


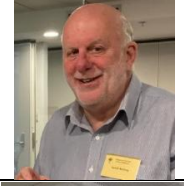


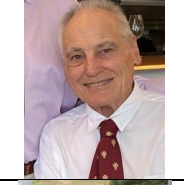





## Your Huguenot Society of Australia Committee, 2026-27

	<p><b>President – Pamela Summers BA (Hons), Dip. Ed.</b>  Pamela has Huguenot forebears with the family names of Cordon, Riviere, Bachelier, and Deverdun. 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. Pamela is a lay representative of her parish on the Anglican Church Sydney Diocese Synod. Married with two children and three grandchildren, she enjoys travel and singing in several choirs.</p>
	<p><b>Vice-President – The Ven. Dr Geoff Huard</b>  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><b>Secretary – Robert Nash</b>  Born in London and educated at Oxford and Cambridge universities, Robert is descended from Huguenot weavers from Sedan (Ardenne) 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><b>Treasurer – David Milling</b>  t.b.a.</p>
	<p><b>Membership Secretary – Dennis Dyer</b>  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 20<sup>th</sup> century Huguenot. He also developed life-long interests in geology, science, 20<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Committee member – Cathie Bartholomew</b>  Cathie's Huguenot ancestry comes through two families – Perdriau, originally from La Rochelle (France) and Martin, from Amiens (France). She trained in Early Childhood Education, teaching in Sydney then Canberra before becoming a Preschool Adviser for the Department of Youth and Community Services NSW. After her marriage to Iain, she moved to Newcastle and became Director of the Newcastle University Childcare Centre. Her husband's company moved them and their three children to Whyalla, back to Sydney, then Japan and Malaysia. She has been active in several organisations that assist women to settle into new communities and has an ongoing interest in family history and relationships. Travel and three young grandchildren keep her very busy.</p>
	<p><b>Committee member – Richard Bédard</b>  t.b.a.</p>
	<p><b>Committee member – Dr Marcia Cameron MA, Dip. Ed., PhD</b>  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 (now deceased) have four children and eight grandchildren.</p>
	<p><b>Committee member – Kevin Haley</b>  t.b.a.</p>
	<p><b>Committee member – Neil Renaud</b>  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>Renault</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 two grandchildren. Other interests: tennis administration (1974-2019) and currently still playing, Colo Shire Family History Group Secretary, and Friends of Belmont House Secretary. Neil has produced two publications and many articles and presentations.</p>



**Committee member – Libby Wilson**

Libby Wilson was born in Melbourne and educated at PLC and Melbourne University where she studied History, English, Geography and French. After retiring from secondary teaching, she travelled extensively and started researching her Huguenot ancestors: the Collot d'Escury, de la Vallette and de la Primaudaye families from Brittany and the Loire Valley and the Maret de la Rive family from Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val near Montauban. Libby has stayed in one of their small chateaux. She is a widow with five children and 22 grandchildren and has written the story of these ancestors for her family.