story](#) (2021)  
[1844 Plan of the Hunter Region](#)  
[Owen Gun Historic Films \(1941\)](#)

### History Illuminated events

EXHIBITION – ‘LIGHT ON MORISSET: INSIDE THE HOSPITAL’

WHERE- Seen@Swansea, 228-234 Pacific Highway, Swansea 2281

WHEN: From Wednesday 27th October 2021 until Sunday 5th December 2021 (Note - THE BOOK LAUNCH – ‘A Private World on a Nameless Bay – a History of Morisset Hospital’ (2nd Edition)

WHEN: 19th November 2021 at 10am

- Wyong & Districts Anglican Church Records 1838 – 1987 Digital Project  
INVITATION to the launch of Wyong & Districts Anglican Church Records 1838 –  
1987 digital project

WHEN: Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 2.00 pm, Wyong Family History Group Inc.  
will be launching a number of new publications including the Anglican Church Records  
digital resource.

**New Book** – Spirit of Place : Aboriginal Sites of the Hunter Region  
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**Stories of Our Town** films due to be completed over next few months, first is Fortress  
Newcastle and the other is The Castanet Club Film is due for release on the 20th or  
21st October. The Fortress Newcastle Film, which is now in the final stages of  
completion, is scheduled for release on 11 November 2021. See Hunter Living  
Histories: <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2021/09/02/fortress-newcastle-2021/>

**United Services Club Call for Assistance.** Sue Britton advised the club is in need in  
of assistance in following areas :- Labelling (catalogue the collection), Storage (need  
of storage for archived items), Significance Assessment/Valuation, Grants, Collection/  
Museum Training for the committee would be useful. This is especially the case with  
preservation and conservation as well as IT. Advice provided and Ann H to follow up  
with WIL and Intern contacts.

### **GLAMx Lab – (Dr Ann Hardy)**

**HLH meeting format review.** Ann provided feedback from community members  
regarding preferred meetings (Zoom via physical meetings), comments about the  
length presentation etc . Feedback will be considered when planning for 2022.  
Feedback from students and academic next year.

**WIL Awards** - Congratulations to Jeffrey Freeman who has been shortlisted for  
Work Integrated Learning Student of the Year Award and ‘Umwelt’ for Work  
Integrated Learning Hall of Fame Award – Large Employer.

**Open Access week**, special acknowledgement to colleagues Kua Swan and Paige Wright who participated in Open Access Week events last week speaking on the Library's Decolonising project. See Open access week – [Decolonising Digital Collections: a community-led approach](#)

## 8. Other updates

**City of Newcastle** - Kerry advised CoN libraries have reopened, however no physical events until next year. Also 'Face to a Name app' has been updated re: Honour Roll at Wickham with names of local servicemen.

**Fort Scratchley Historical Society** (Ron Barber) – Proposed screening of Fortress Newcastle episode at the Fort on 11 November for Remembrance Day.

## 9. General Business –

Discussion about the origin of name Kooragang (Island) and association with Wilton's farm.

## 10. Close: 3.00 PM

Date of next meeting will be Monday, 6 December 2021, 1-3pm. Meeting ZOOM only.