

Conference Notice No. 3: CYNTHIA FOLEY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Member Societies are welcome to advise of other societies to be considered for the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award. Submissions are to be forwarded to the Secretary of the NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies by Friday 12 July 2019

Cynthia Foley OAM was president of the NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies in 1994 and 1995. She completed an Associate Diploma in Local and Applied History and a Diploma of Family History. Cynthia received the Order of Australia, Federation Medal and Dubbo Citizen of the Year awards for her involvement in family research.

Cynthia was instrumental in founding the Dubbo and District Family History Society in 1983, retiring after being president for 33 years. She continues to have a passion for family history research and to encourage others to share this passion. As part of her drive to encourage others Cynthia introduced the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award to encourage genealogy groups to become more involved in the NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies to share information and link up with other groups in developing activities and membership in pursuit of family history research. Up to 2017 Cynthia funded the payment of the membership of the Award recipient. In recognition of Cynthia's long term commitment to family history research' the Association is continuing the Award and will fund the Encouragement Award into the future.

This Award is to encourage societies to become part of the NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies. Member Societies are welcome to advise of other societies or groups they consider would be appropriate to be added to the list to be assessed for this Encouragement Award.

The Criteria

- Cynthia Foley OAM will be given a list of non-member societies and she will decide from the list the society for whom she would nominate to be the recipient of this Encouragement Award.
- The Award Winner will have its membership for the first 12 months membership paid for by the Association.
- The selected society will need to complete a Membership Form (see Association website) and accept the payment for membership by the Association.

It is anticipated that following this initial encouragement the society will benefit from belonging to the Association and will continue their membership.

The recipient of this Award will be announced at the NSW ACT Association 2019 Annual Conference Dinner on Saturday 12 October 2019 at Knox College, Sydney.

Recipients of the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award in recent Years.

2018-2018	The Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre
2017-2018	Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group
2016-2017	Nepean Family History Society
2015-2016	Tamworth and Districts Family History Group
2014-2015	Bega Valley Genealogy Society
2013-2014	Lighting Ridge Historical Society
2012-2013	Parramatta Female Factory Friends and Action Group
2011-2012	The Friends of St Bartholomew's

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