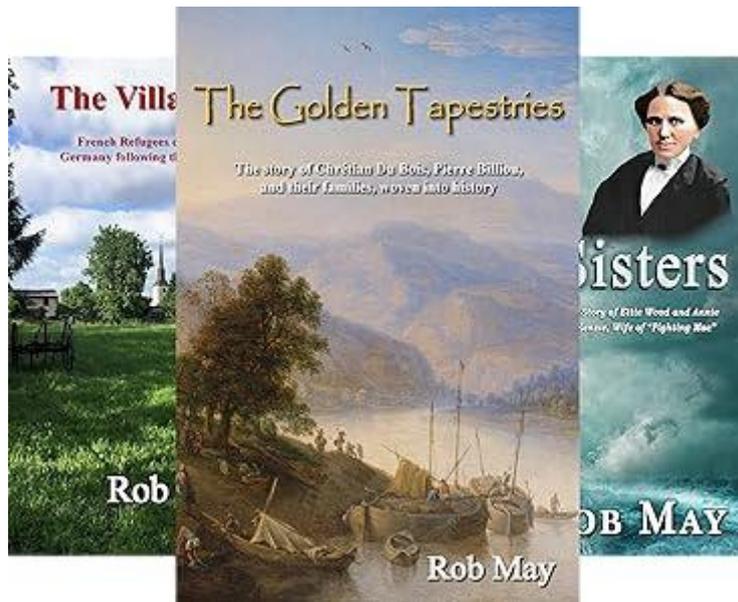


## New Book – The Golden Tapestries



Our HSA member Rob May has written a new book about his Huguenot family. It is a prequel to his previous two books and is called ***The Golden Tapestries***. It becomes book 1 of his *The Golden Thread* series [the other two being *The Village Light* (book 2) and *The Two Sisters* (book 3)].

The new book has much Huguenot content and is a biographical historical novel following the remarkable lives of several of Rob's ancestors – stories of imprisonment, migration, faith and endurance, from France to Germany and Holland, and ultimately the New World (America).

It (and the previous two books) is available in paperback or as an e-book (Kindle) from the following two websites:

<https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0GHXQ2J57>

<https://books2read.com/u/mZyRky>

- information from Neil Renaud (16/2/2026)

## Meeting/Presentation Held at New Venue



Our first meeting/presentation for 2026 was held at the Garden Square annex of Gordon Baptist Church (Sydney), and the new venue seemed to work well. Venues for the remainder of 2026 are to be confirmed. Neil's presentation ***Revealing the Huguenots*** was very well received. 33 people were present, as well as a couple on Zoom. The videorecording of the presentation is now on the "members only" section of this website. Below the recording is a copy of the handout ***Some Resources for Researching Huguenot Ancestry***, and the text of Richard Bedard's short talk on his Huguenot ancestors.

## **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**

Our annual Edict of Nantes Lunch will be held at La Bouitte French Bistro (197 High Street, North Willoughby NSW) at 12.00 noon on Friday 10 April 2026. Details of cost and how to book will be advised.

## **Next Meeting/Presentation**

This will be on Saturday 16 May 2026, venue to be confirmed. The presenter will be Dr Matthew Glozier, speaking on ***Louis XIV of France***. The Society's Annual General Meeting will also be held on that day.

## **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



The Huguenot  
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Australia

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/>

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| Saturday 14 February 2026 | ‘REVEALING THE HUGUENOTS’<br>Speaker: Neil Renaud <b>Held</b>                                      |
| Friday 10 April 2026      | EDICT OF NANTES LUNCH 12.00 noon<br>La Bouitte French Bistro, 197<br>High Street, North Willoughby |
| Saturday 16 May 2026      | AGM and ‘LOUIS XIV OF FRANCE’<br>Speaker: Dr Matthew Glozier                                       |
| Sunday 28 June 2026       | HUGUENOT HERITAGE CHURCH<br>SERVICE, St Swithun’s Anglican<br>Church, Pymble at 2pm                |
| Saturday 15 August 2026   | ‘THE HUGUENOT GALLEY SLAVES:<br>MARTYRS FOR THEIR FAITH’<br>Speaker: Robert Nash                   |
| Thursday 10 Sept 2026     | SPRING PICNIC<br>Venue to be confirmed   |
| Saturday 14 November 2026 | ‘HUGUENOTS OF THE DRÔME’<br>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.]  
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### 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

**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

**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.