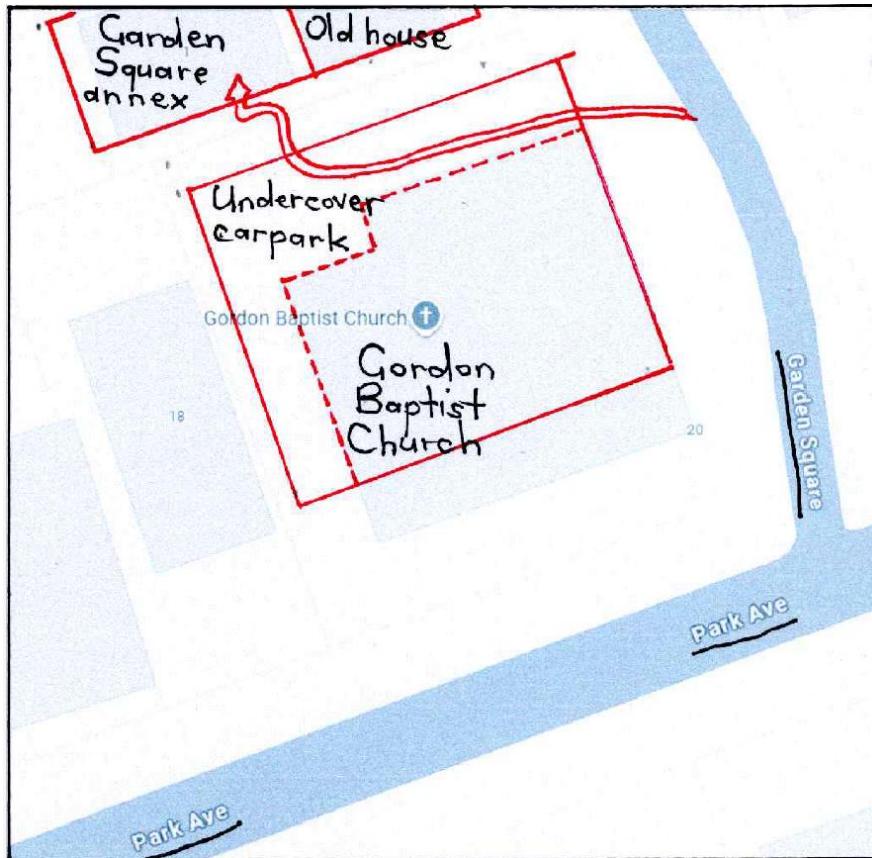


## **Slight Change of Venue for February Meeting/Presentation**

Our regular Sydney meeting/presentation venue, Gordon Baptist Church hall, will no longer be available to us. GBC has offered us use of their Garden Square annex instead. We will be using this for our February meeting/presentation, and will assess whether it is suitable as a permanent replacement venue. The venue is:

### **Gordon Baptist Church – Garden Square annex (entrance from Garden Square, off Park Avenue, Gordon)**

This is a smaller building on the northern side of the main church. See you there!



## **Vale Neil Cameron**

A wonderful service of thanksgiving for Dr Neil Cameron, husband of our President Marcia, was held at the Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Sydney on Tuesday 13 January 2026. In excess of 200 people were present. Neil had passed away on Thursday 4 December 2025. The various eulogies presented a wonderful tribute to the life and work of Dr Cameron. Quite a number of our HSA members were there.

Neil was an active member of the Huguenot Society of Australia for more than twenty years, having been a member since 2003. He was a keen church organist and played at many of our annual Huguenot heritage church services. He has given talks at meetings about musical and associated hymnal issues. Neil was a well-known Sydney solicitor and a member of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia continuously from 1973 to 2014. He served on the Synod Standing Committee, including contributing his expertise on the Church Law Commission during the period when the Canons of 1603 were revised for Australian use.

## Next Event/Presentation ...

*They saw it in Brisbane, Windsor, Fairy Meadow, and Hobart. Now it comes to Gordon.*

**Presented by the Huguenot Society of Australia ...**

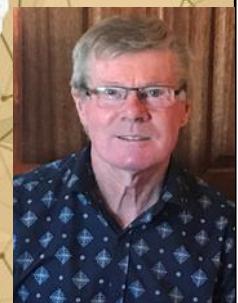
Presentation no. 1 of our “back to basics” year:

# **Revealing the Huguenots**

**Their History, Their Diaspora, Their Descendants, and My Own Discoveries**

**Neil Renaud**

**14 February 2026**



**Presented by Neil Renaud (Committee member, HSA)**

**Saturday 14 February 2026, starting at 2.00pm**

**Gordon Baptist Church – Garden Square annex  
(entrance from Garden Square, off Park Avenue, Gordon)  
(near Gordon railway station. Parking available)**

**All welcome. Free for HSA members. Non-members \$10 entry**

**Afternoon tea will be served**

**More information: Robert Nash (Secretary)  
[ozhug85@gmail.com](mailto:ozhug85@gmail.com)**



## **More Huguenot Presentations**

Apart from presentations delivered at our Huguenot Society of Australia meetings, there were a number of other recent opportunities to hear about the Huguenots. Here are a couple of events recently held:

8 October 2025 (5.30pm): Pamela Summers – ***The Huguenots and the French Reformation*** (for Moore Theological College – at the Donald Robinson Library, 1 King Street, Newtown NSW. In person and online.). This was an excellent presentation, and the videorecording is in the members only section of this website.

13 October 2025 (10.00am): Neil Renaud - ***The Huguenots and the Huguenot Background of Jacob Bellett*** (for the Garth and Bellett Family Gathering/Reunion – at The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay, Hobart). The text and slides from the second part of this presentation will soon be placed in the members only section of this website.

(Jacob Bellett was a silk weaver and Huguenot descendant, one of at least three Huguenot descendants on the First Fleet. He was almost certainly descended from Thomas Bellet and Judith Le Sauvage from Normandy, who arrived in London in 1687. Jacob, as a nineteen-year-old, was sentenced to seven years' transportation for stealing lining silk, unwound thread and wound silk.)

(information from *Jacob Bellett of Tasmania*, by Robert Nash, in: *The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*, edited by Robert Nash (2009), pp 53-54)

## **Back to Basics in 2026**

The HSA Committee has declared 2026 our “back to basics” year, whereby our presentations will focus on the historical origins and basics of the Huguenot story. We’ll take you way back in time, to help reinforce our knowledge of who the Huguenots really were, and why we remember them. Below is our New South Wales (Sydney) program for 2026.

### **NSW CHAPTER PROGRAM FOR 2026**



Meetings take place at Gordon Baptist Church – Garden Square annex, Garden Square/Park Ave, Gordon commencing at 2pm (*venue to be confirmed for 2026*). All welcome. Free for members (visitors \$10).

Note: members are able to attend any Chapter meeting in any state. For 2026 meetings of the Victorian and Queensland Chapters, see “Activities 2026” <https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/our-society/activities/>

Saturday 14 February 2026      'REVEALING THE HUGUENOTS'  
Speaker: Neil Renaud

Friday 10 April 2026      EDICT OF NANTES LUNCH 12.30PM  
Restaurant venue to be confirmed.

Saturday 16 May 2026      AGM and 'LOUIS XIV OF FRANCE'  
Speaker: Dr Matthew Glozier

Sunday 28 June 2026      HUGUENOT HERITAGE CHURCH  
SERVICE, St Swithun's Anglican  
Church, Pymble at 2pm

Saturday 15 August 2026      'THE HUGUENOT GALLEY SLAVES:  
MARTYRS FOR THEIR FAITH'  
Speaker: Robert Nash

Thursday 10 Sept 2026      SPRING PICNIC  
Venue to be confirmed

Saturday 14 November 2026      'HUGUENOTS OF THE DRÔME'  
Speaker: Judith Staveley

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## Become a Member (or Renew Your Membership) for 2026

Why not become a Huguenot Society of Australia member for 2026? And why wouldn't you renew your 2025 membership? Form and list of benefits are below.



**HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
(Incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009)  
ABN 53 001 599 283  
Membership Secretary, Huguenot Society of Australia,  
PO Box 6831, CHARNWOOD,  
CANBERRA, ACT, 2615.  
<https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au>

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| Joint Member Details      |  |
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| Email & Reminder Options  |  |
| Bank Deposit Reference    |  |
| Pay-Pal Invoice sent      |  |

### Membership Application / Renewal

(Please print clearly)

Surname (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr etc.): .....

Preferred given name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb/Town: ..... State/Country: ..... Post code: .....

Telephone (home): ..... Mobile: .....

Email (please use correct upper/lower case): .....

How do you want your *Huguenot Times* delivered? Email (default)  Posted (on request)

Do you want your details & research names on the research list sent to members? Yes  No

Please include: Postal address only  Email only  Both email and postal address

#### Member's Research Names

| Surname | Region of France | Surname | Region of France |
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Joint Member (second person living at same address, only one copy of *Huguenot Times* is delivered)

Surname (Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr etc.): .....

Preferred given name: ..... Mobile: .....

Email address (please use correct upper/lower case): .....

#### Joint Member's Research Names

| Surname | Surname | Surname | Surname |
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**Annual Membership: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December** If joining on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September, fee includes following year's membership. **Membership fee: \$50      Joint Membership fee: \$65**

Payment Options (please indicate method of payment)

Annual Membership fee: \$50  Annual Joint Membership fee: \$65

Optional Donation  Amount \$.....

Optional Donation towards Refugee Support ... Amount \$.....

Cheque payable to *Huguenot Society of Australia*

Australian Money Order payable to *Huguenot Society of Australia*

Bank transfer to *Huguenot Society of Australia*. Account No: 300 022 491 BSB: 659-000   
(Please put your surname on the transfer transaction)

Overseas payments may be made via Pay-Pal.

Date: ..... Member's Signature: ..... Joint Member's Signature: .....

All enquires to Membership Secretary [dennisddyer@bigpond.com](mailto:dennisddyer@bigpond.com)

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

(as at 11 November 2025)

- Free entry to all meetings/presentations (including those of state chapters), including afternoon tea
- Receipt via email of a link to view any live online access provided for meetings/presentations
- Receipt of the Society's biannual newsletter *Huguenot Times* via email or post
- Access, via password, to the "members only" area of the website, containing research resources and recordings of past presentations
- Free research assistance and access to the Society's library (by arrangement), for historical/genealogical research relating to Huguenots
- Receipt via email of the Royal Australian Historical Society's *eNewsletter*
- Receipt via email of notifications (e.g. flyers) of upcoming events
- Invitations to social occasions such as lunches and picnics
- Entitlement to vote at general meetings, including the annual general meeting
- Entitlement to stand for election to, and be a member of, the Society's committee
- Opportunity to contribute to the Society's annual fundraising, supporting the SSI refugee educational scholarship program.