

National Family History Week
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The Dorothy Fellowes Website Award

Please remember to send your entries for the Dorothy Fellowes Website Award to the Secretary by the end of May 2012. I still have to check with Brad Argent from Ancestry Australia and Peter Applebee from AFFHO to make sure they are still happy to judge this Award.

The Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award

The current criteria for the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award is for new member societies who have joined after the AGM one year and before the AGM the next year, to go into a random draw, to be conducted at the Dubbo & District Family History Society. The society drawn is the society who receives a refund of their membership for the first year, from Cynthia Foley.

The new criteria for 2013 will be for a list of non-member societies to be sent to Cynthia Foley and for Cynthia to decide from the list, the society for whom she would like to pay membership for the first year. Of course the society selected will need to fill out a New Membership form and accept the payment of membership. Hopefully they will see the benefit of belonging to the Association and will continue their membership for years to come.

BALMAIN HOSPITAL

Balmain Hospital celebrated its 125th Anniversary in August 2010. Part of the celebrations included the establishment of a display of memorabilia from the Hospital's rich past, including medical equipment and annual reports dating from 1883 to the present day and a written narrative of the hospital's development since its inception. Display open second Wednesday of each month from 12pm until 2pm with a Hospital Volunteer present to answer any queries. Contact by email alison.trotter@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or by phone 02 9395 2007.

WHAT'S ON

Don't forget the RAHS New England & North West Affiliated Societies 2012 Regional Conference to be held at Glen Innes, 17—18 March. The theme is "Tethered to the World" Contact Eve Chappell at research@auzzie.net or phone 02 6732 1035.

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>

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NSW-ACTION

February 2012

No: 26

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

February committee meeting

The February committee meeting was held on Sunday 12 February 2012 at the Botany Bay Family History Society Research Rooms at Caringbah.

The committee members and Allan Murrin, the Conference Convenor for the 2012 State Conference were welcomed by the President, Joy Vost.

There was an apology from Kerrie Gray, the Conference Convenor from The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc for the 2013 State Conference.

Both Allan Murrin and Kerrie Gray submitted progress reports and there are summaries in this issue of NSWaction.

Don't forget to log on to the 2012 conference website at 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

The Inverell District Family History Group Inc submitted their final report at the November meeting, but submitted their Conference Financial Report to the committee at the February meeting. They have paid 10% of the conference profit to the Association in the way of two cheques, \$1815.10 and \$131.30 for the Association Travel Fund. The Association thanked Inverell District Family History Group for this contribution, following a successful conference.

Ann Hodgens & Muriel Resta, Conference Convenors 2011

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ARE YOU BOUND FOR BOTANY BAY?

CONFERENCE 2012 – 14-16 September 2012

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Botany Bay is still receiving expressions of interest at the rate of at least 5 a week. The first newsletter went to all expressions of interest in December. 12 bounced due to wrong emails. About 27% of those registered had not opened the eNewsletter. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE GIVEN

BOTANY BAY YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS. Register <http://www.conference2012.org.au/>

SPEAKERS

All speaker time slots have been filled—check out the website link above. Times, etc are now being confirmed with speakers and once completed Botany Bay can go ahead with registration.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Hopefully will be ready for distribution by March. The cost of registration will be \$155 and early bird \$130 before 15 July 2012. Registration will close 24 August 2012. Exhibits booking will close 15 July 2012. BOOK YOUR TRADE TABLE/S.

At the Friday evening social we will be offering Fork Food instead of Finger Food. Also a Sunday Lunch for those who are staying on.

The Saturday Formal Dinner will be \$45.00. Workshops will be \$5 each session.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The following announcement will be made at each session, as well as in the Programme Information Book:

STATE RECORDS CLOSING IN GLOBE STREET SYDNEY cont....

Making a request to borrow material

They will accept an ARK Loan Service request form by mail, fax or email. Requests need to include the record series number and title/description, reel number or fiche number of the items requested. These details are available from the Guide to Using the Archives Resources Kit.

The ARK Loan Service request form is available on the State Records of NSW website.

Services and charges, Conditions, Payment methods etc can also be accessed on the website.

UPDATING OBJECTS & RULES AND GUIDELINES

It was decided it was necessary to update the Objects & Rules and Guidelines, before starting on the Conference Requirements and Guidelines. Secretary to send suggested amendments to the committee at regular intervals, perhaps a paragraph or section at a time.

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS AND THE MODEL WORK HEALTH & SAFETY ACT

We have been in touch with Safe Work Australia and Work, Health & Safety NSW and ACT and they advise that Volunteer Associations without paid workers are not subject to the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (WHS Act) because it is not a 'person conducting a business or undertaking' (PCBU—the new term that includes employers).

Status of volunteers

Volunteers carrying out work for a volunteer association that does not employ any paid workers are excluded from the definition of 'workers'. This is because they are not working for a PCBU.

Status of volunteer officers

Volunteer officers of associations (including unincorporated associations) that do not employ any paid workers do not have the duties of an 'officer' under the WHS Act.

For example, a volunteer officer who is the treasurer for a volunteer association/society would not have officer duties under the WHS Act because the association/society is not a PCBU.

Benefits of safe and healthy work for volunteers

Though not a legal requirement, when volunteer associations that are not PCBUs adopt the WHS legislation as their standard for health and safety, the volunteer association benefits by:

- Knowing the health and safety of their volunteers are protected
- Retaining their volunteers which avoids recruiting and training new people

In printing the information above, I acknowledge Safe Work Australia and Work Health Safety NSW & ACT. Safe Work Australia is currently working with Volunteering Australia to develop further practical resources for volunteers about the new WHS laws. There are some Fact Sheets currently available at <http://safeworkaustralia.gov.au/Legislation/volunteers/Pages/Volunteers.aspx> Or you can phone the Volunteer Assistance Line on 02 6240 4990.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA



The National Archives Forum is due to be held on Wednesday 7 March 2012 and a report will be made available to the May 2012 Association committee meeting.

Remember that Saturday 31 March is the NAA Annual **"Shake Your Family Tree Day"** to be held at the Sydney facility, 120 Miller Road, Chester Hill. Telephone No 02 9645 0110.

INSURANCE—BUILDING AND/OR CONTENTS

Most societies will be in receipt of a request for expressions of interest for Contents Insurance from the RAHS in a number of recent newsletters. Please take advantage and fill in the form. You are under no obligation.

Doug Thomas a Central Region Delegate has been working since last year on documents relating to Building and/or Contents Insurance, for which he was thanked at the last committee meeting. Doug has been requested to fine tune his documents for circulation to our members. You will receive these papers in due course.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVE CHAPPELL

Eve Chappell of Glen Innes & District Historical Society was awarded an OAM on Australia Day for encouraging family history research and history in general. Inverell District Family History Group are proud to count Eve as one of their members.

STATE RECORDS CLOSING IN GLOBE STREET SYDNEY

The State Records facility at Globe Street in Sydney is closing its doors on 30 June 2012.

The Archives Resources Kit Loan Service

State Records is making the individual items that make up the ARK available for loan to NSW country libraries that are not Community Access Points. (There is a map on the State Records website showing the Community Access Points.

The Archives Resource Kit

The ARK consists of microform copies of our most popular and heavily used colonial records. Containing over 1565 items (962 fiche and 604 reels) the ARK has been distributed to 40 Community Access Points across New South Wales.

Archives in Brief 39 provides a list of material contained in the ARK. The Guide to Using the Archives Resources Kit contains more detailed information.

2012—Botany Bay Report—cont...

"Mobile phones and Electronic Devices

In order to reduce distraction, please turn off or silence your mobile phone and all other devices during sessions"

AGM will be at 4.00 pm on Saturday 15 September 2012 in the Bass & Flinders Room at Tradies.

FRIDAY WORKSHOP

At the Friday Expo the Botany Bay Family History Society will hold three workshops. The timing will be:

11 am	to	12 noon
12.30pm	to	1.30 pm
3.00 pm	to	4.00 pm

The fee to attend these workshops will be \$5 a session.

Allan Murrin, 2012 Conference Convenor

2013—The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc

The venue has been booked and confirmed. It will be held at the Hellenic Club. This venue is a very pleasant, large club and all events including the NSW & ACT Meeting and the Conference Dinner will be in the one place. There is good quality, reasonably priced accommodation nearby and plenty of parking.

From now until Conference 2012 we will be in planning and preparation mode and look forward to launching our Conference at the conclusion of the Botany Bay 2012 Conference .

Kerrie Gray, 2013 Conference Convenor

NSW & ACT Free Friday Forum

The Association will be holding a free FORUM on Friday 14 September, in between the Botany Bay workshops. The Forum is scheduled to run from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. The committee thought it was a good idea to have a Forum on the Friday to facilitate feedback and input from member societies. Your librarians and executive members are encouraged to attend, but all members of societies are welcome. The Forum will open with discussion on e-Newsletters—the benefits, any problems, etc. Kay Radford will speak first to the Forum, regarding the Central Coast Family History Society experience. Then other societies will be invited to give their feedback, up until 2.15 pm. The Forum will then be open to other topics of discussion for the next 45 minutes, closing at 3.00 pm. This will give societies the opportunity to discuss matters of concern, to make enquiries or to give information and will reduce the time taken on this type of discussion at the AGM.



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- Australasian Federation of Family History Societies Inc.— Report to the Committee 12 February 2012. Heather Clarey reported that there had been no AFFHO meeting since November. She was due to attend a meeting on Tuesday 14 February 2012 and will have a report to present to the meeting in May 2012.
- Heather Clarey has been nominated for the 2012/13 Council and nomination form was signed and returned to AFFHO.



- A call was sent out, hence the recent Tweentime, for brochures/flyers from societies to place on the NSW & ACT Association stand at the AFFHO Congress in Adelaide 28—31 March 2012. Please post a small bundle of brochures/flyers (Heather has to carry them) to: Heather Clarey, PO Box 2790, Taren Point, 2229 by 14 March 2012, at the very latest, to make sure Heather receives them in good time.
- AFFHO Council is **seeking nominations from an individual member society or a consortium of member societies** to host the 2018 Congress. Their letter was sent to all their members, and it is up to individual groups to reply directly to AFFHO.

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