

Your Huguenot Society of Australia Committee, 2025-26

	<p>President – Dr Marcia Cameron MA, Dip. Ed., PhD Marcia is a Huguenot descendant of the Bosanquet family who came from Languedoc in the south of France. They fled to London in 1685. A former English and History teacher, she is the author of seven published books on history and biography. Her interests include reading, theology, the theatre, watercolour painting, and gardening. She now lives in Orange NSW and she and her husband Neil have four children and eight grandchildren.</p>
	<p>Vice-President – The Ven. Dr Geoff Huard Born and educated in England and America, Geoff was trained and ordained as an Anglican Church minister. Arriving in Sydney in 1976, he and his Australian wife and two young children worked in South Sydney for 13 years. After 20 years as an Archdeacon and 10 years as the Minister in Bankstown, Geoff and Cathy now live in retirement in the northern suburbs of Wollongong. They have four children, twelve grandchildren and recently their first great grandson. Interest in his Huguenot background was sparked by the Huguenot Society.</p>
	<p>Secretary – Robert Nash Born in London and educated at Oxford and Cambridge universities, Robert is descended from Huguenot weavers from Sedan (Ardennes) who settled in Spitalfields and Bethnal Green. He migrated to Australia in 1991 and in 2001 was one of the founder members of the Huguenot Society of Australia, becoming its Secretary and Editor. He edited and partly wrote the society's two books on Australian Huguenot descendants. He has written many articles and frequently lectures to various groups. His latest project was <i>A Directory of Huguenot Refugees on the Channel Islands, 1548-1825</i>, which was published as volume 63 of the Quarto Series.</p>
	<p>Treasurer – David Milling t.b.a.</p>
	<p>Membership Secretary – Dennis Dyer Born in Sydney and educated at Normanhurst Boys' High School and Sydney University, Dennis was first employed as a geologist on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. As a student, one of his heroes was author, historian, archivist, and French Academy member André Chamson, a leading 20th century Huguenot. He also developed life-long interests in geology, science, 20th century Huguenot history, politics, railways, tramways, trolley buses and pythons. Some of these have unexpected links, e.g. French railways and TGVs with areas of significant former Huguenot population. Now retired from geology lecturing, Dennis spends his time in Canberra rowing, reading and caring for his Bredli pythons. Active HSA membership ensures Dennis remains enthusiastic for Huguenot and associated history research.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Kevin Haley t.b.a.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Neil Renaud Neil is a retired TAFE college librarian, with a prior career as a high school teacher of History/English. He has had a lifelong interest in history, and since 2010/11 family history, discovering a previously unknown Huguenot ancestry (<i>Renaud</i>) originating in the Perche-Gouet and Beauce regions of France, and subsequently moving to Germany (early 1700s) then eventually Australia (1884). Neil has a wife and two boys, and in November 2025 is to become a second-time grandfather. Other interests: tennis administration (1974-2019) and playing, Colo Shire Family History Group Secretary, and Friends of Belmont House Secretary. Neil has produced two publications and many articles.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Judith Staveley Judith is a retired Special Education teacher. From childhood, she cherished her maternal grandmother's stories of her Barnier protestant French ancestry and later investigated this Huguenot background more seriously. Judith was one of the six people who met over twenty years ago to discuss forming a study group to learn more about Huguenot heritage; the following year the HSA was founded. Judith, along with husband John, took part in several Huguenot tours of France. She was particularly thrilled with Dieulefit in the Rhone Alps, the village of her Barnier forebears, and the starting point for the route known as the Way of the Huguenots. Judith was HSA Vice President for seventeen years and is a committed Anglican and member of the Pymble parish of St Swithun's.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Sarah Staveley Born/educated in Sydney, Sarah holds a Bachelor of Economics (Sydney University), a Fellowship of the Australian Institute, an Advanced Diploma of Food and Wine from Leith's, London and a Diploma of Visual Arts from the Australian School of Colour & Design. Through her mother, committee member Judith, she is a descendant of the Barnier family of Huguenots, originally from Dieulefit in the Rhone Alps. Her first book, <i>A Consequence of Cake</i> (published 2022), examined class, cake and the course of justice in 1740s England. She works in the finance industry but also takes on research assignments. She lives in Lilyfield with her husband, documentary film maker Peter Butt.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Pamela Summers Pamela has Huguenot forebears with the family names of Cordon, Riviere, Bachelier, and de Verdun. She is retired after a career in the Commonwealth Public Service including two overseas postings to the UK and the USA and five years as a Tribunal member on the Migration and Refugee Review Tribunals. Married with two children and two grandchildren, she enjoys travel and singing in several choirs.</p>
	<p>Committee member – Libby Wilson t.b.a.</p>