



NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter for December 2022

Message from the President

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It is hard to believe it's December already and that 2022 is nearly gone.

The new committee had its first meeting last month, with plans to update some guidelines discussed earlier.

It is great to see that organising for the 2023 State Conference at Wyong is going well, with their committee already well ahead with their planning. So, the "The Running Waters of History" has let itself to some interesting avenues for topics and talks. I am looking forward to again being able to see friends - face to face, so fingers crossed all goes well.

I would like to apologise to everyone, I tell everyone to put their Societies talks and events on our website, and then did not even send my own Society's event in! Although the book launch (Bargo, Two Hundred Years in the Making) was a great success, this is the first time we have been involved when the first print run was sold out the day after the launch, 300 copies in all. So, don't be like me and remember to post your events.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you find some time over the holidays to do some research.

A Happy and Healthy Christmas to our members and your families,

Gail.

November 2022 Management Committee Meeting

This was held on Sunday 13th November via Zoom. All nine committee members were present.

Some important points from that meeting were:

1. **New Member:** Patterson Historical Society Inc. who were the recipients of the Cynthia Foley Award.
2. **The 37th State Conference** "Riding the Waves of History" took place over the days of Friday, 16 & Saturday 17 September in a virtual capacity, & on Sunday 18 September as a Local Trade Fair. Feedback via email, Zoom & YouTube chat functions showed a very positive general appreciation of all aspects of the conference.

An online survey sent out to all those who attended the 2022 Conference was completed by 86 registrants. The results provided very positive feedback which reflected the success of the event as well as some excellent suggestions for future conferences which have already been passed on to next year's committee. Numerous emails & verbal feedback was also received. An overview of the

survey can be viewed on the Conference Website at <https://ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au/survey/>

Interestingly, conference participants who answered the online survey strongly indicated their preference for future conferences to be of a hybrid nature.

3. Topics raised at the Forum following the AGM were discussed;

- a. The future direction of Grants from the funds generated from the 2018 State Conference at Bateman's Bay was discussed. The criteria will be revised and updated.
- b. Central repository for journals/newsletters – this was discussed at length but no conclusion was reached.
- c. Special Zoom Meetings/Discussions on a variety of topics for various levels of member management committee positions (Journal Editors, Facebook Admins, Research Officers, Secretaries etc.). It was decided to alternate the Association Social Group Meetings to incorporate on the second month these groups. Dates and groups will be sent out next year.

Upcoming Family History Events in 2023

38th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. "The Running Waters of History".

Conference Organisers: Wyong Family History Group
Dates: 8th, 9th and 10th September 2023
Venue: Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre
More details to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

To have your event advertised here, please forward details to our Secretary (secretary@nswactffhs.org)

Please don't forget to visit our new website www.nswactffhs.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).



Wishing all our members and their families a Peaceful and Happy Christmas, full of Joy and Good Health in the New Year.