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## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Recently I sent out information about Members' Interests on a couple of family history websites. Marion Kelso from Tweed Gold Coast Family History & Heritage Association emailed to say that they also have Members' Interests on their website. I think most family history societies do the same, so have a look at the list of members on the NSW & ACT Association website and check out our members' websites, you never know where you will find a connection.

## WARNING—CERTIFICATES

Use ONLY Registry of BDMs in each State of Australia or Registered Transcription Agents for your birth, death and marriage certificates. See the warning on the NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages. Warnings have been coming in from all directions and a number of people have been caught, especially those not familiar with purchasing certificates and those requiring their own birth certificate in a hurry for passports, etc.

For full details of the societies coming events please refer to the **What's On page on our Website.**

<http://www.nswactfhs.org/whatson.pdf>

**NSW-ACTION 25 placed on the website by:  
The Webmaster—Kay Radford**

# NSW-ACTION

President: Joy Vost Secretary: Jan Koperberg Treasurer: Heather Clarey

December 2011

No: 25

## November committee meeting

This year the committee scheduled an extra meeting, which was held on Sunday 13 November at the Botany Bay Family History Society Research Rooms at Caringbah.

There were no apologies and the new committee Member, Clive Smith, the Delegate from Port Macquarie & District Family History Society was formally welcomed.

Allan Murrin, the Conference Convenor for 2012 attended, as did Kerrie Gray the Conference Convenor for 2013, and Kerrie was formally welcomed.

Allan Murrin submitted a comprehensive report for 2012 and it has been condensed for this issue of NSWaction. Please read his report and the advertisement for Conference 2012. Log on to the conference website at [www.conference2012.org.au](http://www.conference2012.org.au) and check out the speakers, the accommodation, the YouTube video and the interviews conducted at the State Conference in Inverell in September 2011. Register for conference updates by e-newsletter.  
Jan Koperberg Editor

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## 2011 – Inverell District Family History Group Inc – Report

- We have had good feedback about the conference from many attendees
- There were a number of first time conference attendees who enjoyed themselves, some of whom have indicated they would come to future conferences
- The workshops were much better attended than we expected
- Preliminary financial figures indicate a good profit. Figures are not completely finalised yet
- The Audited Financial Statement should be ready for the February committee meeting
- We believe all the publicity did much to raise awareness of family history in our region

We thank everyone who supported the conference and wish Botany Bay well for 2012

Inverell also submitted the results of the Conference Survey. 68 forms were completed and returned out of 152. Another 32 Inverell District people are known to have attended the Friday Fair and did not participate in the survey. They were not conference registrants or members of IDFHG.

Ann Hodgens & Muriel Resta, Conference Convenors 2011

## 2012—Botany Bay Family History Society Inc—Progress Report



### ARE YOU BOUND FOR BOTANY BAY?

CONFERENCE 2012 – 14-16 September 2012

As the 2011 State Conference at Inverell came to the close, the call went out to conference 2012. It started with a Fanfare, an issue of a charge where all in attendance were presented with a scrolled sentence along with a ball and chain. The charge to assemble in 2012 concluded with a sing-a-long to “We are Bound for Botany Bay”

#### PUBLICITY

The website was launched in Inverell at the 2011 Conference. Since then we have posted a link from the website to “Conference Interviews” which were filmed at the Inverell conference. The link to these interviews is on our home page.

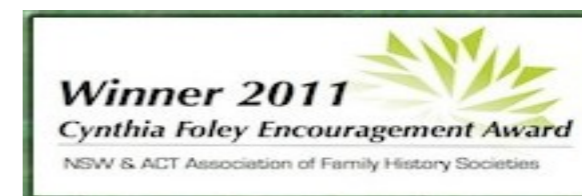
This segment features a number of attendees who had been to several conferences and some who had attended their first conference.

## CATCHY SIGN FOR PROMOTIONAL WORK

Eve Chappell from Glen Innes & District Historical Society had requested that the Association design a “catchy” sign that could be used in promotional work. The native flowers for NSW & ACT were suggested, by a committee member, that is the Waratah for NSW and the Royal BlueBell for ACT. Heather Clarey (Botany Bay) picked up the idea and designed a flyer in Word, that can be used by any society, to add their own details. In addition she designed another flyer, with the NSW & ACT logo, also in Word. I will email these flyers out to you in the New Year.

## AWARD LOGOS FOR WINNERS

Pat Fearnley, the Botany Bay Webmaster has designed logos for the Dorothy Fellowes Website Award and for the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award. These are small logos for placement on the winning society’s website.



Many thanks to Pat Fearnley for her contribution. It is appreciated!

## ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Kay Radford continues to be our Webmaster and Public Officer and we thank Kay for her help and continued support.

## CONFERENCE GUIDELINES & OBJECTS, RULES & GUIDELINES

The committee is currently updating the Conference Guidelines and the Objects, Rules & Guidelines for the Association. Suggested amendments will be discussed at the February committee meeting.

## SOUTHERN REGIONS FAMILY HISTORY & HISTORICAL SOCIETIES FORUM

Heather Clarey, Botany Bay, has organised a Forum, similar to the Family History and Historical Societies Forum, organized by the Holroyd Family Research Group for the Western societies and organisations. The first Forum is to be held in the Southern Region on Saturday 10 December 2011 at 2.00 pm at the Botany Bay Family History Society Research Rooms.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MURIEL RESTA

Congratulations to Muriel Resta, Secretary, Inverell District Family History Group, Delegate for the Northern Region of the Association and Vice President of the Association on receiving Life Membership of the Inverell District Family History Group, at their recent AGM.

## AFFHO REPORT CONT...

November when the Early Bird Registration period comes to an end on 30 November.

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### Speakers

13 from overseas, and 20 from Australia, 33 presenting 71 papers

The webmaster, Peter Applebee submitted an extensive report on the hits on the AFFHO website. Depreciation and copyright are still the highest words that generate a hit to the AFFHO site via Google etc. Peter has now put a box at the bottom of the page with depreciation and copyright information with a contact back to the members' list.

Peter Applebee brought up the issue that his presence at our State conference was the first time an AFFHO rep had attended. He suggested that an AFFHO representative should attend future conferences of NSW & ACT Association.

It has been passed on to Lesle Berry that it has been suggested that the blank area on the NFHW flyer should be on the front of the flyer and the paper should be matt so that the local societies can print details of their event or society.

Maurice Appleyard, Tasmanian Councillor advised that the Hobart Office of the NAA was joint sharing with the State Library. It was also stated that services of the NAA had diminished in South Australia.

Next council meeting 14 Feb 2012 on Skype.

Heather Clarey  
NSW State Association Representative



## INSURANCE—BUILDING AND/OR CONTENTS

The committee is still looking into the possibility of blanket insurance cover for members for building and/or contents. Doug Thomas (Wyang Family History Group) has made requests for quotes from a couple of insurance companies and will report back to the committee in February. Muriel Resta mentioned that the RAHS may be considering blanket cover for building and/or contents for its affiliated members, similar to the insurance program put in place by Marie Rezke for Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance.

## 2012—Botany Bay Report—cont...

On our website you can register your Expression of Interest. We now have 178 Expressions of Interest. When you register online you will receive an email if you did not receive a confirmation email, we suggest you register again.

We have a Facebook page. Some good traffic is coming through this page. At the end of October we posted a comment about the NSW State Records Open Day. 215 have read that comment. This week we posted a comment on Speakers and in three days 135 had read the comment.

### SPEAKERS

We have 8 confirmed speakers and their profiles are listed on the website.

The speakers to date are:

Kerry Farmer, Pat Fearnley, Ian Heads, Trish Levido, Carol Liston, Brad Manera, Lisa Murray and Carole Riley.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The programme will be finalized once all our speakers are confirmed.

We will be holding a Family History Expo from 10am on Friday 14 September with a variety of workshops.

Our website also has a list of places to visit while in Sydney.

Allan Murrin, 2012 Conference Convenor

## 2013—The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc

The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC) is looking forward to hosting the 2013 Annual State Conference and has an organising team in place. They have decided on a theme for the conference – *From Limestone Plains to Marble Halls* – and will soon have a venue confirmed. Many of our wonderful national institutions have already agreed to be a part of the Conference. In 2013 Canberra will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Queanbeyan will be celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup>. The conference itself will be held on the weekend immediately preceding Canberra's wonderful Floriade. It will certainly be worth making the journey to Canberra for this event.

Kerrie Gray, 2013 Conference Convenor



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Australasian Federation of Family History Societies Inc. Report to the Committee 13 November 2011

8 November 2011

The AAFHO council meeting was held via Skype. There had been a trial run the week before. Just to explain how it works, all the symbols/photographs are there of those online. There is a line around each photo and it flashes when the person is speaking. Eleven people attended with only two apologies. The NZ councillor Fiona Brooker was online but then later in the meeting she could not be heard and so she typed her comments or questions. It will save over \$1000 a year to use Skype instead of teleconference.

The President reported that the plaque, certificates and cheques for the Nick Vine Hall Award have been distributed and photographs of some of these presentations have or will appear in *Newsflash*. He was grateful for Peter Applebee for presenting the plaque to the Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society at the recent NSW & ACT Assoc State Conference at Inverell.

Sponsorship funds for the National Family History Week have been finalised and the honorarium to Lesle Berry, Coordinator of the NFHW, has been sent.

Alfred James has assumed the role of Secretary of the Federation and now receives all mail, both postal and electronic.

Kerrie Gray is updating the Guidelines for Congresses

Nick Vine Hall Award – concern was raised after the last round of the Award, of the small number of entries (and none in Category B – for societies with greater than 500 members), as to whether the categories should be further refined, perhaps into three tiers, as there is a significant discrepancy between a society with 520 members and 2000+ members. There was some discussion about this so I said I would supply the numbers of members of societies who are members of the association.

**AFFHO Congress 2012**

Dr John Banner, the past SA Premier and now Chair of NAA Committee will be opening the congress.

Congress registration is now available on-line via the Congress website, [www.congress2012.org.au](http://www.congress2012.org.au)

**Fees**

Early Bird Full Registration (last day 30 Nov 2011)	\$450
Full Registration	\$495
Day Registration (Early Bird/Full)	\$112.50/\$145
Congress Reception	\$30
Congress Dinner	\$90
Congress Proceedings	\$30

**Congress Tours**

Pre-Congress Tour – SA Record Repositories	\$70
½ Day Adelaide Cemeteries	\$42
Barossa Valley	\$95
Southern Vales	\$75

To date we have received approximately 50 registrations, though the bulk is expected just prior to the 30<sup>th</sup>