



NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter for March 2022

Message from the President

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I hope you all enjoyed our first new newsletter.

We have a special request, and that is for the delegates and/or secretary to share it with all your members. Much of the information in the newsletter is for the members.

I highly recommend that members join us for the Zoom Social Evenings. You might be surprised to hear that someone talked about getting up at 5.30 am to do courses in County Wicklow! Another member spoke about watching a show on SBS about the plague and how much is the same as the pandemic now. We also heard about new records released at State Records NSW - Dependent Children Registers. NSW State Archives has released a new online index to the Dependent Children Registers 1883 - 1923. I did some searching on these records and found some interesting records.

The Association's Annual Conference is being brought you this year by Newcastle Family History Society Inc. with Maitland and Beyond Family History Inc. in September 2022. There will be more details available soon.

Best Wishes to all our members, Gail Hanger.

February 2022 Management Meeting

The Management Committee Meeting was held on Sunday 13th February 2022 via Zoom. All committee members were in present.

Some important points from that meeting were:

1. **The 37th State Conference "Riding the Waves of History"** being organized by the Newcastle Family History Society Inc. with Maitland and Beyond Family History Inc. on 16th, 17th and 18th September 2022 would now have to be fine-tuned.

The Conference Committee met on 11th February 2022 to make some final decisions. There is a real concern by the Conference Committee about the ongoing presence of COVID19 in the community. Members have indicated that they are not comfortable in attending a large group event. This experience, coupled with reports from the Northern Hemisphere winter showing a large seasonal increase in COVID19 cases and the emergency of a second strain of Omicron has led them, reluctantly, to the decision that they will now focus their full attention on a virtual 2022 Conference, rather than a hybrid conference as was originally planned. The Committee knows that many of you will be disappointed but many others will also welcome the decision. Those who attended the wonderful online conference put on last year by Port Macquarie & District FHS know how truly successful a virtual event can be and we will be following closely in the footsteps of PMDFHS who are keen to help us make this conference just as successful as last years.

The Conference will still be held over three days. Friday 15 September and Saturday 17 September will have virtual presentations which can be watched on the day or later on You Tube. Sunday 18th will have a family history trade fair in the grounds of "The Barracks", home to Maitland and Beyond Family History (Mel Woodford, Convener).

- 2. Congress 2022:** the Congress on Norfolk Island will be held from 1st – 4th August. Planning is underway to make the 2022 Congress better and bigger. The Congress website will be updated as plans materialise. The latest news will be on the Facebook page.

Congress website - <https://affhocongress2022.com/Congress>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/AFFHO2022/>

- 3. New Website** - The NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. website has been revised. The "What's On" page publicizes upcoming educational events. Member Societies can also advertise meetings, presenters and events on this site. Please check it out at <https://www.nswactfhs.org/>

General Family History News

Just a reminder to all Family History Societies that The White Paper – Review of the State Records Act 1998, the Future of History in New South Wales has been released for comments. Concerning is the proposed merger. Please discuss this within your societies and we encourage societies to express your concerns to your local members. The URL for the Report is below:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/2588/Letter%20to%20Social%20Issues%20Committee%20RE%20Review%20of%20the%20State%20Records%20Act.pdf>

Zoom Social Evening



The first monthly Zoom Social Evening for 2022 was held in February. This is a great opportunity for all members to catch up with each other over a wine, tea or coffee with some family history topics to discuss: Have you found an interesting ancestor? Broken down a brick wall lately? Have you heard a good guest speaker? What are you currently researching?

If you are interested in joining, please email The NSW & ACT AFHS Secretary at secretary@nswactfhs.org with your Zoom name and you will be emailed the Zoom log in details.

Zoom Technical Group Feedback

The first monthly Zoom Technical Meeting for this group was held in February. Those who attended felt comfortable to ask questions and others who had the knowledge were able to help with answers.

Most attendees requested assistance with: Zoom – from basic use to how to undertake hybrid Zoom Meetings. Questions were answered and tips given for Zoom on : adding a background, sharing the screen and then showing the presenter, how to add Chat to the side screen, the waiting room and email link access to meetings explained. Information was requesting on running hybrid meetings which will be a topic for the March Meeting.

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**TECHNICAL
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Upcoming Family History Events in 2022

Roots Tech (Free)

Hosted by : Family Search

Date : 3rd March – 5th March.

Venue : Virtual.

Sign up for RootsTech so you can enjoy:

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Unlimited access to over 1,500 sessions
- Expo Hall with companies from around the world
- Playlists, chat, and much more

Contact: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>



Congress: History in Paradise - Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc. (AFFHO).

Hosted by : Norfolk Island Museum

Date : 1-4 August 2022

Venue: Norfolk Island

Contact: admin@affhocongress2022.com

Congress website: <https://affhocongress2022.com/Congress>

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/AFFHO2022/>

Conference: 37th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies – **Riding the Waves of History**

Hosted by: The Newcastle FHS Inc. and Maitland and Beyond FH Inc.

Date: 16 – 18 September 2022

Venue: Virtual with a local trade fair held for the public on 18th September at “The Barracks”, Maitland

Contact: ridingthewavesofhistory@gmail.com

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Facebook: Riding the Waves of History

Please don't forget to visit our new website www.nswafhs.org for all news and current events.

Further information can be found on our two FB Groups - [NSW & ACT AFHS Inc Members Group Private](#) (you must answer the questions to join) and [NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc](#) (Public).

Social Group Dates (Zoom): **2nd Friday of the month at 7.30pm :** 11 March, 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November.

Technical Group Dates (Zoom): **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm :**

16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November.

