



NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter for August 2024

Message from the President

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Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

It is only a few weeks until our 39th State Conference and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Forum. The Conference will be held via Zoom, with the AGM at the end. Details in Upcoming Family History

Events below.

It has been great to see so many family history and historical societies donate prizes for our raffle. We have over fifty-five raffle prizes so don't forget to pay for tickets when you book for the Conference. All the speakers are members of the committee with great experiences and expertise in family history.

Recently, Museums of History NSW (State Archives) requested family history societies to assist with the transcription of the Small Debt Registers of which there are over three hundred volumes. I am excited to say that some societies put their hands up to assist with this project. If anyone else is interested in transcribing some books, just contact Martyn Killion Museums of History NSW – Martyn.Killion@records.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Best Wishes to all our members,

Gail.

August Management Committee Meeting

This was held on Sunday 19th May 2024 via Zoom. Seven committee members were present. Some important points from that meeting were:

6. Treasurers Report:

6.4 - New Members – welcome to our new member societies - Tamworth & District Family History Group Inc; Helensburgh & District Historical Society Inc; Cornish Association of New South Wales.

7. Conference Report

7.1- The State Conference will be held as a virtual, mini conference on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Theme: "Dig deeper in 24". <https://digdeeper24.org/>

Presenters:

Session 1 – 10:00 – Clive Smith. **Topic: – Dig Deeper into the Colonial Secretary's Records on Ancestry**

Session 2 – 11:00 – Andrew Redfern. **Topic: – AI and Family History**

Session 3 – 13:15 – Nick Reddan. **Topic: – The Registry of Deeds Dublin and Family History**

Session 4 – 14:15 – Ruth Graham. **Topic: – A framework for multidimensional family history research**

Session 5 – 15:15 – **Closing Question and Answer Session**

End of conference 15:45

15:45 – Annual General Meeting followed by a Forum

Registrations are via the TryBooking site on the Association website <https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/conference> with the choice of individual or society/institutional participants. The cost is: \$10 – individual and \$50 – per society/institution. <https://digdeeper24.org/booking.php>
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1183571>

An online raffle is also available via the Try Booking site mentioned above.

The AGM and Forum will be held after the conference concludes at 1545.

Further information, booking and raffle ticket purchases can be found on our webpage - <https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/conference>

We received from My Heritage a special discount for the conference whereby registrants received a 50% discount on an annual subscription. Thanks to those who availed themselves of this offer. We hope you have had some research successes.

There are eight entries for the Dorothy Fellowes Website Awards. Winners will be notified at the Conference.

7.2 - 2025 Conference – Initial Overview by Judy Bull

The Illawarra Family History Group has offered to host our 40th State Conference on 12th – 14th September 2025 at the Fraternity Club in Wollongong. This will be ratified at the AGM. The theme will be "They Came from Where?" More information in upcoming newsletters.

8. Other Reports:

8.1 - Australian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO)

The next Congress will be held on 21st – 23rd March 2025 in Brisbane, Queensland. Early bird Registration closes on 30th November 2024. Accommodation at the venue is limited, so book early mentioning you are attending the conference for their special rate. Please refer to Upcoming Family History Events below for more details.

8.2 - National Archives Report – World War Two Military dossiers are now digitalised and available on the National Archives website.

8.3 - Website Report – Please encourage your society to add their events, book launches or presentations as this is a free service and has a wide reach.

9. General Business

9.2 – Conference Guidelines (2025) Update – these are currently being updated by Wyong after they hosted the last hybrid conference. These will then be available for members.

9.3 – NSW & ACT Zoom Groups – Tech Support Group - Always well attended – a very enthusiastic group keen to share knowledge & assist one another. **Social Group** – A topic provided for each meeting. Minimal attendance and may need to consider holding them less frequently or cancelling, as many societies are now holding this type of group. **Office Bearers Network** – well attended.

9.4 – AGM and Forum – Please do not forget to forward to our secretary your 2024/5 society nominations. Please also email the Secretary any Topics you would like to raise at the Forum or be added to the Agenda of the AGM.

Upcoming Family History Events in 2024 and 2025 and Other Information

Conferences:

39th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. “Dig Deeper in 24”.

Conference Organisers: Management Committee NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.

Date: 14th September 2024.

Venue: on Zoom at home or in your society.

Details: NSW & ACT AFHS Inc, Members Group Private – please answer the three questions and the Association website <https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/conference>

Forum and AGM will be held that afternoon too at 1545.

Individual Registration: \$10

Society/Institution: \$50

Raffle Ticket sales close on 7th September 2024.



Conference Organisers: Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

Date : 21 – 23 March 2025 (Conference); Tours 24th March 2025

Venue: Brisbane Technology Park, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, Qld

Details: <https://www.connections2025.org.au/>

Registration : Early Bird \$395 – 3 days - Available until 30 Nov 2024. After this date: Three Day Conference \$515; One Day Conference \$260.

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- ❖ **Tech Support Group Meetings:** held on the **second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm – 9 pm on Zoom.** Future Topics will be advertised on our private FB Page.
11th September 2024 – Topic TBA
- ❖ **Office Bearers Networking Group:** held on the **fourth Wednesday of every second month 7.30pm – 9pm on Zoom.** This group is aimed at members with specific positions within FHSs. Group selected will be advertised on our private FB Page and email sent to the Secretary of your Society/Group.
23rd October 2024 - TBA



- ❖ **Social Group** – held on the **fourth Wednesday of every second month 7.30pm – 9 pm on Zoom,** alternating months with the Officer Bearers Networking Group. After an introductory social chat, participants will be requested to share some information for a few minutes on the specific topic. Future Topics will be advertised on our private FB Page.

25th September 2024 – Topic: Members to discuss their interesting ancestor.



To have your family history event advertised in this newsletter, please forward details to our secretary at secretary@nswactfhs.org Please request that it is added to our next Newsletter.

Could secretaries of all member societies please ensure that our email address, secretary@nswactfhs.org is in their email address book, as some mail has been bouncing back with the message “unauthorized mail is prohibited!”

Raffle Prize donors from Our Member Societies



Milton Ulladulla Family History Society Inc



Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc

Young & District Family History Group Inc.



Tea Gardens Family Research & Local History Inc



Tomaree Family History Group Nelson Bay NSW Inc





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